



King County Democrats 2005 General Candidate Questionnaire

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Present Occupation Incumbent? How Long?	Councilmember - 12 years	COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (Leave Blank - For Committee Use Only)
Employer	KC	
Union Affiliations	_____	

WHAT RATINGS AND ENDORSEMENTS HAVE YOU RECEIVED?			
Legislative District(s)/Unions	Municipal League	Women's Political Caucus	SeaMEC

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.					
#	Question	Yes	No	Qualified*	
1.	Are you a Democrat? Are you known as a Democrat? If not, explain.	✓			
2.	Do you support the King County Democratic Platform?	✓			
3.	Do you support the right of workers (excluding military) to bargain and strike?	✓			
4.	Do you support affirmative action?	✓			
5.	Do you support a woman's right to choose? (Are you pro-choice?)	✓			
6.	Do you support public funding for abortions for poor women?	✓			
7.	Do you support school vouchers?		✓		
8.	Do you support charter schools?		✓		
9.	Do you support equal rights for women?	✓			
10.	Do you support the Patriot Act?		✓		
11.	Do you support the restoration of voting rights to persons convicted of a felony who have served their sentence?	✓			
12.	How long have you been registered to vote? Have you missed any elections in the last three years? 42 yrs.	✓			
If you answer "yes" to any of the following questions please explain on a separate sheet of paper.		Yes	No		
14.	Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgments?				✓
15.	Have you ever been found in violation of a Public Disclosure Commission, Federal Election Commission or Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission regulation?				✓
16.	Have you ever been convicted of a felony?				✓

* - 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?

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?

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?

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

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?

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?

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

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

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?

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

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?

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

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)?

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

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.

Signature

Date

Please attach a recent resume.

1. No, I am not a member of another political party. No, I have never given money to a Republican or any other party.
2. Yes, I am a member of the 37th, 43rd and 11th legislative district Democrats.
3. The main message of my campaign is that I am someone you can trust. I am someone who will stand up for workers, minorities and the poor. When the going gets tough, you can count on me to help solve the problem.

I have a plan to mail out 10,000 political brochures. My plan calls for walking 48 precincts, mostly in the new part of my district. My plan is to hire a part time campaign coordinator. My plan is to raise \$75,000 and spend \$60,000.

I will win the election because I have twelve years of experience and a widely representative campaign committee.

I have raised \$35,000 to date.

4. The single most critical issue facing my district is poverty. Nearly 30% of the inner-city residents in my district live below the poverty level. We need to create avenues through which jobs and affordable housing can be made available to the urban poor of King County.
5. If I do not get the nomination, I will support the Democratic Party winner in the general election and look for some other way to "serve the people."
6. No, our tax system in Washington State is very regressive. We need to create a much more progressive tax structure including the creation of a progressive state income tax.
7. The Davis-Bacon Act is the act that requires that workers on public work projects get paid prevailing wages on government sponsored projects. Yes, I support the Davis Bacon Act.
8. No, I do not support Initiative 22. I believe having partisan races gives us the opportunity to maximize our democratic system.
9. Yes, I support the main (not all) leadership and committee assignments going to Democrats on the County Council. After Democrats get the main positions, then Republicans get the rest.
10. Government should ensure that all people have access to healthcare. It should be the funder of last resort.

11. I support basic civil and human rights being guaranteed for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people including benefits, civil unions, marriage and parental rights.
12. I have set up a series of programs to help the truly disadvantaged here in King County over the past 12 years including Youthbuild, King County Jobs Initiative and Community Corrections Assistance Programs.
13. No Democrat is running against me this year.
14. I am married with three children and one granddaughter.