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Part I – Candidate Background

Please briefly describe your qualifications, education, employment, community and civic activity, union affiliation, and other relevant experience. Attach a resume with more complete history.

I am an activist and organizer with 25 years of experience building movements for justice and working to expand the middle class and lift people up out of poverty, both domestically and internationally. I am the founder and former Executive Director of OneAmerica, now the state's largest immigrant advocacy organization. Founded in the wake of 9/11 as Hate Free Zone, I built the movement to take on the Bush Administration around civil liberties abuses, post-9/11 backlash, and anti-immigrant xenophobia, and fight for immigrant rights across our state. We led on key victories to register new immigrants to vote, secure legislative wins in Washington state for immigrants and refugees, stop illegal deportations and shore up the strength of our democracy in Washington state.

Prior to OneAmerica, I worked in international public health for PATH, running the Fund for Technology Transfer, a loan fund that helped ensure socially responsible health projects in developing countries had access to affordable capital. I have been honored to win numerous awards and recognitions, including a White House Champion of Change Award in 2013 from the White House. I have a BA from Georgetown University and an MBA from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management, as well as several years working in the private sector. I am an immigrant from India who came to the United States at the age of 16 by myself for college, and my parents still live in India.

From 2014 to 2016 I represented the 37th Legislative District in the Washington State Senate. I was the sponsor and chief architect of the legislation that required the Department of Transportation to allot funding for pre-apprenticeship programs and recruit women and people of color to participate. I stood up for women's health equity by working to ensure that Medicaid recipients have access to reproductive health care. I took on payday lenders' attempt to profit off of working families and low-income people, introducing dozens of amendments to stifle legislation that imposed repayment plans and additional fees. I also served on a bipartisan committee that took on the issue of untested rape kits in the state. I led negotiations in the State Senate to come closer to agreement on the Washington Voting Rights Act, and I am thrilled to see that legislation signed in to law in this last legislative session.

I am honored to represent Washington's 7th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. During my first term I have been appointed Senior Whip of the Democratic Caucus, Vice Ranking Member of the House Budget Committee, and sit on the influential Judiciary Committee. I am the First Vice Chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, and a member of the DNC transition team. I have introduced and led on key pieces of legislation, including the 100 by 50 Act to create a roadmap towards 100% renewable energy by 2050, the College For All Act to create tuition-free college and eliminate the extreme debt burdens associated with higher education, the Trump Transparency Package to bring accountability to this administration, and the Dignity for Detained Immigrants Act that would eliminate the use of private prisons in immigrant detention.

It has been my priority to use any levers available to me to deliver for my district, even while in the minority. In my first term I have helped to guarantee federal funding for Sound Transit 3. I have secured funding for LEAD (Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion) programming in Seattle and nationwide, making our visionary diversion program one that could take root around the country. My constituent services team has secured backpay and due benefits worth more than \$600,000 to constituent including veterans and seniors, as well as assistance with immigration cases resulting in resolved visas and work documentation. I strive to be in constant conversation with the district, which is why I have held 16 town halls with over 25,000 people in attendance (in person, over the phone and through Facebook live), meeting with over 225 constituent groups and nearly 5,000 individual constituents.

Describe your history of involvement in Washington state politics. What campaigns, if any, have you run or worked on?

During my time as Executive Director of OneAmerica, now the state's largest immigrant advocacy organization, our organizing efforts blazed a path with key campaigns to support civil liberties for immigrants and working families. We built leadership amongst young people, people of color, women and those whose voices are too often marginalized. Under my leadership, we led the largest voter registration drive in the history of the state, registering over 23,000 new immigrant citizens to vote; established the Seattle Office for immigrants and refugees; started and ran the Washington New Americans program to help legal permanent residents get citizenship across our state; helped write and pass the Washington State Dream Act; and helped lead the efforts to pass the Washington Voting Rights Act that was signed into law this last legislative session.

I also served on the Mayor's Income Inequality Committee to raise the minimum wage, served on several Police Accountability panels, and co-chaired the Seattle Police Chief Search Committee. We have worked closely with labor for more than a decade, including co-chairing the Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride in 2003 with the King County Labor Council and playing critical roles in union contract negotiations at the Westin and Safeway.

Following OneAmerica, I co-directed the We Belong Together campaign, a national campaign to bring a gender lens to immigration. We worked with Sen. Mazie Hirono to hold the first ever hearing in the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee on women and immigration, and then with women Senators to write parts of the comprehensive immigration reform bill that passed the US Senate with 67 votes and included important new provisions to ensure gender equity in immigration.

