

August 25, 2007

Dear [Candidate]:

Citizens Advancing Equality would like to congratulate you on your decision to pursue elected office. Your interest in public service is commendable and we look forward to learning more about your efforts to add value to our community. Before explaining our candidate endorsement process, we would like to introduce ourselves and share with you some of our values and objectives.

Citizens Advancing Equality (CAE-PAC) is a political action committee devoted to fostering relationships with elected officials and educating them on issues concerning gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) people, and anyone who identifies themselves as a sexual minority. CAE-PAC further endeavors to enhance political awareness among GLBT voters by providing information and resources to help them decide which political candidates are genuinely concerned with their best interests. While CAE-PAC believes that equality is a core value among citizens in the GLBT community, we also recognize it as a value that can be shared and enjoyed by everyone throughout the greater Spokane community.

The enclosed questionnaire is one of the means by which CAE-PAC collects data to educate voters. We ask that you complete and return the questionnaire in the envelope provided; please ensure that it is post-marked by Monday, September 10, 2007.

Candidate interviews will be conducted between September 17th and 28th. The CAE-PAC evaluation committee will consider the responses from your questionnaire and the feedback provided during your interview in order to develop a proposed composite rating. Any public information available, such as a voting record if you have been an elected official previously, will also be considered by the committee when determining candidate ratings. Final ratings will be decided by the CAE-PAC board and will be made public by submission to local community-wide news outlets, distribution to our members and supporters, and publication to our website. The questions and answers on the questionnaire will also be posted verbatim on our website.

Upon receiving your completed questionnaire, we will contact you via telephone and/or e-mail to schedule your interview. If you would prefer to schedule your interview in advance, you are welcome to do so by calling us at (509) 293-4993. Please also feel free to visit our website, [www.citizensadvancingequality.org](http://www.citizensadvancingequality.org), for more information where you can also find an electronic copy of the enclosed questionnaire. We look forward to receiving your questionnaire and developing a positive relationship with you.

Sincerely,

Dean Lynch  
Board Chair