

2017 Candidate Questionnaire

SECTION I

BASIC CANDIDATE INFORMATION

1. Name as it will appear on the ballot

First Name	Middle Initial or Nickname	Last Name
Bea	Querido	Rico

2. Office sought (include office, jurisdiction, position/district number):

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes No

4. How long have you resided in this district/city? ~7 years

5. How long have you resided in King County? ~7 years

6. Is the office sought partisan or nonpartisan? Partisan Nonpartisan

7. If partisan, please indicate party:

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POLITICAL BACKGROUND

1. Beginning with the most recent position, please list public offices you have held. Include positions on appointive boards or commissions.

Public Office	Elective or Appointive?	Dates Held	Leadership Role (if any)
N/A - First time to run for office			

2. If you ran for public office but were not elected, please list those races below:

Office Title	Year of Run
N/A - First time to run for office	

SECTION II

In this section, we are seeking responses that reflect the four ratings criteria: involvement, effectiveness, character, and knowledge. These are defined as follows:

- **Involvement:** What has the candidate done previously in family, neighborhood, community, volunteer work, employment or public life to suggest readiness to accomplish challenging objectives? How do these activities demonstrate readiness for the challenges unique to the office sought?
Community service has always been a core value in Bea's life and began at a young age when she and her family collected clothes, books, and food to send to the poor communities in the Philippines and helped the homeless through her church. Bea remained actively involved in various community groups through her academic and educational careers. She interned for California State Senator Betty Karnette in high school and earned a competitive internship at the White House in the Office of Correspondence in undergrad. For her graduate degree through the Massachusetts Institute of Technology – Universidad de Zaragoza International Logistics Program in Spain, she worked with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to help identify a framework and a set of recommendations to improve the speed and cost of delivery critical relief items to refugees. Enclosed is a list of key service projects, nonprofit organizations, and awards that Bea has received to demonstrate her passion to serve (See Question #4). What she has learned over the years she has participated in various community groups is the importance of communication, empathy, collaboration, and relationships. While it is important to have the knowledge and skills to lead a community or cause, it's even more important to be able to inspire, empower, and motivate a community.
- **Effectiveness:** Has the candidate demonstrated promise of being productive in the office sought? Has the candidate shown the ability to work with other people?
Bea is the only candidate in the Port of Seattle race that has direct Port of Seattle operations experience, who understands the inner workings of the Port organization, and can instantly connect the impact of policy decisions, which helps to effectively serve the public. In her current position at the Port of Seattle, as a Strategic Planning Program Manager, she's responsible for working with the entire organization and at all staff levels to determine how to meet the strategic objectives articulated in the Port Century Agenda. Her ability to foster positive relationships and develop confidence among her colleagues is one of the traits that helped her to successfully fulfill the responsibilities of her job and exceed expectations of her team and leadership.
- **Character:** Do the candidate's personal traits show the ability to take on the responsibilities of campaigning for and holding the public office she or he is seeking? Is the candidate a leader, participant or observer? Is the candidate trustworthy, reliable and candid?
Working for a government agency such as The Port of Seattle means that Bea's character is tested everyday. She comes to work knowing that she is at an organization to serve the public. Bea is a candidate that believes in more government transparency and is eager to develop an Open Data policy to hold the Port accountable the commitments promised for the public. Bea is definitely a participant and is the type of person who will remain engaged and even roll up her sleeves in order to solve problems or advance important initiatives.
- **Knowledge:** Has the candidate demonstrated the willingness and ability to learn and adapt? Does the candidate understand the duties and challenges of the office sought? Does the candidate have a firm grasp of the issues important to his or her constituency and their potential effects?
Bea believes in education and the importance of always learning. She received a business degree and master of tourism degree at the George Washington University, and an engineering degree at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology-Universidad de Zaragoza International Logistics & Supply Chain Program. She also completed advanced studies at Stanford University in Advanced Project Management. She can also speak three languages: English, Tagalog, and Spanish. The balance of her business and engineering education, expertise in logistics and supply chain, diverse cultural perspective, as well as experience working at The Port of Seattle, make her a strong candidate. Since she works closely with senior leadership and staff at the Port, she fully understands the implications of decisions and how it can impact her constituency.