In 2014, I was elected to represent Washington's 37th district in the State Senate, and ran in 2016 to assume the position of Congresswoman for the 7th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. Through both of my campaigns I focused on a robust organizing effort because of the value direct voter engagement has to truly bringing people in to the inner workings of our democracy. My 2016 campaign blanketed the district **knocking on thousands of doors, calling thousands of voters, and engaging over 1000 volunteers and XXX individual donors.**

My campaign has been active throughout all of 2017 engaging voters in key races across the region and nationally. With partners, we knocked on 2,500 doors in the 45th district to support Manka Dhingra and help win a Democratic majority in the Washington State Senate. We knocked on 1500 doors for Teresa Mosqueda, a strong progressive and woman of color on the Seattle City Council. We also knocked on 2500 doors for the "Burien for All" slate of progressive City Council candidates, including the now first Latino Mayor of Burien - defeating a group of dangerous anti-immigrant candidates.

It is this long history of organizing with so many visionary and passionately engaged residents of Washington state that grounds me and gives me hope that the country we dream of is possible.

What prompted you to run for this office? What priorities are you seeking to address with your campaign?

I first ran for office in 2014 to represent the 37th legislative district in the Washington State Senate. I believed that we in the movement were ceding important organizing ground by not running for office ourselves, and wanted to help bring our voices in to the system so we could change it from within and without. When the opportunity opened to represent the 7th district in the U.S. House of Representatives, I knew the importance of bringing the organizing power we had built over decades to the federal level to take on our issues at their systemic root.

Running for that seat in 2016, I did not expect to take on the fight for our progressive values under an administration that undercuts the social safety net, targets immigrants and people of color, and undermines the integrity of our Democratic institutions. These two years as your Congresswoman have only strengthened my conviction that this moment calls for bold, progressive vision and courageous voices to not just resist the attacks, but to paint the progressive future we are fighting for.

As an organizer I know our movements find strength in times of deep struggle. As people turn away from the hateful and dehumanizing actions of this administration, we have an opportunity to demonstrate our vision for the country. I will continue push for debt-free college, because every young person should be able to get the education and training they need to succeed. I will defend access to healthcare and promote our vision of Medicare for All, because healthcare should be a right not a privilege. I will stand strong on environmental justice and environmental equity, to defend our natural spaces and create the green economy that our children's futures depend on. And I will continue to be a champion for immigration reform that unites families and gives everyone a change to pursue the American Dream.

List the notable endorsements you have received to date. Who are you planning to ask for an endorsement?

To date for the 2018 cycle, I have received the endorsement of:

Sierra Club
Planned Parenthood Action Fund
National Women's Political Caucus
Young Democrats of Washington
32nd Legislative District Democrats
Communication Workers of America
Retired Public Employees Council of Washington
IAFF Local 27 Seattle Firefighters Union
Heat & Frost Insulators Union, Local 7
Washington & Northern Idaho District Council of Laborers
J-Street
Partnership for Democracy & Education

Describe the progress of your campaign and campaign goals. For instance, what earned media has your campaign received? How much money have you raised, and from how many donors? How many doors have you knocked on?

I have always believed that organizing cannot be sporadic. That is why my campaign has been mobilizing since day one of my term in office - so that we can continue to push the messaging and build the movement to resist the Trump agenda and make our progressive vision a political necessity.

In 2017, my campaign knocked on 7,500 doors for progressive candidates in the district and regionally, and made 8,500 calls. We have had over 400 active volunteers. I have raised \$1,435,000 since my election in 2016, from over 25,000 individual donors. Through my leadership in Congress, I have received nearly a million dollars in earned media over the course of the past two years.

In 2018, I plan to continue to engage voters in my district face-to-face through door knocking and over the phones, to learn about their issues that matter to them and bring that vision back to Congress. But this moment is broader than one race. I believe we have a responsibility to do our part in the 8th, 5th and 3rd District in Washington to win that majority. My campaign will be gathering signatures for the Alliance for Jobs and Clean Energy carbon fee initiative, and harnessing the energy and organizing strength of our district to flip the 8th and support Lisa Brown in the 5th, so we can take back the House and start the healing work our country desperately needs.

