



# 2018 Legislative candidate survey

Candidate name:     Lisa Callan     Legislative district:     5<sup>th</sup> Legislative District    

You are a candidate for: House of Representatives  Senate

If you are a candidate for the House of Representatives, which position are your running for? Position 1  Position 2

## Local government background

Have you ever been elected or appointed to a local government position, or served on a local government board, committee, or as staff? *Local governments include cities, counties, public utility districts, school districts, fire protection districts, port districts, and more.* Yes  No

If yes, in what capacity?

I'm currently in my second four-year term as a school board director with the Issaquah School District.

## 1. State-shared local revenues

When the state encounters fiscal problems, legislators often take revenues historically shared with cities, or increase fees on services provided to cities to fill the state's budget deficit. Recently, some shared revenues have been restored. However, during the last recession, the Legislature enacted cuts and diversions, while unfunded mandates and other local government cost drivers remained unaddressed, including the following items:

- Changes in liquor tax and profit distributions resulting in losses of nearly \$200 million in funds that supported essential local services, such as public safety;
- Sweeping and diverting over \$1 billion in local utility taxes, real estate taxes, and project loan repayments from the nationally-acclaimed Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF) that helps keep local infrastructure operating; and
- Requiring cities to pay training fees for officers attending the Basic Law Enforcement Academy (BLEA).

Do you support or oppose the Legislature continuing to use locally-shared revenues or revenues intended for capital projects in order to balance the state's operating budget? Support  Oppose

**Briefly describe one or more actions that you would take to ensure your views on these issues are accounted for by your caucus and in a final budget.**

Many of our municipalities are struggling to build and maintain infrastructure to support the growth that has come at a much faster rate than most anticipated. In Olympia, I will work to restore funding and provide more options in terms of the revenue avenues available for cities to use. This includes ensuring marijuana revenue can be used by local governments, funding the PWTF, and building a stronger partnership between the





It's important for our representatives in Olympia to recognize that local issues often require local solutions. Our communities vary greatly across our state. Using one size fits all legislation often creates unintended consequences and inequities local governments then have to try to manage and live with. Understanding the nuances and needs of a community isn't just about protecting local control. It's about passing effective legislation that provides the flexibility for municipalities to best address their needs as their local economy, infrastructure and community constraints require.

If you have any questions, please contact Regina Adams, AWC Government Relations Coordinator, at 360-753-4137 or [ReginaA@awcnet.org](mailto:ReginaA@awcnet.org). Please return your survey **by the end of the day on Wednesday, July 4** by:

- Email to [ReginaA@awcnet.org](mailto:ReginaA@awcnet.org);
- Fax to (360) 753-0149; or
- U.S. mail to AWC Candidate Survey, 1076 Franklin Street SE, Olympia, WA 98501-1346.

**Thank you for your participation!**