

**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: Linda M. Ball

Your name as it will appear on the ballot: Linda M. Ball

Candidate for: Liberty Lake City Council seat 1

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Campaign Address (Please include city and zip code: Same as above.

Campaign Manager: Petra Hoy Phone: 425-941-7321

Your Occupation: Office admin

Years of residency in Washington State: 14

Years of residency in Spokane County: 5

Are you registered to vote in the district for the position you are seeking? Yes

Political Background (offices held, currently hold, other candidacies, political party offices, etc.) I was a PCO for a brief time a couple of years ago

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.): I will do my best to do so. I am getting some in kind help.

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) Defend democracy is number one. Stand up for people who are marginalized. Work for the little guy.
2. What are your qualifications for the position? I had 20 years experience as a real estate professional, not in Washington, but I learned a lot about developers and smart growth. Liberty Lake is growing exponentially and I want to be sure it's done right. Also, I was a journalist for 20 years (career #2). I used to cover Issaquah City Hall, and various school boards so I've seen it all, maybe!
3. Why is the endorsement of the Spokane Regional Labor Council important to you? I'm new to this running for office adventure. I've always been a hard worker but really have not made big dollars at any job, even

in real estate because I worked with a lot of first time homebuyers. I resent people who get rich off the backs of the least advantaged. I was married to a union man for 24 years. When we left Alaska in 1996 and moved to his home state of Idaho, our lives were never the same because of Idaho being a right to work state. What a crock that is. I support whole-heartedly the Starbucks, Amazon, and other workers who are trying to unionize.

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? I don't have employees.
5. What is your position on privatization of public services and the outsourcing of jobs? Jobs need to stay in the U.S. As far as privatization of public services it depends on what it is.
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? Yes, and yes to the above questions, but my computer wouldn't let me check them.
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** \_\_\_\_\_

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