

Green Party of Washington - Candidate Questionnaire for 2020

Please email your completed candidate questionnaire and any questions about our endorsement process to: hello@greenpartywashington.org. We will contact you by phone or email to follow up.

A link to your completed questionnaire may be shared with GPWA members so they may contact your campaign to volunteer.

Please be specific, accurate, and precise in your answers. Provide as much detail as possible.

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OFFICE RUNNING FOR: Superintendent of Public Instruction

1. Are you a GPWA member? YES___ NO __X__

GPWA bylaws restrict endorsement to members of the Green Party of Washington. Others may be eligible for preferred candidate status. To check your membership status or to join GPWA, please visit our website – <https://greenpartywashington.org> and click on Get Involved --> Become a Member.

1a. Have you read and will you support the Ten Key Values of the Green Party in your campaign and when elected? Yes

For a list of the Ten Key Values, please see our website – <https://greenpartywashington.org> and click on About Us --> 10 Key Values.

1b. If you have questions about any of the Ten Key Values, please explain. None

1c. Are you a member or organizer in any other political party? Please list all your political party memberships and any political party position or office held.

I am no longer a member of any political party. The Washington State Constitution requires that the Superintendent of Public Instruction be Non-partisan.

1d. How specifically will you submit your name and party affiliation, or other status, for the official ballot listing?

David Spring Non-partisan

2. Please describe at some length your history of activism with the Green Party, allied organizations, or a constituency that is supported by the Ten Key Values.

I was on the Board of the Washington State Progressive Caucus. I wrote a People's Bill of Rights which included nearly all of the Green Party 10 Key Values.

2a. Describe at some length your experience with at least three of the Green Party Ten Key Values.

Non-violence: I opposed the Vietnam War as a teenager. As an adult, I spent 20 years teaching courses in Non-violent conflict resolution using the ideas of Gandhi.

Decentralization: I am in favor of local control of public schools.

Grassroots Democracy: I have ran several political campaigns including one where I used grassroots organizing to defeat a billionaire funded candidate who outspent me by more than 40 to 1.

Ecological wisdom: I wrote a book about saving the environment called Snowbirds a Story of Hope which you can download for free on my personal website (David Spring dot org). The story is based in part about my successful legal efforts to save the spotted owls in the early 1990s. See also another one of my websites called the Washington Environmental Protection Coalition dot org. where I explain the history of that effort.

2b. Please include a resume and/or CV outlining your educational and employment histories. To avoid any unpleasant surprises, please list any criminal convictions or lawsuits judged against you, any civil lawsuits to which you were a party, and any criminal or civil lawsuits pending.

I do not have a criminal record. I have a Bachelors Degree in Science Education from Washington State University and a Masters Degree in Child Development from the University of Washington. I spent 20 years teaching at the University of Washington. I currently teach courses in starting your own business at schools in Whatcom county.

3. Please be as specific and detail oriented as possible in elaborating about the following:

3a. Your campaign plans and goals:

My campaign plan is to run an online campaign opposing the current Superintendents shutdown of every school in our state for three months (the first time this has ever happened). I am also opposed to his failure to adequately fund our schools.

3b. Research on voters in your district or state: I have ran for office five times so far. I have made it past the primary four times and nearly won twice. I have knocked on more than 30,000 doors in East King County. I think parents did not want their schools shutdown.

3c. Use of volunteers, including but not limited to your initial campaign support group:

I have had dozens of volunteers in past campaigns. Time will tell if people will want to support my campaign this time.

3d. Campaign budgeting and spending:

I do not believe in raising money. I am more interested in recruiting volunteers.

3e. Your campaign schedule, including hours per week:

I typically put about 20 hours per week in research and posting articles to my campaign website and sending out newsletters to my supporters.

3f. Campaign themes:

I wrote a book on the scientific research on the corona virus. You can read the book for free by going to commonsensebook.org. It explains why the current superintendent was wrong to shut down every public school in our state.

3g. Anything more you would like to include about your specific campaign plans:

Thank you so much for supporting the Green party and for taking the time to consider supporting my campaign for Superintendent of Public Instruction.

4. What support do you expect from GPWA during the campaign, and if/when you are in office? (Options include connections to campaigning information and knowledge, outreach to Green Party supporters, phone banking, canvassing, data entry, fundraising and events, research and writing, and applying for a share of the campaign funding budget.)

It is a honor just to be supported in any manor by the Green Party of Washington state. Any additional help is welcome. But my main tools are my extensive campaign website and my Voters Guide Statement and Voters Guide Video.

5. Will you list endorsement or preferred candidate status with the Green Party of Washington on your website, social media, campaign print materials, etc.?

Yes.

6. Do you commit to appearing on the ballot? Is there anything that would make you reconsider or drop out of your race?

Yes – No.

7. If elected, will you commit to meeting with GPWA representatives on a regular basis? Yes.

8. THANK YOU for your diligence in preparing responses to this questionnaire. Please add anything else that you would like us to know about you, your activism, political activity, etc., that may be relevant to your campaign.

Thank you for supporting my campaigns in the past. My other concern is getting money out of political. After this election, I intend to write and promote an initiative to eliminate spending on political campaigns by billionaires and corporations. I will be contacting you when this effort is ready.

Regards,

David Spring M.Ed.