

# King County Democrats

## 2015 Candidate Questionnaire

### State Level

<b>Candidate Name</b>	Reuven M. Carlyle	
<b>Position Sought</b>	State Senate assuming vacancy	
Home Legislative District	36 <sup>th</sup> District	
<b>Are you a Democrat?</b> Are you known as a Democrat?	Yes	
<b>Campaign Name</b>	Friends of Reuven Carlyle	
<b>Campaign Contact Information</b>	Mailing address: P.O. Box 9100, Seattle, 98109	Phone: [REDACTED] Mobile: [REDACTED]
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Campaign manager or point of contact	Reuven Carlyle	
Consultant(s)		

### Part I – Candidate Background

Please briefly describe your qualifications, education, employment, community and civic activity, union affiliation, and other relevant experience. Attach a resume with more complete history.

State Representative (2009-present); Business development consultant for wireless and software companies; Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government, (MPA 1993); University of Massachusetts (BA 1987); Co-founder, Seattle Chapter of City Year; Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (Gregoire appointee); Citizen activist for foster youth services and author of Passport to College Scholarship program.

Describe your history of involvement in Washington state politics. What offices have you previously sought election or appointment to? What campaigns have you worked on?

Began civic engagement as a teenage page in the U.S. Senate for Sen. Warren G. Magnuson, Sen. Henry M. Jackson (1980-1983); Active campaign volunteer; frequent campaign and fundraising support for national, state and local campaigns; State Representative (2009-present) with support for state and local Democratic candidates.

What prompted you to run for this office? What priorities are you seeking to address with your campaign?

In 2008 I was inspired to run for public office in large part because of the vision of Barack Obama. In seven years as a legislator serving the people of the 36<sup>th</sup> District, I have worked to honor the opportunity to serve by tackling important systemic and structural public policy issues. My work includes budget and tax transparency and reform, environmental challenges, public education from early learning and K-12 through higher education, transportation, marijuana regulation, eliminating the death penalty, government ethics, reforming government spending and more. I hope to bring a fresh voice around these and many other

systemic issues to the Senate.

List the notable endorsements you have received to date. Who are you planning to ask for an endorsement?

I have not actively pursued endorsements for this appointment outside of PCOs.

Describe the progress of your campaign and campaign goals. For instance, how many doors have you knocked on? What earned media has your campaign received? How much money have you raised?

I am reaching out to PCOs in an effort to continually learn about the pressing policy, political, financial and quality of life issues impacting our district.

Have you ever been a member of any other political party? If so, what party? Have you ever given money to a candidate from another party in a partisan race? If so, to whom and when?

No.

**Please answer the following questions.**

		<b>Yes*</b>	<b>No</b>
1	Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgments?		No
2	Have you ever been found in violation of a Public Disclosure Commission, Federal Election Commission or Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission regulation?		No

\* If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain your answer:

## Part II – Local and State Issues

<b>a</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Qualify your response</b>
1	Do you support amending the U.S. Constitution to lessen the influence of money in politics, and declare that corporations do not have the rights of natural persons?	Yes		I have actively co-sponsored this legislation and political efforts.
2	Do you support the right of public workers, excluding military, to bargain and strike?	Yes		
3	Do you support increasing the state minimum wage to \$12/hr or higher?	Yes		Voted in support.
4	Do you support the Reproductive Health Act?	Yes		Co-sponsor
5	Do you support amending Washington's Constitution to require a two-thirds vote to raise revenue, as demanded by Tim Eyman?		No	I have been a lead opponent of supermajority tax policies including joining as a plaintiff in the court challenges and more.
6	Do you support the lawsuit filed by teachers & parents to overturn I-1240 (charter schools)?			Not applicable as this case has been decided by the state Supreme Court.
7	Do you support authorizing new revenue for	Yes		Under the explicit condition that a

