Dear Arthur Langlie,

Thank you for taking the time to complete the candidate questionnaire for the Washington Technology Industry Association (WTIA). Your responses will help us to inform and engage the 200,000+ tech sector employees who live and work in the City of Seattle. This in turn will help you engage them more effectively as an electorate.

Once we have processed responses from the candidates, we will invite select finalists to meet with members of the WTIA Board and WTIA Policy Steering Committee for a discussion to gain a more thorough understanding of your answers.

Please send your responses by email to Molly Jones (she/her), Vice President of Government Affairs, by Friday, June 11. Her email is mjones@washngtontechnology.org.

This questionnaire and your written responses will be published on the WTIA website.

Candidate Questionnaire

1. **Why are you running for Mayor of Seattle, and what do you hope to achieve while you are in office?**

I am running for Mayor because I do not recognize the city I grew up in and love. Our leadership has pushed basic services of city government to the back burner such as infrastructure, public safety, human services, and economic development. If elected, I will work tirelessly every day to restore Seattle by providing housing for the homeless, bringing back business to downtown and neighborhood business districts, keeping our streets safe, promoting equity for all and ensuring that our infrastructure needs are met.

2. **What are your top three priorities for the City of Seattle?**

Priority 1: Making sure our community is safe from crime.

Priority 2: Equip our government with the wrap around services and housing necessary to solving the homeless emergency.

Priority 3: Bringing back business to downtown Seattle to promote further economic development.

3. **The tech sector has worked to support our communities throughout the pandemic by providing platforms for students to learn online and families to**

work remotely; tools and resources for small businesses to stay afloat during the pandemic; and critical technologies for the public health response. As we look ahead, how would you look to partner with the tech sector in powering economic recovery and building a resilient economy?

Our city government in partnership with the tech sector has a tremendous opportunity to rebuild our economy together. The key to this recovery? Data-driven solutions. We are investing in a number of programs to bring back our economy such as small-business loans, tax incentives, etc. With all of these programs, we should be ensuring their efficacy by collecting high-quality data. I believe we need data to make key decisions in every area of government. Programs that prove to have little benefit should be cut in order to redouble the effective programs so that we can ensure that our rebuilding efforts are benefiting those who need it most.

4. **Nearly half of all tech workers nationwide moved during the pandemic, where Seattle saw the third-highest flight of tech workers (after San Francisco and New York City). Seattle is increasingly in competition with other rising tech hubs -- such as Denver, Miami, Austin -- to attract startup founders, entrepreneurs, and tech workers. What would you do to increase Seattle's competitiveness vis-a-vis other tech hubs?**

The tech sector is one of Seattle's largest industries and I intend to do everything I can to ensure that they have a home in Seattle. I have worked with multiple tech sector companies over the span of my career on their built environment, and understand fully what they want and need from our community. One of the reasons why Seattle had a large flight of workers is due to the high cost of living, which is primarily driven by our rising housing market. As mayor, I plan to continue developing new housing in Seattle to make it possible for people at all income levels to move into our area. We also need to have a welcoming city in areas where they work – we need those areas to be safe and clean and therefore, inviting.

5. **How would you work toward ensuring the successful advancement of policies and programs that create equitable outcomes for BIPOC in the tech industry?**

A growing tech sector is great for our city, but I also want to see equitable representation of the BIPOC community in the industry. Racial equity will be a priority in my administration. A key part of the plans for my priorities is collecting data to create fact-based solutions. As mayor, I will create pilot programs to promote BIPOC representation in the tech industry using data-driven approaches while actively monitoring these programs to ensure that these communities are being thoroughly represented. We desperately need to establish solid mentoring programs where the private sector can engage with our community to help facilitate workforce diversity and opportunity.

6. **What is your favorite technology, and why?**

My favorite piece of technology is my phone. I recall having the first palm pilot which started electronic organizing for me, the Motorola "Brick" phone, the Mitsubishi model 92 in the car, a

two way pager, a Nextel, then into the Blackberry World Edition where I was capable of typing faster than I could on a computer. Finally.....it all came together on the iPhone for me. Although I can't type as fast on the iPhone, it does the best job of allowing me to communicate in multiple ways (text/email/call etc) and keep my life organized. It easily facilitates payments and other necessary day to day activities as well as provides me answers, directions and the chance to be anywhere and still engage with those that I work with and those that I love.