



# King County Democrats 2005 General Candidate Questionnaire

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Present Occupation Incumbent? How Long?	Executive Secretary of the BCTC; Not incumbent; Five years @ BCTC	<b>COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION</b> <i>(Leave Blank - For Committee Use Only)</i>
Employer	Seattle/King County Building and Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO	
Union Affiliations	Teamsters Local No. 174	

WHAT RATINGS AND ENDORSEMENTS HAVE YOU RECEIVED?			
Legislative District(s)/Unions	Municipal League	Women's Political Caucus	SeaMEC
See web site for complete listing			

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.					
#	Question	Yes	No	Qualified*	
1.	Are you a Democrat? Are you known as a Democrat? If not, explain.	X			
2.	Do you support the King County Democratic Platform?	X			
3.	Do you support the right of workers (excluding military) to bargain and strike?	X			
4.	Do you support affirmative action?	X			
5.	Do you support a woman's right to choose? (Are you pro-choice?)	X			
6.	Do you support public funding for abortions for poor women?	X			
7.	Do you support school vouchers?		X		
8.	Do you support charter schools?		X		
9.	Do you support equal rights for women?	X			
10.	Do you support the Patriot Act?		X		
11.	Do you support the restoration of voting rights to persons convicted of a felony who have served their sentence?	X			
12.	How long have you been registered to vote? Have you missed any elections in the last three years?		X	20 years	
<b>If you answer "yes" to any of the following questions please explain on a separate sheet of paper.</b>		<b>Yes</b>		<b>No</b>	
14.	Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgments?			X	
15.	Have you ever been found in violation of a Public Disclosure Commission, Federal Election Commission or Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission regulation?			X	
16.	Have you ever been convicted of a felony?			X	

\* - If you wish to qualify your answer, please provide an explanation on a separate sheet of paper.



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**PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS  
(YOU MAY USE A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER FOR ANSWERS)**

**1. Are you a member of another political party? If so, which ones? Have you ever supported or given money to a candidate from another party in a partisan race? If so, whom? No.**

**2. Are you a member of your local Democratic District Party? Have you contributed financially to the County Democratic Party? Have you been a Precinct Committee Officer? When/Where?**

**I support the Democratic Party through my active involvement with organized labor and our collective efforts to financially support and elect democratic candidates. I have contributed to numerous Democratic candidates in local elections and state wide elections. I serve on the Executive Board of the King County Labor Council, AFL-CIO and serve as the chair of the Political Action Committee.**

**3. What are the main messages of your campaign? What is your campaign plan? How many doors have you knocked on to date, pieces of mail planned, budgeting, staffing? Why will you win? What is the fundraising goal for your campaign? How much have you raised to date?**

**Port security, creating family wage jobs, protecting our quality of life as an environmental steward. The campaign plan is centered around targeted mailing and doorbelling to selected precincts. We are doing our doorbelling blitz in August and September to get maximum reach to voters. I have budgeted for staffing (Moxie Media, Barbara Chadwick), but the bulk of the budget is for direct contact with voters.**

**I will win with the support of the Democratic Party, the labor community and the environmental community. The King County Labor Council has targeted my candidacy for their Labor-Neighbor program, which will yield enormous support from around King County. I have been endorsed by the Port of Seattle Firefighters and dozens of major unions in King County who will donate directly, volunteer, and inform their members about my candidacy.**

**My fund raising goal depends on the competition. The initial goal is \$75,000.00 and as of 7-1-05 I have raised \$56,165.**

**4. What is the single most pressing issue facing your jurisdiction, and what actions would you take if elected?**

**Port of Seattle security and the accountability of the Port to our citizens. When I get on the Port Commission, I will ask for the complete plan that the Sea-Port and Sea-Tac Airport divisions have for dealing with natural disasters/terrorist incidents. I will push for accountability of container traffic coming in and out of our seaport.**

**In addition, I would ask that a regular number of Port Commission meeting be conducted in other locations than the airport and Pier 69. The citizens of King County should be given an opportunity to see how decisions are made by the Commission and given greater access to commission meetings.**

**5. Non Partisan Races A. If you do not win the primary, is there any reason you could not support your primary opponent(s) in the general election? No.**

**Partisan Races B. If you do not receive the nomination, is there any reason you could not support your Democratic opponent in the general election? Please explain.**

**6. Do you believe the current structure of taxes and/or fees that generate funds in your area are fair? If not, how would you change it?**

**I am concerned about how the Port of Seattle generates income through our property taxes and how and if we are subsidizing the shipping industry. I would support a comprehensive review of the fee structure that the Port charges to its tenants. We should not as taxpayers be subsidizing corporations that do business with the Port of Seattle.**



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7. What is the Davis-Bacon Act? Do you support it?

