



2018 Legislative candidate survey

Candidate name:	Chris Corry	Legislative district:	14 th
You are a candidate	e for: House of Representatives	Senate	
If you are a candida which position are	ate for the House of Representativ your running for?	ves, Position 1 Position 2 □	
or served on a loca governments include	ent background n elected or appointed to a local g I government board, committee, o de cities, counties, public utility d ction districts, port districts, and r	or as staff? Local 🖂	No
If yes, in what capacit I currently serve on t comprehensive ten-y	he West Valley School District Facili	ities Committee, working to dev	elop a
 increase fees on servinave been restored. Hunfunded mandates a items: Changes in liquor supported essenti Sweeping and div from the nationally operating; and 	Inters fiscal problems, legislators of the state of the s	e's budget deficit. Recently, som he Legislature enacted cuts and ers remained unaddressed, inc in losses of nearly \$200 million ety; axes, real estate taxes, and proj d (PWTF) that helps keep local	ne shared revenues d diversions, while uding the following in funds that ect loan repayments infrastructure
locally-shared reve projects in order to	oppose the Legislature continuing nues or revenues intended for call balance the state's operating but	pital	
prietry describe one	or more actions that you would to	ake to ensure your views on t	inese issues are

Fiscal responsibility is paramount to the success of the budget. Regarding the BLEA, since the state has taken responsibility for law enforcement training they need to ensure they accurately budget and plan for the necessary classes to support local law enforcement.

accounted for by your caucus and in a final budget.

2. Basic infrastructure financing

Cities face many challenges when repairing and updating critical infrastructure such as drinking water and sewer systems. Historically, the Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF), a revolving loan fund, was a significant source for financing infrastructure. As the state wrestled first with a recession and then with the *McCleary* education funding challenges, legislators repeatedly turned to diverting these funds and leaving nothing in their place. Since 2013, nearly all of the tax revenues deposited into the PWTF were diverted to the state's education funding account instead. Those revenues were scheduled to come back to the PWTF in 2019, but the revenue diversions were extended another four years.

Would you support or oppose a budget that diverted more reso from the PWTF to address state general fund obligations?	urces	Support	Oppose 🖂
formal and the self-infrared control of the s	∕es ⊠	No	

As a lawmaker, how will you work to secure the revitalization of the PWTF and protect it from future raids?

Accountable fiscal legislation includes appropriately managing the budget and I support funds being spent as intended rather than diverting these funds to cover unintended obligations. I would work with my fellow legislators to ensure we are protecting our fiscal commitments and remaining accountable to the taxpayer.

3. Homelessness, affordable housing, and mental health

Across the state, housing costs are rising and affordability issues are impacting homebuyers and renters, as well as exacerbating the already critical homelessness problems in many communities. Mental health services are stretched thin and cities (not normally in the business of providing these particular social services) find themselves increasingly trying to help residents and keep their communities safe and secure. Cities have a strong desire to work together with the state, counties, business, nonprofit, and faith communities to help address these challenges. We continue to seek financing, regulatory, and funding tools to help.

Whic	h of the following are priorities for you? Choose all that apply.		
\boxtimes	Help to end homelessness		
\boxtimes	Ensure adequate mental health services for those in need		
	Provide tools to help control the spiraling cost of housing		
Would you support or oppose a proposal for the state to override local zoning or density decisions to promote more affordability in housing construction?		Support	Oppose

Please elaborate on what you suggest doing to address one or more of these issues:

The state should not interfere in local government and their zoning decisions. I am committed to finding reasonable solutions to our community's issues which currently include the mental health and housing epidemics across our state. Homelessness is often the result of job loss, mental/physical health issues, and/or drug addiction. While affordable housing is often the focus of our conversation, the larger issues need to be addressed and ensure that the families can take advantage of the necessary community programming to support the root causes. I support access to job training, education, financial literacy, parenting classes, counseling, and services that encourage personal accountability.

4. Economic development

Economic development opportunities vary greatly across the state. Some communities have deteriorating commercial or industrial areas or lack the needed infrastructure for critical development, and others lack access to adequate broadband services. AWC supports expansion of current programs and funding, including expansion of state Local Revitalization Financing (LRF) and Local Infrastructure Financing Tool (LIFT) programs as options to incentivize economic development and support job creation.

Would you support or oppose legislation that expands the financing Support Oppose options available to local governments for economic development? \boxtimes

What other ideas do you have for bolstering the state's economic development opportunities? We need to focus on limiting regulations and burdens on businesses. Economic revitalization is successful when we lower barriers to help businesses succeed. Basic economics: jobs are created when businesses thrive

5. Local control

Cities succeed when they can respond to local residents' unique needs and desired outcomes through exercising local control. The State Constitution and state statutes provide cities with wide discretion in serving their communities. However, the Legislature sometimes considers preempting cities from enacting local ordinances or engaging in certain activities. We believe that the relationship between the state and cities functions best as a partnership, where the state gives careful consideration to the varied conditions of local governments, and appreciates the importance of retaining local flexibility.

Do you believe that local control is important Yes No to ensuring responsive local government? X

If you disagree that local control should be preserved, please describe one or more specific issue areas or situations in which the state should preempt local control.

If you agree that local control should be respected, please describe how you would argue for the protection of local control to colleagues who want to preempt local governments.

I support the functional partnership between our local and state governments. The taxpayer is ultimately the customer and expects and deserves a reliable and effective government that allows communities and individuals to succeed. I would remind my colleagues that local control is a critical part of an effective government.

OR

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

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Thank you for your participation!