

Q9 What do you think? Leave a comment with your thoughts, feedback and suggestions.

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#	Responses	Date
1	If you benefit from a union's negotiations regarding wages and benefits, then you should pay union dues. It's only fair you pay your fair share.	3/8/2017 4:47 PM
2	Anything on the updated Solar incentives or Cap and Trade?	3/5/2017 1:41 PM
3	Keep up the good work, Steve!	3/3/2017 11:41 AM
4	Since we are not specialize in all the labor laws and regulation. Unionize is essential because they a group of people that specialize labor laws and regulation that represent us to fight for better working environment and life for any unfair practice by the company.	3/2/2017 1:30 PM
5	I support a total ban on automatic weapons	3/1/2017 5:18 PM
6	I am opposed to this states attempt to separate their selves from the president of the USA and his policies. We lost, so live with the victors plans.	3/1/2017 2:25 PM
7	I'm embarrassed to be a Washingtonian, specifically close association with Seattle. How many more taxes do King County, Seattle, and Washington want? Interesting to see how those who supported the ST3 now are figuring out they have to pay for it! I wish we could become part of an Eastern Washington state without moving.	3/1/2017 11:44 AM
8	Please do something about homeless camping near the sports stadiums and off ramps. It is unsafe and the garbage is disgusting. The Seattle City Council is not doing their job.	3/1/2017 11:40 AM
9	The ban on assault weapons assumes that it is easy to define an "assault weapon", which is not the case at all. For example, the AR-15 rifle is simply a shorter, lighter weight rifle, with pistol grip and adjustable stock. It is perfectly usable for hunting and target shooting, just as the more traditional, heavier, long barreled rifles are. The AR-15 is just a more modern, better designed rifle. Modern machining and plastics technology have enabled much of the AR-15 design. Traditional rifles with stocks made of wood, including even the venerable M1 (is that an assault rifle too?) were much heavier and used larger caliber, higher energy cartridges. Overall, I think we need to get away from blaming gun violence on firearm technology characteristics and put the blame back on the evil intents, motives, and characteristics of the criminals.	3/1/2017 11:27 AM
10	The state of WA needs to be careful on what is spends money on. Example why wasn't the marijuana tax money spent of education. Now the state wants to create addition taxes to fund education. you want your cake and eat it too +	3/1/2017 9:09 AM
11	If your employment has a union and raises are handed out because of the union you either should not receive a raise or join the union until you leave your employment.	3/1/2017 8:51 AM
12	I especially would like to see a ban on assault weapons and high capacity magazines.	3/1/2017 6:57 AM
13	It's time to fight for the working class (the underdogs)and the rights of the individuals. Who represents the individual today ? One has to be part of a religious group or corporate organization to be heard or represented fairly and justly. The Time is now for politicians to embrace this responsibility.	3/1/2017 12:30 AM
14	I have grave concerns about the future of public education and want to ensure that every child truly has the same opportunity at a quality education regardless of race, religion, gender or socioeconomic status.	2/28/2017 10:06 PM
15	With regard to SB5692 I would think if someone doesn't want to pay dues to union they shouldn't expect any of the union benefits, i.e. pay, vacation, choice of hours, sick leave, etc. That is an insane waste of government lawmakers time.	2/28/2017 9:16 PM
16	Vote no on House Bill 610	2/28/2017 8:25 PM
17	No to right to work. Women's bodies are their concern, not that of the state. Education around firearms is the answer. Did I mention no to right to work!	2/28/2017 7:44 PM
18	Some of these things seem like they could easily be pushed to the back burner allowing you all to focus on really important things like school funding.	2/28/2017 7:38 PM

