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Joshua Casey

(Prefers Democratic Party)

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Candidate Statement

Elected Experience

King County Personnel Board, 2019-Present

Other Professional Experience

I am the *only candidate* who holds a CPA license, the highest standard of competence in the audit industry. To obtain a CPA license, one must possess a specialized education, have relevant experience, and have passed both ethical and technical examinations. I also have over a decade of auditing and accounting experience, including leading and managing teams for two of the largest and most well-respected audit firms globally — Deloitte and PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Education

Master's Degree, Information Systems & Operations Management, University of Florida; Bachelor's Degree, Accounting, University of Florida

Community Service

Volunteer Income Tax Assistant, Junior Achievement

Statement

We deserve a leader with both management *and* technical expertise who can lead the agency to modernize the audit process. We deserve a leader who does not have deep political ties preventing him from maintaining independence and objectivity. We deserve a leader who understands and will implement industry best practices. Most importantly, we deserve a leader who knows how an auditor should lead before, during, and after a crisis. *I am that leader.*

In fast moving situations, leaders must understand their capabilities and be decisive. They must also have the professional knowledge and experience to justify their decisions. An early window appeared during the pandemic where quick and decisive leadership may have helped to identify some of the weak spots in government. For example, an audit of the state's unemployment office may have identified deficiencies in preventing the estimated *hundreds of millions* in fraud. This was a missed opportunity to provide accountability. As a CPA and a proven leader who has routinely made these types of decisions, I have the experience to be the effective leader we need.

Washingtonians no longer need to choose between leadership and expertise. I will bring both to this office.

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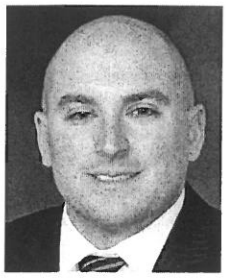

Chris Leyba

(Prefers Republican Party)

Information

Candidate Statement

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

I spent 11 years as a police officer and detective, 3 years of this as a law enforcement performance auditor. Previously, I ran a grocery department with approximately 50 employees and $400-500k sales per week.

Education

I obtained my B.S. in Molecular Biology from UW in 2007. I am also finishing my MBA in Finance from WSU. Additionally, I hold several professional certifications through my job in law enforcement, including a performance auditor certification from ILEAA.

Community Service

I operate an animal rescue called Secondhand Hearts on our farm and also rescue horses from kill pens across Washington.

Statement

The State Auditor's Office deserves someone who will finally unlock its full potential to serve Washington. This position has a vital role in oversight of your public dollars, but it also has the power to perform auditing that can change the way government agencies spend that money more efficiently.

I am the candidate in this race that has the most hands on experience with government auditing and government process at the investigative level. I also have perspective on all types of Washington governments instead of those just within our major cities.

We need an auditor that combines all of this experience with a desire to bring lean business practices to the office and to make recommendations in Washington agencies that will create jobs and opportunities across all of our state. Wherever my department can find opportunities for us to spend money on products and materials made by Washington businesses, we will recommend these opportunities be prioritized by our state government.

This November, remember that your auditor should be less about their party and more about their boss: You.

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Pat (Patrice) McCarthy

(Prefers Democratic Party)

Information

Candidate Statement

Elected Experience

Current Washington State Auditor 2017-present; Pierce County Executive 2009-2016; Pierce County Auditor 2003-2008; Tacoma School Director 1987-1999.

Other Professional Experience

Current member of National Association of State Auditors; National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers.

Education

B.A., University of Washington Tacoma

Community Service

Asian Pacific Cultural Center Advisory Board (Current). Pierce County Sexual Assault Center, Emeritus. Tacoma South Rotary 1999-2016, Honorary Commander, 62nd Airlift Wing, 2005-2009. Awards for land conservation, access for justice and open government; Star of Destiny Award, Tacoma Historical Society; Distinguished Alumni Award, University of Washington Tacoma; Secretary of State's Auditor of the Year, 2005.

Statement

I have had the honor of serving as the elected Washington State Auditor for the past four years. I am proud of being the first woman to hold this position. Prior to State Auditor, I served as Pierce County Executive and Pierce County Auditor. I have a proven and tested public record of leadership.

As State Auditor, it is a privilege to lead over 400 employees working across the state to provide fiscal and accountability audits of all local and state governments. We have increased the number of cybersecurity and performance audits, while conducting numerous investigations including uncovering the largest fraud on record.

My vision to "increase trust in government" means greater transparency and accountability of public money. To accomplish this goal, I have created a user-friendly, interactive website that gives you important information about each government that serves you. Having an independent, objective review of public dollars is the hallmark of my work at the State Auditor's Office.

I have been endorsed by many people and organizations, which are listed at my website: www.patmccarthyauditor.com. I am seeking re-election to this important job and ask for your support.

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