Please answer the following questions.		Yes*	No
1	Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgments?		X
2	Have you ever been found in violation of a Public Disclosure Commission, Federal Election Commission or Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission regulation?		X

* If you answered "Yes" to either of the above, please explain your answer:

Part II – Federal Issues

#	Question	Yes	No	Qualify your response
1	Will you fight to prevent cuts to Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, even if such cuts are proposed by the White House?	X		
2	Do you support the right of public workers, excluding military, to bargain and strike?	X		
3	Do you support the withdrawal of American forces from Afghanistan?	X		
4	Do you support tuition-free college?	X		
5	Do you support restoring the Glass-Steagall Act (requiring the separation of commercial and investment banking)?	X		
6	Do you support passage of a strong Net Neutrality law protecting Internet freedom?	X		

7	Do you support allowing oil companies like Shell to drill in the Arctic Ocean?		X	
8	Do you support revising our federal tax code to restoring the 2017 tax rates to previous levels?	X		
9	Do you support public financing of campaigns?	X		
10	Would you be willing to lift the requirement on the Postal Service to be self-supporting or relax the requirements Congress has imposed regarding USPS' pension obligations?	X		
11	Do you support the Employee Free Choice Act, as introduced in previous Congresses?	X		
12	Do you support comprehensive immigration reform and the federal DREAM Act?	X		
13	Do you support NSA reform and repeal of the widely-abused "Patriot" Act?	X		
14	Do you support Medicare For All as a follow-up to the Patient Protection Act?	X		
15	Do you support allowing mining companies to export coal (or other fossil fuels) from Washington's ports?		X	
16	Do you support robust funding of Amtrak?	X		
17	Do you support boosting public funding for scientific research and space exploration?	X		
18	Will you allow your campaign staff, and/or independent contractors assigned by your consultant to work your campaign, to elect to join a labor union such as Campaign Workers Guild.	X		

Part III – Free Response Questions

Have you read the most current King County Democratic Platform, approved by the delegates to the King County Convention and available from KCDCC's website. List which planks, if any, you disagree with, and why.

Yes, and I support the King County Democratic Platform.

Describe your vision for tax reform and tax fairness. What federal corporate tax breaks and tax giveaways

would you like to see rescinded or repealed?

Taxes are about the common good. They are the way that we each pay our fair share to invest in our infrastructure and level the playing field for the most vulnerable. We need to deconstruct the idea that somehow if you leave everything to the free market system, those benefits will trickle down to those who need it, that somehow if you want to invest trillions of dollars, you should invest it into the wealthiest rather than into regular folks - that growing our economy means leaving behind those who haven't already made it. That is a false choice and deeply cynical.

We need to [transform our tax systems](#) locally and on a national level, building a truly progressive revenue source for our nation. I am currently calling for a Financial Transactions Tax - a small tax on Wall Street speculation would bring in enough money to pay for the College for All plan that Bernie Sanders and I introduced to provide free tuition for public colleges and universities. We need to end corporate loopholes, reverse slashing of the state and local tax (SALT) deduction, the student loan interest deduction, medical expense deductions, and rebuild the structures working families and small businesses rely on for tax relief.

What do the words Black Lives Matters mean to you? What actions should a progressive-led Congress take to combat systemic racism, particularly in the criminal justice system?

Black lives matter. As a long time civil rights activist and a woman of color, I am grateful for the tremendous work of the Black Lives Matter movement to challenging us to harness any privilege we have to dismantle institutions that perpetuate unjust and racist outcomes like mass incarceration, deportation and the criminalization of poverty. Too many systems of oppression still thrive in our communities and the system as a whole, including within the progressive movement. The energy and urgency and the unyielding humanity of the demand that proclaims Black Lives Matter must be at the core of our rebelling today.

The shooting and death of Charleena Lyles in our own district still breaks my heart. Congress must step up to the plate before more lives are lost. We in government must ensure that police are rooting out bias and properly equipped to handle mental health crises, and that our judicial system does not afford impunity to officers who unjustly use deadly force. I am co-sponsoring a forthcoming bill to mandate de-escalation training, including the use of non-lethal force alternatives and how to handle mental health crises, for police across the country. And I am a strong supporter of De-Escalate Washington to make sure officers in Washington state can be held accountable for unjust killings.

There is so much more required of us to truly heal and repair the damage centuries of racist and discriminatory policies have imposed on black communities across our country. We need to demilitarize our police and end the use of private prisons. We need to close the education gap and deconstruct the school to prison pipeline. We need to invest in communities of color. We need to end the prohibition of marijuana at the federal level and fund restorative justice for those who were disproportionately impacted by prosecutions, which is what the Marijuana Justice Act would do. We need to end the War on Drugs and fight against its criminalization of black and brown men. We need to reevaluate sentencing guidelines at both the federal and state level. We need to ban the box so that people coming out of prisons can get jobs.