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19	I am deeply concerned about the likely reduction of environmental protections on the national level. I hope legislation is introduced to keep Washington state at high standards for environmental protection, regardless of what happens in Washington, D.C.	2/28/2017 7:30 PM
20	There are extenuating circumstances with the death penalty and especially the right to life. Nothing is strictly black or white, although my answers appear to be.	2/28/2017 7:17 PM
21	Although I said I agree with dividing the state into two states, it should be underscored that we are all better served united than we ever could be divided. We need to work better on hearing and respecting all view points. I'm not against guns. I am against the unlawful use of guns. Let people have as many guns as they want but ban the bullets! No doubt about it: life begins at conception. Any attempt to say otherwise has an "self-interest/self-serving" agenda. Equal rights does not mean identical rights. It is important to note your heart and your brain are equal (try living without one of them) but they are different. Differences can be a good thing.	2/28/2017 6:07 PM
22	We must put a stop to talk of dividing our state.	2/28/2017 5:15 PM
23	Get rid of I-405 pay lanes. Get rid of the ridiculously HIGH car tab cost for for RTA. or be prepared to buy all the cars evaluated by RTA absurd percentage value.	2/28/2017 4:37 PM
24	Thanks again, for the survey and for the results when you get them!	2/28/2017 4:15 PM
25	I would support eliminating the death penalty without requiring life without the possibility of parole for aggravated first degree murder.	2/28/2017 4:12 PM
26	Three strikes rule for DUI -- three DUIs in a lifetime, PERMANENT ban on driving (cannot be reissued a driver's license). If someone is a persistent repeat DUI offender, then they should not be trusted to be on our streets, period!	2/28/2017 4:06 PM
27	Fund education without harm to social services. Support and keep Washington as a refugee wecoming state. And absolutely support a woman's right to choose (reproductive rights)	2/28/2017 3:44 PM
28	Hopefully our opinions matter. Many times our thoughts fall upon deaf ears.	2/28/2017 3:30 PM
29	Fund education fully back to pre 2008 levels or get out of office please. Do it now or shut up. Term limits ASAP now too. If you got any guts	2/28/2017 3:22 PM
30	My union is currently in the process of saving my health insurance and my rate of compensation. My employer, the King County Public Library, when faced with increased premiums, has been in a protracted negotiation with my union for over a year. They have attempted to intimidate employees and used the threat of withholding our retroactive cost of living increase for all of last year to get us to agree to poor health coverage and less overall compensation than the previous year. Labor unions are an important way to maintain the balance of power between employers and employees. Banning required union membership weakens unions significantly. If even a publicly funded non-profit institution will care so little for its employees, what kind of pressures must union positions in the for-profit sector face? Please support Unions in Washington State.	2/28/2017 3:17 PM
31	Currently police officers can kill someone and cannot be prosecuted. This is occurring too often. The shooting of the woodcarver here in Seattle was terrible.	2/28/2017 3:12 PM
32	Can't see where this legislative session has accomplished anything useful!	2/28/2017 3:11 PM
33	I think this state has issues that are so much more important than the issues presented here that we should not be wasting our time with these lessor issues. I am currently paying approximately \$1 in ever \$9 of income for property taxes alone. This does not include sales tax, fees , etc. I cannot believe that the rapid transit people are arbitrarily raising the true value of vehicles in order to increase the amount that they can collect in vehicle taxes. This is just dishonest and unethical. It is getting time for a real revolution in this state and that revolution is not to have an income tax as I have heard proposed. It is time to reject all taxes no matter how badly they are needed. I am willing to reject everything and everyone in the city, county and state government in Washington. We have been left with no other alternative except to reject everything.	2/28/2017 2:57 PM
34	Thank you for finding ways to better understand your constituents.	2/28/2017 2:45 PM
35	It took 2 hours and 40 minutes to go from Tukwila to the Space Needle on 2/27/2017 because of a traffic problem on I-5 near I-90. There must be a better way to handle traffic flow through Seattle 24 hours a day.	2/28/2017 2:44 PM
36	It really annoys me when I see my property, sales, School Levies going sky high. The fact that DOT can raise taxes when they feel the need is really sad. My property tax just was raised over \$500 for this coming year. As a senior who lives on Social Security I think we should be given a lesser amount to pay on these issues. At the age of 72yrs, one should be given a break now and again. Thanks for the Survey.	2/28/2017 2:33 PM