Sets standards of wages and benefits in a local area. Yes.

8. Do you support King County Initiative I-22? Explain your position.

**No. I will cost local jurisdiction and compromise the Growth Management Act**

9. The caucus system helps Democratic Party members in a legislative body work together and stick together. Do you support determining leadership positions and committee chair positions *solely within* the ranks of the Democratic Caucus?

Yes

10. What role should government play in the healthcare system?

The government should guarantee a basic health care system for all citizens.

11. What is your position on civil rights for Gay, Lesbian, bisexual and trans gendered people? What is your position on equal rights for same-sex couples when it comes to benefits, civil unions, marriage and parental rights?

I support civil rights for all groups of people including the above mentioned. I believe in equal rights for same-sex couples that include equal benefits, civil unions and parental rights. Marriage enters into the realm of a religious choice and that is best left to individual religions or to the choice of individuals and not government.

12. What creative solutions can you offer to address the problems of the economically disadvantaged?

Provide adequate educational opportunities for all people at all levels, regardless of income.

13. If you are a candidate in a contested primary race, what record of performance, ability, experience, personal qualities, and positions on issues distinguish you from your opponent(s)?

I believe that my knowledge of the Port of Seattle through my representation of Port of Seattle employees and my administration of the Project Labor Agreements executed between the Seattle/King County Building and Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO and the Port of Seattle makes me the best candidate. In addition, I have been in positions of leadership within organized labor, the Director of Northwest Fair Contracting Association and my belief in good government as a long time member and former Trustee of the Seattle/King County Municipal League makes me a knowledgeable candidate that can best serve the citizens of King County.

14. What would you like us to know about you?

I am driven to win this seat because of my sincere interest in the issues that face the Port. Security at our Port is in dire need of improvements, and my background as a police officer helps me bring that experience to the Port Commission. My leadership and broad background in unions will not only help me bring my dedication to providing union jobs at the Port, but it also earns me the support of the King County Labor Council, which has targeted my candidacy for their intensive Labor-Neighbor program.

Please see my endorsement list below—I am most proud that it demonstrates that I am not only the Labor candidate, I am truly the Democratic candidate in this race, and I have the Democratic, Labor AND environmental community support that it will take to get my message to the voters.



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**My seat on the Port is the swing vote—with Lawrence Molloy and Alec Fiskien, they are the two-voice minority in a five-person commission. My voice, my vote, will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> vote we need to have a union-friendly, environmentally responsible commission.**

**Finally, my family is of great importance to me. I have been married to my wife Jill Coates for 32 years and have four children.**

**In the interests of strengthening the Democratic Party and the ability of the Party to support me or any other candidate, I pledge to uphold high ethical standards. I am responsible for the content of literature, advertising, and statements disseminated by my campaign. If my campaign releases information regarding my opponent(s), I pledge that any such release will allow reasonable time for verification by the voters.**

<b>Signature</b>		<b>Date</b>	
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**Please attach a recent resume.**

