

**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: Lisa Jo Brown

Your name as it will appear on the ballot: Lisa Brown

Candidate for: Spokane Mayor

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Campaign Manager: Adam McDaniel Phone: 205-712-0897

Your Occupation: N/A

Years of residency in Washington State: 42

Years of residency in Spokane County: 42

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.) Former Democratic State Legislator in 3rd Legislative District 1993-2013

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 was an inaugural member of United Faculty of Eastern WFT/WEA

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. Public safety - Our first responders must have adequate staffing and training. They are currently understaffed leading to less than optimal response rates and times. We appreciate their service and sacrifice and we must have accountability and strong independent Office of Police Ombudsman to investigate allegations of misconduct. My administration will work to coordinate and increase upstream investments in mental health and substance abuse treatment and investments in programs that prevent crime and reduce recidivism. 2. Economic vitality that leads to good jobs and includes expanding housing supply. I helped start the WSU medical school and supported small businesses and affordable housing providers as Director of Commerce. I support union apprenticeship programs and workforce training for young people and displaced workers. 3.

Restoring confidence in city hall. Turnover, unfilled positions and conflict characterize the current administration. I'll bring my experience as a public sector leader at WSU and Commerce and my knowledge of state and federal government to benefit Spokane with a focus on underserved communities and neighborhoods.

2. What are your qualifications for the position? I am the former Director of the Washington State Department of Commerce. I stepped down from state service on March 3 after serving the agency since February 2019. Prior to my time at the Department of Commerce, I served as the Chancellor of WSU Spokane where I helped establish the WSU Medical School. And for 20 years, I served Spokane's 3rd Legislative District in the state legislature. I know Spokane. I have used my skills and relationships to get big things done for the city. I will continue that work as mayor.
3. Why is the endorsement of the Spokane Regional Labor Council important to you? I believe in the power to collectively bargain. I believe it is a fundamental right. I have worked to strengthen the power of workers throughout my personal and professional career. The current mayor and her political allies have fought to weaken the power of workers and unions by opposing apprenticeship utilization requirements and by pushing to alter the labor negotiation process despite it being against state law.
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? Yes. My administration will immediately work with Civil Service and Human Resources to establish input and feedback opportunities.
5. What is your position on privatization of public services and the outsourcing of jobs? I oppose the outsourcing and privatization of public services and jobs. For large public works which are currently contracted out, I support ensuring that those who do work on behalf of the City abide by all of the city's prevailing wage, responsible bidder and apprenticeship utilization requirements.
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
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 Lisa J. Brown

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