



King County Democrats 2005 General Candidate Questionnaire

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Present Occupation Incumbent? How Long?	Substitute Teacher-4yrs	COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (Leave Blank - For Committee Use Only)
Employer	Federal Way Public Schools	
Union Affiliations	none	

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? <i>since 1975</i>		✓	
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?

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?

Yes

1976-19805 41st District

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?

My message is a fresh perspective on education issues and doing all that we can to fund education.

4. What is the single most pressing issue facing your jurisdiction, and what actions would you take if elected? To ensure the school board funds libraries in all schools and stops endorsing charter schools when there isn't enough money for public schools.

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.

No

My race is a non-partisan race.

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?

Yes

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

Not applicable to school board campaign. I do not know what this is.

8. Do you support King County Initiative 1-22? Explain your position.

Not applicable to school board campaign.

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?

We need a national health care plan, similar to what Europe has.

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?

This is a basic human rights issue. I support benefits for domestic partners.

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

The government needs to invest in housing, training + medical care for them.

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)?

Perseverance, listening skills, public policy perspective, etc.

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

I am committed to good government + decisions to improve services.

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

Helen A. Stanwell

Date

July 7, 2005

Please attach a recent resume.