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1. In one page or less, why are you running for this office? (Note: the interview committee will be given a copy of this statement before your interview; at the beginning of your interview you will have the opportunity to expand on this statement in any way you wish.)

I am grateful for the opportunity to be a candidate for the Port of Seattle Commissioner. Running for office was not quite in my career road map but I've made this decision because I believe that it's important now more than ever to support our local government. We need to remember that the Port of Seattle is a transportation and economic development agency and we need people in the Port Commission who have a genuine interest in providing innovative transportation solutions to handle the growth challenges in the Puget Sound. It's time to put the politics aside and get more brainpower to boost progress for our maritime industry and the airport.

My approach to problem solving comes from my over 12-year career in aerospace and transportation. I am that person who will rollup the sleeves, put politics aside, and tackle the core of issues. I am eager to contribute a fresh perspective and energy to address the complex supply chain, logistics, and transportation challenges in our region. Specifically, I am interested in:

1. **Establishing a plan to get ahead of high-tech innovations that will impact transportation and trade in the Puget Sound, such as: space commercialization, high-speed rail (maglev), unmanned cargo aircraft, and modernization of terminal operations among other trending logistics and transportation systems;**
2. **Increasing the number of quality jobs and relevant training;**
3. **Establishing an Open Data policy such that King County constituents are empowered and inspired to launch more startups;**
4. **Protecting & promote agriculture, fishing, and maritime industries;**
5. **Preserving the natural surroundings and promote ecotourism to visitors**

I am dedicated to helping improve transportation, trade, and logistics to keep this region beautiful and thriving.

2. Describe your most important personal characteristics or traits as they relate to the office you seek.

The four key personal characteristics and traits that I am excited to contribute if elected as Port of Seattle Commissioner are:

- **Experience – I possess not only Port of Seattle direct operations experience but also +12-years of career in transportation and logistics. This is valuable for the Port Commission because I already understand immediately the near term issues to address, I know who the people are behind the scenes that will implement the policies, and I am focused on the objective of increasing the economic opportunities of this region.**
- **Diversity & Inclusion Perspective – I bring a voice to the Commission that will add a diverse perspective to advocate for marginalized and underrepresented communities. I believe that policies made for women and people of color can be more sensible and effective to support underserved communities.**
- **Innovation – People often come to my office that need help with brainstorming ideas for various issues. I believe in staying relevant and practicing continuous process improvement**
- **Education & Expertise – Logistics and supply chain engineering and strategy is my strongest qualities. The Port of Seattle**
- **Collaborative – Even though I am not officially a politician, effective leadership comes relies on interpersonal communication and empathizing with colleagues and stakeholders. In my experience at various community groups, I've learned the power of working together and the acceptance of trade-offs in order to achieve a common goal.**

3. Please describe, in sufficient detail, one to three accomplishments or contributions of which you are most proud. These examples should illustrate skills and capabilities you think apply to the office you are seeking. These accomplishments may have occurred at any time in your personal, professional, or public life.

Accomplishment #1: I developed a supplier advocacy framework and economic impact model for a significant Boeing Network & Space Systems Program. Early in my career and when I first started at the Boeing Company, I was given an important assignment to galvanize a supply base for a \$4B Boeing Space Program in order to convince Congress to continue funding the Program. Boeing at the time didn't have a framework I could benchmark for this project, so I had to develop and execute the initial framework of supplier advocacy, which later became a Boeing Best Practice. Additionally, as part of this project, I developed a model to understand the national economic impact of this \$4B Program and created an interactive touch map that Boeing leaders took to Congressional meetings. These efforts also helped me to earn the 2008 Boeing Business Development Leadership Award.

