

**Spokane Regional Labor Council, AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education
Local Candidate Questionnaire 2023**

Deadline to return the questionnaire is 4 pm Friday, May 19, 2023

Full legal name: George Joseph Orr

Your name as it will appear on the ballot: George Orr

Candidate for: Spokane County Fire Protection District #1, Pos. 5

Telephone: Click or tap here to enter text. Campaign: Click or tap here to enter text.

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Campaign Address (Please include city and zip code: PO Box 192 Veradale, WA 99037

Campaign Manager: Click or tap here to enter text. Phone: Click or tap here to enter text.

Your Occupation: Retired Firefighter

Years of residency in Washington State: 56

Years of residency in Spokane County: 56

Are you registered to vote in the district for the position you are seeking? Click or tap here to enter text.

Political Background (offices held, currently hold, other candidacies, political party offices, etc.) Elected Pos. CVSB 1984, 1990; Elected WA State Leg 4th District 1990, 1994; Ran for WA State Senate 1996; Ran for Spokane County Commission 2004; Democrat

Your union affiliation, union involvement and/or activities, if any, past or present: Will your campaign use local bona fide union products, services, and staff when possible? (Printed literature and signs, professional musicians, phone service, etc.): IBEW 47 1962-1967; IBEW 77 1967 – 1990; IAFF 876 1970 – Present; IAFF 876 President & Negotiative Team for 18 years.

Yes No

(Feel free to contact the Spokane Regional Labor Council for information about union businesses and services.)

1. What are the three most important issues for this position? (Briefly) 1) For the past 20 years this commission has hired non Washington, retired Chiefs to run the Valley Fire Dept. These Chiefs are not bad, just don't have the loyalty and history to work with our community. 2) This Board seems to "rubberstamp" these Chiefs. 3) This commission spends big bucks on rebuilding the Fire Station to house high cost fire apparatus and then don't fully staff that equipment. "Pennywise & pound foolish".
2. What are your qualifications for the position? See above

3. Why is the endorsement of the Spokane Regional Labor Council important to you? Click or tap here to enter text.
4. Will you develop a process or system to give your employees an opportunity for input on issues affecting their workplace and the labor community on issues affecting working families? Click or tap here to enter text.
5. What is your position on privatization of public services and the outsourcing of jobs? Click or tap here to enter text.
6. Apprenticeship is a long standing and established method to train and prepare workers to meet these growing workforce needs. Do you support Apprenticeship Utilization requirements?
 - a. Yes No
7. Do you support a living wage for workers? Yes No
8. Does this wage include employer provided family medical benefits? Yes No
9. Collective bargaining is the cornerstone of an employee's wages, benefits, and working conditions. Do you support collective bargaining? Yes No
10. Will you actively support the right of all workers to organize and collectively bargain? Yes No
11. The Spokane Regional Labor Council welcomes and encourages responsible economic development. We believe that government spending should have minimum standards that protect the community, working families and our local economic foundation. When spending tax dollars, would you support contract provisions that promote workers' rights, civil rights, public health, and our Local health care industry? Click or tap here to enter text.
12. Do you support the use of taxpayer dollars to hire outside labor relations consultants to oppose worker interests during negotiations with unions?
 - a. Yes No
13. Contractors for public construction projects are required by law to pay their employees the prevailing wage. Do you support compliance with and enforcement of prevailing wage law?
 - a. Yes No
14. Would you support a requirement that industries or businesses receiving tax incentives and subsidies remain neutral during an organizing drive?
 - a. Yes No

NOTE: Please attach additional information you think is necessary to fully answer any of the proceeding questions or regarding other areas of interest you believe to be relevant.

CANDIDATE SIGNATURE/DATE George Orr 5/17/23

Return to:

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