

Justice First Research Worksheet

Legislative District: 41

Candidates

Senate: position not open

Representative, Position 1:

Tim Cruickshank (We still need research on this candidate! Start your own research [here](#).)

Tana Senn

Representative, Position 2:

My-Linh Thai (We still need research on this candidate! Start your own research [here](#).)

Michael Appleby (We still need research on this candidate! Start your own research [here](#).)

Candidate Profile: Tana Senn

Basic Information

Running for: State Representative, Position 1

Campaign website: <http://www.electtanasenn.org>

Social media accounts (if applicable):

<https://www.facebook.com/tanasenn>

<https://twitter.com/TanaSenn>

Campaign office address:

Friends of Tana Senn

P.O. Box 771

Mercer Island, WA 98040

Campaign office phone number:

What news articles have been written about the candidate? Include links if you find them.

Rep. Senn receives award from developmental disability community, *Mercer Island Reporter*, August 10, 2018

The Stranger's endorsement, July 18, 2018

Local Rep. receives 2018 Champion for Children and Youth Award, *Mercer Island Reporter*, May 4, 2018

Demand is soaring for condominiums in Washington state — so why are so few of them being built?, *Inlander*, April 19, 2018

Washington state passes gender pay equity bill with support from tech industry *GeekWire*, March 7, 2018

Legislator Says Amazon Lobbied to Stop Seattle From Enacting Tougher Pay Equity Law, *The Stranger*, March 7, 2018

House passes ban on bump-fire stocks, *HeraldNet*, February 24, 2018

How your Washington state legislator voted on the bill to shield many lawmaker records, *The Seattle Times*, February 23, 2018

Debate simmers over police selling seized guns, *The Spokesman Review*, January 9, 2018

What events will the candidate be speaking at? What community meetings will the candidate be hosting?

Issues

What priority issues is the candidate running on? You might find this information on the candidate's website, or in news articles.

- **Funding public education**
- **Improving public transportation**
- **Gun responsibility**
- **Road safety**
- **Combating domestic violence**
- **Environmental stewardship**
- **Children's mental health**
- She sponsored the **Equal Pay Opportunity Act (HB1506)** that passed in March 2018 (see newspaper articles)
- She sponsored housing legislation, **HB2448**, which was designed to give more stability to parents of adult children with disabilities and passed this year.
- Sponsored **HB2530**, which extends **healthcare foster care benefits** to children after they have been reunified with their parents
- She also sponsored a bill that would **clear rape-kit backlog**.
- She has tweeted in favor of more **paid parental leave**.

Has the candidate expressed views (positive or negative) on any of the following ACLU issues?

- Criminal justice reform
- Healthcare access (e.g. reproductive rights, LGBTQ care, end of life care)
 - She is interested in state-subsidized mental health services for young children, she sponsored HB1234 in Jan. 2017, which required coverage for 12-month refills of contraceptives
- Immigrant rights
 - In June 2018, she was involved (along with Dow Constantine and other officials) with a protest at the Federal Detention Center in Sea Tac
- Policing
- Student discipline
- Surveillance

Candidate Background

If the candidate is the incumbent:

How long have they been in office?

She was appointed to her position in September 2013 and then elected November 2014.

Have they held leadership positions in the legislature? Which one(s)?

She is the vice chair of the Early Learning and Human Services Committee (currently)

Vice chair of the Environment Committee (previously)

What legislative committees have they served on in the past?

Early Learning and Human Services

Environment

Appropriations

Education

When not in Olympia, what community activities does the candidate engage in?

What employment, if any, does the candidate have outside the legislature?

She was formerly the marketing and communications director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle.

Getting to Know the Candidate

Have you attended any meetings where the candidate spoke (e.g. candidate forum, town hall, etc.)? Which one(s)?

Have you met in-person with the candidate? If so, what did you discuss in your meeting?