

# Justice First Research Worksheet

## Legislative District: 45

### Candidates

#### Senate:

Manka Dhingra

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

#### Representative, Position 1:

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

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

#### Representative, Position 2:

Larry Springer

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

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### Candidate Profile: Manka Dhingra

#### Basic Information

Running for: State Senate

Campaign website: [www.electmanka.com](http://www.electmanka.com)

Social media accounts (if applicable):

@Dhingrama on Twitter, <https://www.facebook.com/electmanka/>

Campaign office address:

P.O. Box 2467

Redmond, WA 98052

Campaign office phone number:

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

Articles from 2018:

Asian Americans on the ballot for the Aug. 7 primary, *Northwest Asian Weekly*, July 26, 2018

Washington state Senate panel approves new office to investigate harassment complaints, *Seattle Times*, July 16, 2018

Death penalty opponents heartened by new poll from *KIRO7*, July 12, 2018

South Asian organizations look to take political action and advocacy to the next level, *Kirkland Reporter*, July 12, 2018

Interview with Unfiltered Radio, KXRW, Vancouver Washington, June 5, 2018

State Senate committee clears bill to raise age to 21 for semi-automatic rifle purchases, *KOMO News*, March 5, 2018

Washington Legislature passes bump stock ban, *KOMO News* (written by AP), February 27, 2018

(There was also widespread coverage of her nationally-watched 2017 campaign and election)

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.

- She has been vocal on gun safety issues, and has appeared at rallies in support of Moms Demand Action.
- She authored a bill (Senate Bill 6251) to provide property tax relief for seniors and veterans (passed unanimously)
- She authored a bill (Senate Bill 6566) to amend state law to protect young people from sex offender charges if they sext each other.
- She has advocated for years, prior to being in the legislature, for a domestic violence bill that prevents domestic violence offenders from purchasing fire arms. She introduced and passed legislation for that.
- Juvenile trafficking
- Forensic mental health issues
- Term limits on sexual assault cases
- Intergenerational poverty
- Closing the school-to-prison pipeline
- Environmental stewardship and climate justice

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

- Criminal justice reform  
Dhingra is vocal and active on the issue of legally protecting kids from prosecution for their online activities (e.g., kids not being treated as sex offenders for sending their own naked pictures). She has also said that she is a person who has changed her mind about the death penalty, swinging from pro to anti. She was a secondary sponsor of SB 6052 to eliminate the death penalty. She has talked about closing the school-to-prison pipeline. She is involved in addressing mental health issues in the justice system—as a prosecutor she has been involved in finding “therapeutic alternatives” to traditional punitive measures.
- Healthcare access (e.g. reproductive rights, LGBTQ care, end of life care)  
Dhingra was a secondary sponsor of SB 6105 reproductive health access for all act
- Immigrant rights  
Dhingra has expressed concern about the treatment of immigrants, especially children, since the beginning of the Trump administration KXRW Interview
- Policing  
Dhingra has worked in the past as a trainer at the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission to reduce the risk of tragedy and improve law enforcement response to people in crisis (WA leg bio)
- Student discipline  
Dhingra has said that we need to close the school-to-prison pipeline. KXRW Interview
- Surveillance

## Candidate Background

*If the candidate is the incumbent:*

How long have they been in office?

Since November 2017

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

She is vice chair of the Law & Justice committee and vice chair of the Human Services & Corrections committee

What legislative committees have they served on in the past?

Law & Justice

Human Services & Corrections

Transportation

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

She describes herself as a community leader and anti-domestic-violence advocate. She was a co-founder of Chaya, which assists South Asian survivors of domestic violence. She also serves on the board of the National Alliance on Mental Illness Eastside. She was a math team coach for her kids' school but jokes that she had to stop at grade 6.

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

She is a Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for King County. She is chair of the Therapeutic Alternative Unit. . She has described herself as "a prosecutor who works on mental health issues."

## 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?

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## Candidate Profile: Larry Springer

### Basic Information

Running for: State Representative, Position 2

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

Social media accounts (if applicable):

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Larry-Springer-126535690695661/>

Twitter: @RepSpringer

Campaign office address:

10536 NE 122<sup>nd</sup> St

Kirkland, WA 98034

Campaign office phone number: (425) 761-9025

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

<http://www.nwnews.com/index.php/news-features/news-2/16318-2018-candidates-for-washington-s-45th-district>

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.

Gun safety, transportation, jobs and the economy, parks and open spaces, education, health care

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

- Criminal justice reform
  - Voted for HB 1783 (ending debtors' prisons; supported by ACLU)
  - Voted for HB 1298 (fair chance act; supported by ACLU)
  - Voted for SB 5987 (pre-trial release programs, opposed by ACLU)
  - Voted for HB 3003 (deadly force; supported by ACLU)
- Healthcare access (e.g. reproductive rights, LGBTQ care, end of life care)
  - Voted for HB 2489 (opioid treatment; supported by ACLU)
  - Voted for HB 2390 (opioid medication at schools; supported by ACLU)
  - Voted for SB 6491 (assisted outpatient treatment; opposed by ACLU)
  - Voted for SB 5722 (anti-conversion therapy; supported by ACLU)
  - Voted for SB 6219 (reproductive parity; supported by ACLU)
- Immigrant rights
  - Voted for HB 1488 (higher education opportunities; supported by ACLU)
  - Voted for HB 1022 (crime victim participation; supported by ACLU)
- Policing
- Student discipline
  - Voted for SB 5064 (freedom of expression in schools; supported by ACLU)
  - Voted for SB 6160 (exclusive adult jurisdiction; supported by ACLU)
  - Voted for SB 6550 (juvenile diversion; supported by ACLU)
- Surveillance
  - Voted for SB 6408 (body cameras; opposed by ACLU)

## Candidate Background

*If the candidate is the incumbent:*

How long have they been in office?

First elected in 2004

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

Currently serves as Deputy Majority Leader

What legislative committees have they served on in the past?

2009-10: Finance, Local Government and Housing, Rules, Transportation

2011-12: Higher Education, Local Government, Rules, Ways & Means

2013-14: Appropriations, Finance, Local Government

2015: Appropriations, Education, Finance, Rules

2017: Agriculture and Natural Resources, Appropriations, Education, Finance, Rules

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

Involved with several local organizations, including Kirkland Arts Center, Kirkland Performance Center, and Eastside United Way; he is a board member of Hopelink, a former board member of the Seattle – King County Economic Development Council, former member of Eastside Transportation Partnership,

and former Chair of the Suburban Cities Management Board. He was awarded the “End Hunger Award” at the 2014 Hunger Summit for his work in securing funding for Emergency Food Assistance programs.

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

## Getting to Know the Candidate

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

No

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

No