In recent years, the right wing has mounted an aggressive attack on reproductive rights at the federal and state levels. How will you respond when Republicans bring up a bill to defund Planned Parenthood?

I am a staunch advocate for a woman's right to make her own health care decisions. I believe that with Planned Parenthood under attack, now more than ever we must fight for expanded access to women's health care — including access to abortion care, and expanding preventive care such as mammograms and ovarian cancer screenings. One of the earliest actions I took in Congress was joining on to a letter urging the president to reverse his war on women, which included his attempt to defund Planned Parenthood.

In October I questioned the director of the Office of Refugee Resettlement, Scott Lloyd, before a House subcommittee about his outrageous attempt to stop a detained undocumented teenager from having an abortion. The video received viral attention, and serves as a reminder of the importance of using the platform I have in Congress to fearlessly defend a woman's right to chose.

Do you support requiring employers to provide paid vacation, sick, and safe leave like other countries do?

I do without a doubt. I am incredibly proud that Seattle is leading the way in the fight against income inequality by implementing a \$15 minimum wage, with paid sick and safe leave.

I am taking this fight to Congress, to increase the federal minimum wage to ensure all working people earn the wages they deserve, and to ensure that there are no tip penalties that particularly hurt women and workers of color working in service industries. I have cosponsored the Family and Medical Insurance Leave Act, the Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act, and the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act, to push for the security our families need to care for each other. I am a cosponsor of the Raise the Wage Act to increase the minimum wage nationally. No one should work full time and live in poverty.

A set of Supreme Court decisions allow corporations to be treated as persons, and money as speech. Do you support an amendment to end corporate personhood and corporate electioneering?

The Supreme Court decision in Citizens United vs. the F.E.C. has allowed billionaires and special interests to spend unlimited and untraceable amounts of money in our elections. It's stripped away all accountability and transparency and given corporations and the wealthy far too much political power. We must stop 'dark money' from ruining our democracy.

I support a Constitutional Amendment to reverse the Supreme Court's decision, returning power to Congress and the states to regulate campaign finance, and giving each of us an equal voice in our democracy. I believe in the power of the grassroots and the people to enact real change, and am also a strong supporter of City of Seattle's Democracy Voucher program. The strength of our democracy depends on it.

Here in Washington, the consequences of the climate crisis may result in reduced snowpack and a worsening of the pine beetle infestation. As a member of Congress, what public policy will you work for, to reduce emissions and penalize pollution?

Climate change is threatening our planet, and along with it the future of our children. If we do not act, that future will be shattered. I am a proud co-sponsor of the "100 by '50" Act, which lays out a roadmap to achieve 100 percent renewable energy by 2050, including a just transition for workers in the fossil fuel industry. This bill commits the United States to achieving 100% renewable energy by 2050, and prioritizes a just transition to renewable energy economy. When it comes to higher rates of asthma, dangerous air pollutants, adverse health and even death at the hands of climate change, communities of color and people living on low incomes are paying a disproportionate price. I am pushing for an investment in frontline communities, workers, and our economic future. This is the time to be bold.

The 100 by '50 Act includes:

- > A phase-out of fossil fuel electricity by 2050 and replacement with clean and renewable energy
- > The electrification of our transportation and heating systems
- > Ensuring that low-income and disadvantaged communities share in the benefits of a transition to a green economy, through grants and job training programs
- > A just transition for workers to find good jobs with fair benefits
- > Ending new fossil fuel investments like the Keystone XL and Dakota Access pipelines
- > Ensuring American competitiveness with a carbon tariff for imported carbon-intensive products
- > And creating a major new source of funding by auctioning Climate Bonds

I will also continue to fight against this administration's budget priorities such as the proposed 31% cut to EPA funding, the protection of our national parks, and integrity of our Clean Power Plan. What's more – as part of the creation of the United for Climate and Environmental Justice Task Force with Reps. McEachin and Barragán – I have introduced legislation establish an Office of Environmental Justice at the Environmental Protection Agency, and introduced legislation that would create the Office of Environmental Justice so that we are accounting for the disproportionate climate impacts on communities of color and low-income people in all of our environmental policies.

Media concentration and consolidation in the United States is a problem that just keeps getting worse. Most of the movie studios, publishing houses, TV stations, newspapers, and major Internet properties in the U.S. are owned by a handful of firms. The FCC and DOJ keep signing off on mergers that make big media bigger. What should Congress do to reverse this harmful trend?

This November I signed on to a letter authored by my colleague Rep. Cardenas asking the Department of Justice to closely scrutinize the Sinclair/Tribune merger. It is imperative that government evaluate the full scope of the implications of these mergers on the public interest, and the impact it would have on the broader media landscape. I am committed to continue to raise the alarm on media mergers.

