

Your Name: Bryan Rivera  
Position: Local  
Name of Office: Mayor of Auburn, WA  
Congressional District: 8  
Legislative District: 47  
Status: New Candidate  
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**Do You: Believe in the need for Campaign Finance Reform/not support Super PACs/Citizen's United?:**

Yes

Why or Why Not? Please Elaborate.: Campaign Finance Reform is imperative if we are to work towards building a more representative democracy. Right now, corporations, and the super wealthy, wield undue political influence over the many, through unlimited financial political support of individual campaigns.

**Do You: Believe in Medicare/Medicaid/single-payer for all?:** Yes

Why or Why Not? Please Elaborate.: Many developed countries have already proven the gains, in terms of quality of life, that single-payer health brings. These gains end up having positive impacts on more than health, there is very little to debate. We are falling behind the rest of the world.

**Do You: Believe in LGBTQ marriage equality/equal rights?:** Yes

Why or Why Not? Please Elaborate: My ancestors, the Tolteca, believed in and socially recognized the diverse sexuality of our species. For thousands of years the Tolteca documented a thriving society where people were free to identify as what feels natural to them.

**Do You: Believe in tax-paid public accredited college access for all who are accepted and free tuition at all public colleges?:** Yes

Why or Why Not? Please Elaborate.: Our youth deserve the opportunity to pursue a higher a education, without having to take on debt. We are falling behind many countries when it comes to how educated our population is. Without self-improvement, we can't expect our people to contribute to society to their fullest potential.

**Do You: Support college loan repayment relief and college loan monthly payments no more than 10%**

**of net income?:** Yes

Why or Why Not? Please Elaborate.: We bailed out Wall St. We need to bail out of students.

**Do You: Believe in closing corporate tax loopholes?:** Yes

Why or Why Not? Please Elaborate.: When corporations receive tax loopholes, the people that get hurt and carry along the extra cost is the working class. We need to hold corporations accountable to put in, what they take out of a community.

**Do You: Believe in a [\\$15](#) Minimum Wage (graduated in, over 4 years, at a maximum)?:** Yes

Why or Why Not? Please Elaborate.: The cost of living keeps going up and wages have been stagnant for a very long time. If people have more to spend, they will spend it locally.

**Do You: Prioritize repairing infrastructure?:** Yes

Why or Why Not? Please Elaborate.: Repairing our infrastructure is not only a job creator, it's a safety concern that needs to be addressed. If you count bridges alone, there are thousands that have been found structurally deficient. We can avoid many avoidable disasters and costs, associated with a failing bridge.

**Do You: Believe in Police/Prison Reform (end private prisons, drug treatment vs. prison, possible Body Cams, demilitarize/retrain police, etc.)?:** Yes

Why or Why Not? Please Elaborate.: We need to leverage existing technologies to more rapidly deploy solutions to the field. On the line is someone's future and it is our responsibility to treat it like it's our own, because it is.

**Do You: Believe in finding a way to reduce the power of the military industrial complex and constant state of conflict/war?:** Yes

Why or Why Not? Please be specific.: Too many veterans are being exploited for their patriotism and are ending up dying in the streets. If we can't take care of our vets, we shouldn't go to war.

**Do You: Support common sense gun control/improved background checks (ban on assault weapons, like Bernie)?:** Yes

Why or Why Not? Please be specific.: There has been too many tragedies committed by people who clearly have mental health issues. We need to expand education on gun safety and develop more thorough requirements, like an extensive mental health evaluation.

**Do You: Support a woman's right to choose and will try to prevent local legislation that inhibits access to care at Planned Parenthood or any other clinic providing women's care in this area?:** Yes

Why or Why Not? Please Elaborate.: Deny a woman their right to choose is not only oppressive, it's a health concern to the mother and the child. A health concern that if left unattended can become costly to all of society.

**Do You: Believe in climate change and working towards renewable energy sources?:** Yes

Why or Why Not? Please Elaborate.: We have the technology to completely break free from fossil fuels. Our earth is dying, and we need to aggressively pursue energy sources that will lower our footprint on the planet. Not only do we help our planet, we move forward as a species by expanding access to energy to everyone.