

## **Brandy Donaghy**

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### **Political Volunteer Experience**

Snohomish County Democrats, Everett, WA, 2021-Present  
Executive Committee, Recording Secretary  
Committees – Endorsement, Diversity, Bylaws, Events

Emerge Washington, Seattle, WA, 2020-Present  
Cabinet

44<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democrats, Snohomish, WA, 2017-Present  
Executive Board, DEI Chair  
Precinct Committee Officer, Ruggs Lake  
Committees – Endorsement, Nomination, Rules/Bylaws, Platform

IndivisiblePlusWA, 2016-Present  
Board/Leadership

### **Volunteer Experience:**

NAACP Snohomish County, Everett, WA, 2021-Present  
Housing Chair

C3 - Communities of Color Coalition, WA, 2020-Present  
Board, Vice Chair

Everett United Church of Christ, Everett WA, 2019-Present  
Council, Trustee Chair

Everett Meaningful Movies, Everett WA, 2017-Present  
Board

American Red Cross, NW Chapter, Seattle/Everett WA, 2017-Present  
Regional Diversity Committee  
Emergency Preparedness Lead/Trainer  
Outreach Lead

Everett School District, Everett WA, 2017-2020  
Art Docent, Penny Creek Elementary

### **Employment:**

Weichert Realtors, Fort Washington, PA, 2002-2004  
Real Estate Sales Associate, Graphic Artist

B&G Manufacturing, Inc., Hatfield, PA, 2001-2002  
Production Control, Scheduling Coordinator, Backup IT, Systems Admin

Various Agency Work Bucks/Montgomery County, PA, 1998-2001

United States Navy, Weapons Test Squadron, China Lake, CA, 1994-1998  
Aviation Ordnance/PC

### **Education:**

University of Washington, Bothell, WA, 2014  
BA, Business Administration, Management Information Systems

Bellevue College, Bellevue, WA, 2012  
AA Business Administration

**1. In 200 words or fewer, please describe your top priorities for the 44<sup>th</sup> Legislative District.**

COVID-19 Recovery and Management - providing resources as needed to speed recovery while helping individuals, families, and businesses find a new stability, and continuing to work to keep everyone safe as the virus continues to pose a threat.

Infrastructure/Transportation - For me these are intricately tied together, because they encompass both the creation of local, living wage jobs as well as other measures to make and keep us safer while at work and at play.

Small Business Support and Development - Small businesses are at the heart of our communities. They are job creators but are often more sensitive to local economic disruptions than larger organizations. We need to establish protocols to provide resources to assist these businesses when reacting to economic uncertainties as well as when implementing worker development programs. Additionally, we need incentives that lower barriers to entry.

Housing Insecurity - We do not have adequate affordable housing. Wages have not kept up with housing costs. There are far more people currently facing homelessness than most realize, and they can be stymied by myriad barriers. We need to simultaneously work to keep people housed while working to provide appropriate resources needed to address the barriers responsibly.

**2. In 200 words or fewer, please describe your position for adopting policies that must be implemented on a local level without funding from the State, i.e. unfunded state mandates.**

I have concerns regarding unfunded state mandates. While recognizing that county governments do have access to a number of revenue sources, there can be considerable variations in this from county to county, revenue increases can lag behind the needs the mandates are meant to address, and when it comes down to it, the state may have greater financial flexibility at the moment of need than local governments. At any level, issuing a directive without providing the resources to carry it through can prove to be unreasonably difficult to implement effectively and more costly overall due to economies of scale. It can also lead to greater inequities.

**3. In 200 words or fewer, please describe how you would work collaboratively with both parties in Olympia?**

I am a Gulf War Era US Navy Veteran. One of the very first things we learned in basic training was how to separate self from team. This was vital because there are many situations in which we must work with others who we may not connect with on a personal level, or who share a very different ideology in order to achieve a goal. Failure to do so had the potential to be life threatening. This is something that I have carried with me ever since, and it is a trait that I am proud of to this day. Ultimately, I believe that we all usually want the same basic things. We want our communities to be safe, stable and productive, but we may not agree on how to get there, or what the metrics should be for determining success. Along those same lines, I also recognize that many conflicts are derived from an inability to communicate effectively, and I am practiced in mitigating that barrier.

**4. The response to reduce the rate of spread of the COVID-19 virus resulted in significant impacts to our economy. In 200 words or fewer, please describe the steps you plan to take to mitigate these impacts on private employers, residents and state/local government.**

I believe that we all have a responsibility to be prepared for a disaster, as individuals and organizations. That said, I know that it's not always practical to expect that everyone can be, and in those cases, it needs to be the responsibility of federal, state and local governments to ensure that those resources exist in the right spaces in order to save lives and livelihoods. Just like my concerns about unfunded state mandates, I have the same concerns about expecting individuals and organizations to carry the entire load when it comes to disaster response and recovery. At its most basic, a disaster is something that overwhelms our systems, and COVID-19 has done just that in various ways. Because of this, we have the responsibility to provide the resources necessary to not only help people and organizations get back on their feet but to take a step further by creating resources for the next time disaster hits given local risk factors.