Accomplishment #2: I established the Office of Strategic Planning at the Port of Seattle. I was promoted at the Port of Seattle in 2015 to work on the Long Range Plan. At the time, the Office of Strategic Planning was just formed and there was no baseline to model our work. Over the course of the year, I developed an operating rhythm for the Office of Strategic Planning and a review cadence with management to monitor the implementation of our Long Range Plans. Having the infrastructure in place for the Office of Strategic Planning enabled the organization to effectively organize and focus resources to address the strategic objectives of the Century Agenda.

Accomplishment #3: I led the institutionalization of a nationwide nonprofit called the Filipino Young Leaders Program. FYLPRO is a non-profit organization 501(c)(3) of high-performing, next-generation leaders that have a passion for advancing the Philippines and the Filipino people. I stepped up to help institutionalize the organization, working closely with the Philippine Embassy in Washington, D.C., and the Consulates around the United States.

4. Please list or describe current and past activities in the community in which you have acquired skills that relate to the office you seek. Include your role in the activity and the year(s) in which you were involved. Involvement consists of many areas such as family, neighborhood, community, employment, or public life.

Description	Year(s)
Serving as a Board Member for the Filipino Young Leaders Program (FYLPRO)	2017 - Present
Serving as a member of the Society of Hispanic Engineers	2014 - Present
Serving as Liturgy Reader for St. James Cathedral in Seattle	2012 - Present
Serving as a member of the George Washington University and MIT Alumni groups in Seattle	2010 - Present
Serving as a member of the The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics for the Pacific Northwest Section (Committee member of the LEAF STEM Challenge of the Annual Symposium)	2007 - Present
Served as the inaugural President of FYLPRO	2014-2016
Winner of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology SCALE Research Expo for the Zaragoza Logistics Center	2014
Selected as one of the Top 10 Most Outstanding Young Filipinos by the Philippine Embassy in Washington, D.C. representing the Pacific Northwest	2013
Selected to be the Company Advisor for the Washington Business Week Poland Program	2013
Endorsed by Boeing Executive Leadership for the Executive Development Institute	2013
Selected as the Boeing Mentor for the Boeing International Interns from Turkey and the United Arab Emirates	2012-2013
Completed one year as an English as a Second Language Instructor for Languages, ETC	2010
Received leadership recognition letter from former Philippine Ambassador to US, Willy Gaa	2010
Appointed as Vice President for Filipino Young Professional Society of Washington, DC	2010 - 2011
Appointed as Director for Young Adults Ministry for St. Stephen Martyr Parish in Washington, DC	2008 - 2010
Served as the Deputy to the Boeing Executive Focal for the George Washington University	2008 - 2013
Received Boeing Business Development Leadership Award	2008
Elected by GWU Student Body as Executive Chair for Program Board	2006 - 2007
Won First Place for the National Student Advertising Competition for Northeast	2007
Completed White House Internship with Correspondence Office of the U.S. President	2006
Received "Service above Self" award from the Long Beach Rotary Club	2003
Received Leadership Scholarship award from the Kiwanis International	2003
Received Leadership award from the Toyota Grand Prix Foundation of Long Beach	2003
Completed California State Senate Internship for former State Senator Betty Karnette	2000-2002

5. Please describe the duties of the office you seek. Which are the most important duties and why?

The Port of Seattle Commissioners are responsible for the Mission and Commitment outlined in the Century Agenda below:

“Our Mission: The Port of Seattle is a public agency that creates jobs by advancing trade and commerce, promoting industrial growth, and stimulating economic development.

Our Commitment: The Port of Seattle creates economic opportunity for all, stewards our environment responsibly, partners with surrounding communities, promotes social responsibility, conducts ourselves transparently, and holds ourselves accountable. We will leave succeeding generations a stronger Port.”

The most important duties of the Port Commissioner are primarily to govern a body through effective policies that will:

- **Invest in the infrastructure of freight mobility and innovative transportation systems**
- **Set a course for the region’s ports and boost maritime trade, manufacturing and tourism**
- **Increase participation of and support for women and minority owned businesses to bid for Port contracts**
- **Aim to be the greenest, most energy efficient port in North America**
- **Foster a strong culture that embraces diversity & inclusion**

These are the key duties of a Port Commissioner because I believe in the triple bottom line.