

Your Name: Deborah Lee
Position: Local
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Congressional District: 10th
Legislative District: 22nd
Status: New Candidate
Date of Election (mm/dd/yy): 08/01/17
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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.: Money in politics corrupts our political process as it is used not to enlighten and educate voters, but to misinform and distract from the issues that should be of greatest focus. Those with money have greater influence and access to candidates and by extension to elected officials, which also corrupts the legislative and governing processes at all levels of government.

SuperPACs and dark money are the worst, as we're unable to identify which groups and individuals are behind many campaigning activities. Citizens United needs to be overturned as soon as possible.

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

Why or Why Not? Please Elaborate.: I believe that medical/dental/mental healthcare should be available to everyone, especially in a country as rich as the United States. To have corporations competing for market access and dominance clearly demonstrates that huge profits are being made. It is obscene that healthcare decisions are made with quarterly profits and dividends being considered. It is immoral that insurance companies are allowed to abandon people in markets which don't provide enough profit incentives. We need to have single-payer health insurance and give all citizens the same access to preventive care, and high-quality treatments regardless of their income status or where they live.

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

Why or Why Not? Please Elaborate: I served as commissioner of the WA State Human Rights Commission when WA State Referendum 74 (same sex marriage) was proposed, and ultimately passed. We worked hard to support and advance R-74. I fully supported it then and continue to support full rights for people to live their lives as they wish, without interference by government, religious groups, or anyone else. I believe in the full protection of LGBTQ rights which are clearly stated protections in schools, employment, housing and other areas of life.

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.: Public colleges should be available tuition free for all who are accepted. Other progressive countries have found this to be an enormous benefit to their economies and societies. This should also be extended to technical and trade schools, as not all high school graduates want to go to college, and we would also benefit from highly-skilled people in many fields.

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.: I do support college loan payment relief, especially for college graduates who fell victim to predatory loan practices by banks and lending corporations who have their loans secured by the government but still charge outlandish interest rates which can cripple the ability of a young person to make essential life choice around employment, housing and marriage. I also believe in loan payment based on a percentage of net income, and 10% sounds like a reasonable rate, with adjustments made for those with exceptionally low incomes.

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

Why or Why Not? Please Elaborate.: Corporate tax loopholes are far more widespread than most citizens are aware of. Many studies have shown that the economic and job creation benefits promised by corporations seeking tax relief rarely meet the expectations stated at the outset, and yet it is almost impossible to get rid of the arrangements through the action of legislators (yet another negative impact of big money in politics) even when the arrangements are scheduled to end. We need independent committees with the ability to make binding decisions about whether to continue or end tax relief arrangements, with clear criteria of what the minimum benefit to the public should be.

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

Why or Why Not? Please Elaborate.: I believe in raising the minimum wage by a graduated increase up to [\\$15](#) as that is what is currently identified as be best target amount. The graduated process would allow for adjustments for authentic small businesses (not corporate franchises) to petition for relief or assistance to ensure their business are able to meet the target without harming their continued operations or growth. Most businesses would benefit fro