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Legislative Affairs Panel  
Discussion

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# PANELIST INTRODUCTIONS

- Moderator: Omar Santana-Gomez, Legislative Director, Office of Equity
- Panelist: Amy Martinez, Chief Executive Officer, South Central Workforce
- Panelist: Senator Curtis King, Legislative District 14
- Panelist: Senator Rebecca Saldana, Legislative District 37



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# UNDERSTANDING THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

Can you walk us through the key steps of the legislative process in Washington State, for example how ideas for bills come up... through final passage?



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# UNDERSTANDING THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS – PART 1

What are the most challenging aspects of navigating the legislative process as a legislator? During session, outside of session?



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# UNDERSTANDING THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS – PART 2

How do you prioritize which bills to support or potentially oppose when there are so many competing interests?



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# ROLE OF COMMUNITY INPUT – PART 1

How do you incorporate community feedback into your legislative decision-making? Are there specific methods you rely on?



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# ROLE OF COMMUNITY INPUT - PART 2

Can you share an example of a piece of legislation that was directly influenced by community input, and what that process looked like?



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# ROLE OF COMMUNITY INPUT - PART 3

How do you ensure that the voices of underrepresented communities are heard in the legislative process?



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# ENGAGING CONSTITUENTS/ COMMUNITY MEMBERS - PART 1

What methods do you find most effective for engaging with communities during a legislative session or during the interim? Is there a way to measure effectiveness?



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# ENGAGING CONSTITUENTS/ COMMUNITY MEMBERS – PART 2

How can community members effectively communicate their needs and concerns to you, especially if they are unfamiliar with the legislative process?



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# ENGAGING CONSTITUENTS/COMMUNITY MEMBERS – PART 3

Are there particular platforms or tools that you recommend for community members to stay informed and engaged?



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THANK YOU

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