

## **Snohomish County Indivisible (SCI) Legislative Platform**

Environment/Climate – Ensure swift and strong action toward ending the climate crisis. Ensure clean energy transformation, climate mitigation and ecosystem restoration exercising leadership which affirms justice, equity, and indigenous rights. Ensure Washington state’s management of fish and wildlife values science, indigenous knowledge and the rights of nature, and prioritizes the protection and preservation of wildlife, including wild fish and our resident Orca population on behalf of all Washingtonians.

Women’s Rights – Ensure equal pay for equal work protections. In addition to ensuring women and women presenting individuals are safe at home and at work, including protection from sexual assault **and** from further trauma after the assault has occurred. Support national adoption of the Equal Rights Amendment.

Reproductive Rights: Ensure all individuals have the right to choose what happens to their bodies to include gender-affirming care and access to safe abortion care. Ensure unrestricted access to family planning services and birth control.

Gun Violence Prevention – Ensure the safety of all the citizens in our state by enacting common sense gun legislation.

Education – Ensure access to quality education at all levels and abilities, including colleges, universities, and trade schools. Incorporate age-appropriate critical race theory and provide a comprehensive history of all minority communities, including Native Americans, African Americans, Asian and Pacific Islanders, the Holocaust, LGBTQIA+ individuals, and others.

Supreme Court Reform – Ensure a fair and unbiased U.S. Supreme Court. We advocate for court reform, including increasing the number of justices, term limits and an enforceable, strong judicial code of ethics.

Human Rights – Ensure the rights, safety and protection of all members of marginalized communities.

Voter Rights – Ensure all voters have equal opportunity to exercise their right to vote, in addition to ensuring our elections remain free, fair, and accessible.

Health Care – Ensure access to affordable health care, in addition to ensuring fair and reasonable drug pricing. Ensure access to mental healthcare and addiction treatment services.

Law Enforcement – Ensure the allocation/reallocation of funding toward alternatives to law enforcement intervention in cases needing services such as crisis intervention specialists, social workers, behavioral and mental health experts, food assistance and clean water, housing assistance, and school funding.

Immigration – Ensure the human rights of all non-citizens, especially minors, to not be detained except in cases of criminal conduct, to have legal representation when facing immigration hearings and to not be required to show proof of citizenship as a requirement to accessing governmental benefits, jobs or privileges, except for the right to vote. Finally, we oppose collection of citizenship data by law enforcement.

Housing – Ensure housing as a fundamental right for all, and supporting legislation to address the housing crisis by allowing middle housing to ensure communities are as diverse as possible. Ensure the availability of public transportation to support new housing development. Support efforts to provide low- and middle-income housing. Support efforts to enact rent stabilization and support for the Affordable Homes Act.

The Opioid Epidemic – Ensure an end to the epidemic by preventing pharmaceutical industries from profiting from addiction, encouraging low-cost treatment options, and providing new doctor-patient education and healthy alternatives to opioids to stop the epidemic.

Safety Net Programs – Ensure a pathway to stability for low-income families/individuals and persons with disabilities.

Economic Justice – Ensure the implementation of and support for progressive tax reform. Ensure support for working families and mandating a livable wage with benefits to support our most vulnerable citizens, especially those living at lower income levels.

Net Neutrality – Ensure that all Internet service providers (ISPs) treat the data that travels over their networks fairly, without improper discrimination in favor of particular apps, sites or services.

Data Privacy – Ensure the ability of each individual to determine for themselves when, how, and to what extent their personal information is shared with or communicated to others. In addition, ensure all efforts are made to eliminate bias, particularly racial bias, that has been evidenced in Artificial Intelligence (AI) software.