	Sound Transit so it can bring a Sound Transit 3 proposal before Puget Sound voters?			fully integrated link to Ballard is included in the plan.
8	Do you support legislation to fix Washington's broken "three strikes" law?	Yes		
9	Do you support allowing coal or oil to be exported from Washington State's ports?		No	I have been a lead opponent of coal and oil trains.  <a href="http://reuven Carlyle 36.com/2015/09/12/coal-oil-export-projects-update-importance-of-civic-engagement/">http://reuven Carlyle 36.com/2015/09/12/coal-oil-export-projects-update-importance-of-civic-engagement/</a>  <a href="http://www.queenannnews.com/Content/News/News/Article/Reuven-Carlyle-on-the-coal-trains-/26/337/33761">http://www.queenannnews.com/Content/News/News/Article/Reuven-Carlyle-on-the-coal-trains-/26/337/33761</a>
10	Do you support Governor Jay Inslee's proposal to levy a capital gains tax?	Yes		As chair of Finance Committee I led many of these efforts to institute a capital gains tax and make other improvements. Specifically, I prefer a 5% rate with key exemptions to exclude first \$50K, primary residences, retirement income & select agriculture and timber.  <a href="http://crosscut.com/2015/05/democrats-revise-their-capital-gains-tax-idea/">http://crosscut.com/2015/05/democrats-revise-their-capital-gains-tax-idea/</a>
11	Do you support requiring tax exemptions to be listed as expenditures in the state budget, and sunseting existing tax exemptions that are not benefiting the public interest?	Yes		As chair of Finance Committee I led many of these efforts including serving as prime sponsor of key legislation.  <a href="http://crosscut.com/2015/02/transparency-tax-breaks-good-idea/">http://crosscut.com/2015/02/transparency-tax-breaks-good-idea/</a>
12	Do you oppose the privatization of workers' compensation?	Yes		
13	Do you support requiring paid vacation and sick + safe leave for Washington's workers?	Yes		Voted in support.
14	Do you support Tim Eyman's I-747, which artificially limits property tax increases to 1% per year, regardless of population growth, inflation, and need?		No	I have actively worked to reform this structural imbalance in our property tax system.
15	Once elected, will you work to get diverse candidates elected to office?	Yes		
16	Do you support women's right to reproductive freedom?	Yes		Co-sponsor of all major legislation.

### Part III – Free Response Questions

Please review the 2014 King County Democratic Platform, approved by the delegates to the King County Convention and available from KCDCC's website. List which planks, if any, you disagree with, and why.

I agree with the core values, spirit and policy frameworks articulated in the platform. There are a small number of specific items that I believe may require modest qualification on financial or policy grounds.

As an elected leader, what will you do to promote increased awareness of the climate crisis, and what public policy would you endorse to reduce emissions and penalize producers of pollutants? Do you support Governor Inslee's Pollution Accountability Act, which would impose a cap and trade system?

As chair of the Finance Committee, I have been an active supporter of the Governor's environmental and fiscal approach to place a price on the externalities of carbon. I have actively partnered with major environmental organizations including Washington Conservation Voters, Sierra Club, Climate Solutions and leadership to propose and advocate for carbon pricing policies.

Describe your vision for tax reform and tax fairness. What changes to the state's tax system would you ask the Legislature to make? If you were in charge of putting together a budget proposal for your city or district, what would it look like? Would you be willing to raise revenue to avoid harmful cuts to public services?

As a lead budget writer in the House, I have worked diligently to institute a more economically efficient and equitable tax structure. This includes leading efforts to close unproductive tax preferences, ensuring transparency and public access to vital information and much more. This has been among my signature work in the House of Representatives. For example: <http://www.kplu.org/post/washington-republican-and-democrat-agree-if-only-we-had-idaho-s-tax-system>

<http://www.thestranger.com/seattle/washington-state-is-flying-blind-in-a-storm-of-corporate-tax-breaks/Content?oid=21043453>

I am the recipient of Fuse Washington's 2013 Sizzle Award for leadership on tax policy.

What important state and local issues have you worked on (or taken an interest in) that you feel aren't getting enough attention from elected leaders and the media?

Tax, budget and broader fiscal transparency is a central issue relative to how resources flow into and out of Olympia. There is a critical need for a more open and transparent approach to who benefits from tax preferences and the impact of the opportunity cost of those resources. Washington has the most economically inefficient and inequitable tax system in the nation, and I am inspired to work toward a more modern 21<sup>st</sup> Century structure to better serve our state's future.

<http://nwnewsnetwork.org/post/state-secret-why-you-cant-see-boeings-tax-bill>

Do you support legislation/policies that will address the disproportionate application of school discipline on at-risk students? If so, how will you show your active support?

I am enthusiastic about sponsoring legislation to help address this important issue.

What would you do to address social justice issues?

I have co-sponsored or supported virtually every major social justice legislation introduced during my seven years in the Legislature. I have received exceptional scores and rankings from activists and organizations working toward social justice and stand in unequivocal policy, political and community support of strengthening our civic society's approach to social justice.

