

# Justice First Research Worksheet

## Legislative District: 27

### Candidates

**Senate:** position not open

#### **Representative, Position 1:**

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

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

#### **Representative, Position 2:**

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

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

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### Candidate Forum Notes

October 8, 2018

Present: Jenkins, Fey

Not Present: Donald Golden

#### **Introductions**

Laurie Jenkins

- Running for her 5th term
- On three committees: Judicial, Health Care, Appropriations
- Committed to mental health, homelessness, landlord/tenant issues, housing

Jake Fey

- Worked in the legislator for 6 years
- On three committees: Technology/Econ Development, Net Neutrality/Access to Internet, Environment
- Port of Tacoma Air Quality
- Vice Chair on Transportation
- JBLM
- 167 to the Port

#### **Homelessness**

Fey

- Focused on youth homelessness
- Sponsored a bill for budget based on Tacoma program
- Foster Care and juvenile detention — are the two largest population of homelessness youth
- Working with Tacoma Housing Authority

Jenkins

- Focused on stabilizing housing that will provide the foundation for mental health and substance recovery
- House trust fund

- Tax Credit for Housing
- Build around transit and higher ground
- Build better— equalize building standards
- Build better communities

## **Taxes**

### Jenkins

- Wants to fix the regressive tax structure
- Make room for cities and counties
- Relies on the sales taxes
- Prime sponsor on Capital Gain Tax bills
- WA is one of the few states that does not have Capital Gain Taxes
- Counties should have access to utility taxes

### Fey

- City Council member for 7 years
- Limit authority of counties of taxation
- Counties need to take advantage the tools that have been given to them.

Both have a concern about Pierce County's mental health tax

## **Climate Change**

### Fey

- Believes that legislators have a role
- Vote for the initiative on the ballot this year
- Initiatives for electric vehicle

### Jenkins

- Yes it is human caused. Cusp on the edge.
- Endorsed 1631. Be cautious of the ads on the TV.
- Concerned about the need to take a dramatic action in the future if climate change is not addressed

## **Criminal Justice**

### Jenkins

- Endorsed 940— death of people of color
- There's currently a review of how crimes are being prosecuted
- Used the topic of crack cocaine versus cocaine to illustrate people of color are prosecuted more harshly than white
- Address biases that are currently within the justice system

### Fey

- Addressed the juvenile court system of people of color. Needs to be revisited. Providing youth a different choice rather than punishing.

## **Death Penalty**

Fey and Jenkins both support the abolishment of the death penalty.

## **Education**

Jinkins

- Supports the McCleary decision
- Increased the property tax state-wide
- Some school districts were using their levee money beyond the definition of basic education
- Interested in providing levee enhancement relief

Fey

- Lobbyist for Tacoma School District encourages him to vote for the recent session
- Serious inequality of property tax— compared Seattle to Tacoma
- Kids with special needs get the support they need for having an independent life
- School district facilities currently have inadequate technology. Need to incorporate this into future legislation.

### **Assisted Living**

Fey

- Would be willing to higher taxes to address this issue

Jinkins

- Fast growing industry with shortage of workers. Even with good paying jobs there still will be a shortage.
- Supports an audit of the background check system
- More aggressive on Medicaid rates. Solution— long term trust act. A lot people do not have retirement saving and quickly go into Medicaid. Long term premium while working that would cover home care and in home medical care. This cover up to \$3600.

### **Rent/Housing**

Fey

- No rent control is the solution
- Believes in supply and demand
- There needs to be a change in notice

Jinkins

- Still on the fence regarding rent control
- Expand of time of notice for relocation and rent hikes

### **Child Abuse and Neglect**

Jinkins

- Help me Grow pilot study

Fey

- Visiting nurses
- Very bipartisan effort to pass the pilot program.

### **Closing Statement (Most pressing issues that a candidate can do something about)**

Fey

- Good relationship with Jinkins
- Address transportation issues by addressing carbon and decongestion issues

Jinkins

- Adult Family Home and Assist Living issues by increasing Medicaid rates and Long Term Care Trust Act
- Wants to address incarceration issues
- Discharge with support to be reincorporate into society
- Mental health system