

Mark A. James (R)
District 44: House Position 2

Office seeking?	WA Legislative District 44 - House Position 2
Campaign website, include campaign office contact information, e.g., phone number, address, et al	https://electmarkjames.com/ Friends of Mark James PO Box 181 Marysville, WA 98270 mark@electmarkjames.com (360) 547-7424
Social media accounts, if any, include handle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.facebook.com/ElectMarkJames/ • https://www.linkedin.com/in/electmarkjames
Links to any news articles from 2019 to date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.heraldnet.com/opinion/44th-ld-house-mark-james-undertands-our-challenges/ • Coverage from 44th LD Primary Candidate Forum: http://www.snoho.com/html/stories_2020/07292020_44th_ld_candidate_forum_berg_anderson_james.html <p>During a time where civil unrest is rampant candidates were asked: “Many times we’ve witnessed some reactions of some police officers which resulted in the deaths of Black people in which has been then met with significant civil unrest. What measures do you support that address the issues of injustice and inequality behind this tragically repetitive occurrence?”</p> <p>James admitted to being “taken back” by this question and said he felt the question was unfair and irresponsible. He explained his sons were police officers and expressed his worry that the overreaction of the press will cost even more lives.</p> <p><i>“Police officers get killed in the line of duty nearly every day and that is a tragedy. Some have suggested the solution is to defund, cut funding, reallocate funding, but that will accomplish nothing good,” James said. “80% of the police funding goes into salaries. If we cut funding, we will lose many officers. If we lose officers, response times will go up, citizens will be underserved and unsafe. The primary responsibility of government is the safety of its people, all of its people.”</i></p>
Information re: upcoming events candidate is hosting	
Candidate priority issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fight efforts to raise taxes and cut spending
Candidate views on policing. To learn more, check out this ACLU link Policing	

<p>Candidate views on criminal justice reform. To learn more, check out this ACLU link Criminal Justice Reform</p>	
<p>Other candidate details, to include: tenure in office, committees they've sat on or chaired, voting record on issues related to policing and/or criminal justice reform (i.e., gun control, etc.), other political offices they've held</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Currently City of Marysville Councilmember <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Priorities: Fiscal stability and responsibility, Public safety (fire and police), Economic development, Quality parks, recreation and community ● City of Marysville Council: Finance Committee, Government Affairs Committee, The Mayors Growth Management Taskforce, Community Development Block Grant Committee, and the Snohomish County Law and Justice Council. ● Represents the city (Marysville) on Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation Policy Board
<p>Miscellaneous info</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mark and his wife are both proud U.S. Army Veterans, along with their three sons: one SnoCo Sheriff's Deputy, one WA State Park Ranger, and one Whatcom County Sheriff's Deputy. ● Endorsement by Snohomish County Sheriff Adam Fortney, Family Policy Institute of Washington Action, Human Life of Washington, National Rifle Association ● NRA rating: 92% ● Volunteer work: Marysville Sunrise Rotary, Marysville Tulalip Chamber of Commerce, Salvation Army, and Marysville Community Food Bank