## ENDORSEMENT LIST (7/29)

**Peter Coates is Supported by:**

<p><b>Organizations &amp; Unions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Aerospace Machinists Lodge 751</li> <li>•Asbestos Workers Local 7</li> <li>•Boilermakers Local 502</li> <li>•Bricklayers &amp; Allied Craftworkers Local 1</li> <li>•Carpenters Local 1797</li> <li>•Elevator Constructors Local 19</li> <li>•Fire Fighters Local 1257</li> <li>•General Teamsters Local Union # 174</li> <li>•International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 46</li> <li>•International Longshore &amp; Warehouse Union, Local 9</li> <li>•Iron Workers Dist Council of the Pacific NW</li> <li>•Iron Workers Local 86</li> <li>•UPAT, District Council # 5</li> <li>•Laborers &amp; Hodcarriers Local 242</li> <li>•Laborers District Council</li> <li>•Laborers Local 440</li> <li>•Laborers-Shipyard Local 252</li> <li>•Pacific NW Regional Council of Carpenters</li> <li>•Pierce County Building &amp; Construction •Trades Council</li> <li>•Plumbers &amp; Pipefitters Local 32</li> <li>•Progressive Majority</li> <li>•Roofers Local 54</li> <li>•Sheet Metal Workers Local 66</li> <li>•Sprinkler Fitters Local 699</li> <li>•Teamsters 763</li> <li>•Teamsters Local 117</li> <li>•UFCW Local 1001</li> <li>•United Brotherhood of Carpenters &amp; Joiners, Local 131</li> <li>•UNITEHERE Local 8</li> <li>•WA State Bldg &amp; Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO</li> <li>•Washington Teamsters Legislative League</li> </ul>	<p><b>Steering Committee</b></p> <p>Marcus Courtney Adair Dammann Karen Deal John Hamilton John Littel Dan McGrady Tony Peacock</p> <p><b>Elected Officials</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Ron Sims, King County Executive</li> <li>•Adam Smith, US Congressman</li> <li>•Greg Nickels, Seattle Mayor</li> <li>•Lawrence T. Molloy, Seattle Port Commissioner</li> <li>•Dow Constantine, King County Council Member</li> <li>•Julia Patterson, King County Council Member</li> <li>•Tom Rasmussen, Seattle City Council Member</li> <li>•Al O'Brien, State Representative Legislative District 1</li> <li>•Zack Hudgins, State Representative Legislative District 11</li> <li>•Maralyn Chase, State Representative Legislative District 32</li> <li>•Karen Keiser, State Senator Legislative District 33</li> <li>•Adam Kline, State Senator Legislative District 37</li> <li>•Mike Sells, State Representative Legislative District 38</li> <li>•Brian Weinstein, State Senator Legislative District 41</li> <li>•Fred Jarrett, State Representative Legislative District 41</li> <li>•Ed Murray, State Representative •Legislative District 43</li> </ul>
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## Friends and Neighbors

- Dean Allen
- Rick Anderson, Plasterers Local 77
- Marc Auerbach
- Charles & Nancy Bagley
- Ellie Belew
- Jack S. Block, Jr, International Longshore & Warehouse Union, Local 19
- Beatrice & William Booth
- John David, Sheet Metal Workers Local 66
- Dallas Delay
- John Donaghy, SEIU 1199 NW
- Donald T. Eagan, Laborers Local 242
- Richard & Cecile Ervin
- Rich Feldman, Worker Center
- Fred Felleman
- Tracy E. Ferguson
- Nathan S. Ford, Jr.
- Phillip Fujii
- Martha G. Fuller
- Jack Gilchrist, WA State Bldg & Construction Trades Council
- Cathy & Larry Harger
- Kenneth Hasling, IBEW Local 46
- David Hellene
- Benny Hernandez, Sheet Metal Workers National Pension Fund
- Gerald & Mary Holder-Marsh
- Tony Hutter, International Longshore & Warehouse Union, Local 9
- Ernest L. Jahncke
- Chris Jensen
- Albert R. Johnson
- Morann M. Johnson
- Bill Jones, Fire Fighters Local 1257
- Ron Judd, Regional Director, AFL-CIO
- Mike Kirsch, Teamsters 174
- Adam Kline, LIUNA NW Region
- Daniel Kully
- Patrick Kylan
- Paul R. Loeb
- Mark Maher
- Mark M. McDermott
- Paul E. McNeil
- Kenneth F. Milici
- James D. Oswald
- David Ottesen, IUPAT

- Will Parry
- Tim Pearson, PACIFIC NW REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS
- Steve Pendergrass, Iron Workers Local 86
- Thomas G. Peterson
- Katrina C. Pflaumer
- Ed Prince
- Randy Robbins, Boilermakers Local 502
- Michael Settles, Carpenters Local 1797
- Bruce Smart, BAC Local 1
- Cleve Stockmeyer
- Scott A. Sullivan, Teamsters Local 28
- John R. Swanson
- Joe Tessier, Teamsters Local 117
- Terry Tilton, WA State Bldg & Construction Trades Council
- Christie J. True
- Emily S. Van Bronkhorst, SEIU 1199NW
- Mike Wentz, Cement Masons Local 528
- Martha & Larry Wheeler
- Steve Williamson, King County Labor Council
- Michael D. Woo
- Nancy & Michael Young, Puget Sound Labor Agency