What ideas can you offer to make the U.S. government more open, transparent, and responsive to the American people? Are you committed to disclosing your meetings with lobbyists, if elected?

This Administration has done everything they can to undermine real democracy and voting, from setting up a fraudulent voting commission to incarcerating for the sake of private prison profiteering to denying the clear fact of foreign interference in our elections and refusing to prioritize election security, to attempting to insert a citizenship question in the census.

In my first few months in office, I introduced the Trump Transparency Package - a series of bills aimed at promoting transparency and eliminating conflicts of interest in the White House. The four bills would safeguard our government from foreign influence; call for freedom of the press and media access to the president; require disclosure of the president's foreign business transactions; and separate the president's personal finance interests from the duties of the presidency.

I am willing to disclose my meetings with lobbyists. I also do not take corporate PAC money, because I do not believe laws should be made by the people who can pay the most for them. Accessibility is a key priority for me as your elected representative, which is why I've had 16 in-person and telephone town halls in 15 months, talking to over 15,000 people. I am committed to maintaining open doors to my office for all constituents, so you can help share the vision you want to see Congress acting on.

What do you hope to accomplish if you are elected? What are your priorities?

We as a community have work to do. The last two years have required constant vigilance to be prepared to fight attacks on our healthcare, economic opportunity, civil rights, reproductive rights, and the integrity of our democracy. In my role as Vice Ranking Member of the House Budget Committee, and in my work on the Judiciary Committee, I am committed to holding the line of defense.

But I also believe that this is our moment. It is our time to truly help people internalized what it means to participate and how democracy really works, to call people into the vision we have. This is the vision I have been pushing in my first, and will continue to build momentum for:

- > Medicare for All, because healthcare is a human right
- > The Dignity for Detained Immigrants Act, to eliminate the use of private detention centers and reform the detention process
- > College For All, to make four year college debt free and restructure existing student loans
- > Gun Reform
- > Democracy Reform
- > Expanding social security by scrapping the cap
- > Investing \$2 trillion in green infrastructure
- > Net neutrality

Mass shootings have become a national epidemic. What do you see as being the root causes of this problem, and if elected, what concrete steps would you take to battle this problem?

Across the country people are losing their lives because our leaders have refused to act. NRA lobbyists have controlled politics for far too long and politicians have allowed themselves to be controlled, abdicating their responsibility to pass gun reform legislation.

There is no one solution to this crisis. It is the task of Congress to thoroughly evaluate the laws have allowed this crisis to unfold. I have supported efforts to tackle the gun violence epidemic through stricter background checks, a ban on assault weapons, funding for research around gun violence prevention, and real reporting on gun sales. I am a co-sponsor of the Raise the Age Act (H.R. 5090) to prohibit selling and delivering certain semiautomatic rifles to people under 21 years old, and I am fighting firearms trafficking as a co-sponsor of H.R. 810 to increase public safety by punishing and deterring firearms trafficking. I am working with my colleagues to limit access to firearms by supporting legislation to set up procedures for families to ask local courts to prevent a loved one from possessing a firearm if the court finds them at a risk of injury to themselves or others. I am also a co-sponsor of legislation to ban assault weapons and bump stocks.

I have fought consistently for tougher restrictions on assault weapons in my first term. I am a co-sponsor of the Gun Show Loophole Closing Act (H.R. 1612), requiring criminal background checks on all firearms transactions at gun shows. I have signed on to the Stop Online Ammunition Sales Act (H.R. 3962) to require federally licensed dealers to confirm the identity of individuals who arrange to purchase ammunition over the internet. I have also signed the discharge petition for the Background Check Completion Act (H.R. 3464) to close the "Charleston loophole" to prohibit a licensed gun dealer from selling a firearm to an unlicensed person until a background check is completed.

I am also well aware of the challenge this moment poses to our ability to pass common sense gun legislation. I sit on the House Judiciary Committee who is supposed to have jurisdiction over this issue, and we have yet to hear one gun safety bill in committee. That is why my re-election campaign is committed to supporting the candidacy of progressive gun-smart candidates in key districts locally and across the country, so we can take back the House and bring real legislative solutions to the floor – and it is why we hosted a gun violence town hall in Seattle with youth March for Our Lives organizers, to build awareness and support for their courageous efforts and leadership.

I affirm that all the information provided in response to this questionnaire is true, complete and correct, to the best of my ability, and that no relevant matter has been omitted.

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