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37	We need to fight for clean air and water. We cannot allow our country to loose it's agencies and protections for the sake of corporate profits. What do we have if we don't have clean air, food and water? We need to stop giving immigrants and other low income people better and free health care then we that pay can afford. They need to pay at least small copays especially if they go for emergency care when it's not an emergency. They need to stop using the medical system for free everything. I work with these people and some of them just go to the Dr. for free Tylenol as well as other basic stuff. They don't pick up there meds from school at the end of the year, they just go get more, usually from the emergency room. We need to find a way to educate them and help them to have some responsibility to understand how to care for them selves and their children. If they have to pay a \$5 or \$10 copay maybe they will just go buy the Tylenol instead of using a Dr. and a pharmacy. I work a lower paying job, have \$25 copays now and have paid taxes all my life.	2/28/2017 2:27 PM
38	Please demand that all representatives you deal with state their logical reasoning for their support of any issues including the probable outcomes of their position, the effect on all people and the actual reasons explaining why their positions makes sense. Thank you.	2/28/2017 2:14 PM
39	I really appreciate you sending these survey's out. Makes me feel like I'm being heard.	2/28/2017 2:04 PM
40	Very good survey, these are all issues that I have strong feelings about. Keep up the great work!	2/28/2017 2:03 PM
41	This is a specific response to HB1122. I have purchased hand guns and rifles and they all come with a keyed trigger lock system. We personally have a safe for our firearms, so I feel we are responsible gun owners. If the irresponsible gun owners would use these items, that are in the box, this would be an issue that does not need to be addressed.	2/28/2017 2:02 PM
42	Strongly support the need for adequate funding for education.	2/28/2017 2:01 PM
43	Thanks for asking	2/28/2017 1:46 PM
44	What are you doing to make WA state driver's licenses Fed law compliant, so they can be used at military installations and at the airport?	2/28/2017 1:44 PM
45	SB 5692 I think individuals should have the choice of whether or not to pay dues/be represented by the union but not take away the power of bargaining (salary, benefits, etc.) and/or the right to strike.	2/28/2017 1:43 PM
46	Thank you for inquiring. We have too many State Reps and Senators who are under the delusion that THEIR thoughts are the thoughts of ALL of the constituents - WRONG! How do they suppose our current administration was elected? Most of the folks in this country simply don't engage in loud mouth complaint, and that's why the biased media and coastal cities were so baffled by election results. They were so busy being obnoxious that the citizens literally had their say without being noticed. So again - thank you for asking!!!	2/28/2017 1:38 PM
47	I love that you're doing this. Thank you so much. Also? Education: messing with what we already have? As in, taking money away from it? Not a viable solution to our problems. Quite the opposite.	2/28/2017 1:37 PM
48	Should be concentrating on more important matters other than the smoking age and how someone stores their guns. People are going to smoke regardless of age and will obtain cigarettes somewhere. If people do not know how cigarette smoke effect their health by now they never will. Only responsible gun owner will store their guns safely regardless if there is a law or not. You should be concentrating on how to lower real estate taxes and fire department cost which has doubled. Stop penalizing home owners. I for one will never vote for anything which is going to increase my taxes. Perhaps it's time for people which have students in school to start paying for their tuition instead of the tax payers. Also stop supporting all of the illegal aliens. If they want to come to this county they need to do it legally. No wonder the schools are so overcrowded with all of the illegals.	2/28/2017 1:37 PM
49	Question about the secured firearms is misleading, as the bill also covers criminal prosecution of gun owners that allow access to people that legally aren't allowed access. Not just about selling people lock boxes/gun locks.	2/28/2017 1:36 PM
50	HB 1649: Determine the earliest fetus age (before normal birth) at which a premature birth has been successful. Then, that age should be that which prior to, abortion can be performed. After such a date, it should be the pregnant woman's decision if her life is at stake. In all cases, for fetuses that show defects, abortion should be an allowable action. HB 1134: Assault weapons and large capacity magazines should be outlawed period. HB 1935: In cases where there is no doubt... the death penalty should be allowed for certain crimes... levying less public funds for their lifelong support. I suspect a careful study of guilty sentencing rules needs to be performed. HB 1956: Religions are equivalent to gangs. Religious affiliations as well as other gang associations should be tracked.	2/28/2017 1:35 PM
51	I see nothing here about the bill subverting our vote on an increase to the minimum wage. I am adamantly against all 3 of those related bills. If my employees don't deserve a raise neither do you and I will make it my mission to make sure that ANY increase for you comes before a vote of the people, tie it to the CPI, and to two audits 1) audit your expenses w/results published in local news papers and 2) audot of donations received with results published in the local newspapers	2/28/2017 1:34 PM
52	Would appreciate more traction on Source of Income Discrimination and funding for affordable housing and supportive services for lowincome families, vets, disabled and seniors.	2/28/2017 1:33 PM

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53	Thanks for asking.	2/28/2017 1:31 PM
54	Keep up the great work Steve. :)	2/28/2017 1:25 PM
55	Keep up the good work!	2/28/2017 1:23 PM
56	Thanks for asking these important questions. I am surprised that there are no questions regarding education funding.	2/28/2017 1:23 PM
57	Washington needs to take action and clean up the waste that homeless people create!	2/28/2017 1:23 PM
58	Unions negotiate for all employees so all employees should pay dues, etc. but not have to be a member of the union.	2/28/2017 1:23 PM
59	Remove the school portion of property taxes once a family has no children in public schools.	2/28/2017 1:18 PM
60	Solve the levy cliff (and don't let it become a bargaining chip by the Senate Democrats). I will be RIFFED if this is not solved by May 1st	2/28/2017 1:18 PM