Do you believe that transportation funding bills should require funding for accessible sidewalks, safe intersections, and public transportation accommodations for the disabled?

Yes.

What will you do to protect and expand voting rights for all eligible citizens?

I will continue to sponsor and support vital legislation to expand our approach to civic engagement, voting access and representative democracy. For example, I prime sponsored legislation to create a system of public financing of campaign for state Supreme Court justice races.

<http://www.king5.com/story/news/politics/2015/09/16/new-laws-to-address-potential-conflicts-and-the-state-supreme-court/32501433/>

**I affirm that all the information provided in response to this questionnaire is true, complete and correct, to the best of my ability, and that no relevant matter has been omitted.**

Signature

*Reuven M. Carlyle (authorized e-signature)*

Printed Name

Reuven M. Carlyle

Date: Oct. 6, 2015

## Supplemental Question to the King County Democrats Questionnaire

#	Question	Yes	No	Qualify your response
17	Do you pledge to respect the democratic will of the Elected and Appointed PCOs and support their first choice for the appointment to the King County Council and not lobby, nor encourage others to lobby, the Council to support anyone but the Elected and Appointed PCOs' first choice?			I respect the traditional role of PCOs in expressing their preferences with the King County Council. I will defer to this historical precedent without formally waving my rights under the state constitution to communicate with members of the King County Council should they deem it appropriate to their authority and process.

**Reuven M. Carlyle, October 6, 2015.**

# REUVEN CARLYLE

Senior wireless, software and clean energy executive with record of bringing advanced solutions to highly competitive consumer and regulated markets including aviation, transportation, public safety, military, utilities and health care. Deep business development, management, enterprise sales and public policy experience at local, state, national and international levels.

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

### 2009 - PRESENT

#### Washington State House of Representatives

Legislator

Elected in 2008 to part-time citizen legislature representing 36th District, re-elected overwhelmingly in 2010 and 2012. Serve as chair of the Finance Committee and on Appropriations and State Government committees. Sponsored major legislation to reform higher education finance, tax policy and to improve state's use of technology. Named by Governing Magazine as "one of 12 state legislators in the nation to watch."

#### Washington2, Inc.

Principal

### 2001 - PRESENT

Strategic consulting services providing business development, board of director service, private equity investment, due diligence and public policy services for early and mid-stage technology companies. Projects include:

Synapse Product Development: Actively supported revenue growth by helping to move from time and materials to value-based pricing.

Twisted Pair Solutions, Inc: Hands-on support for revenue growth and operational improvements as first non-executive chairman of the board. Coordinated first institutional private equity financing, helping establish company as de-facto software standard for military customers worldwide.

AirSage, Inc.: Independent director of early-stage wireless software company bringing traffic solutions to state and federal transportation agencies. Coordinated successful up-round private equity financing securing funding from European investors.

V2Green, Inc.: Provided strategic advisory support for product and market launch of real-time energy management solution connecting vehicles to the intelligent grid.

UIEvolution, Inc: Early employee of cross-platform software company providing a rich, flexible user experience across devices.

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**iJet Onboard, Inc.**

Vice President, Strategic Development

2010 - 2013

Early employee of aviation software company striving to enable the intelligent aircraft through high-value operational applications. Worked to ensure software-based solutions are eligible for FAA's NextGen financing and the software platform is poised for certification.

**Xypoint Corporation (Acquired by TCS, Inc.)**

Vice President, Business Development & External Affairs

1996-2001

TCS is now the largest provider of wireless E911 and location technology in the U.S. serving more than 20 wireless carriers with commercial service for tens of millions of wireless phone users. (Acquired by TeleCommunication Systems, Inc. in January 2001: NSDQ: TSYS).

- Served as officer and early employee of privately held company.
- Senior level business development lead in generating all major revenue-generating agreements.
- Researched, wrote, distributed and advocated industry legislation in more than 23 states to fund wireless emergency services, working with nation's public safety community to create revenue sources for wireless E911 services.
- Successfully organized a national wireless industry effort to enable more direct and open market competition for wireless E911 services.

**AT&T Wireless Services**

External Affairs Manager

1993-1996

- Crafted public policy strategies for AT&T's paging operations.
- Led public affairs and community outreach efforts to deploy nationwide network.

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**EDUCATION**

**Harvard University**

John F. Kennedy School of Government

Master in Public Administration

1993

**University of Massachusetts**

**Amherst**

Bachelor of Arts, Communication

1987