



King County Democrats 2007 General Candidate Questionnaire

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Present Occupation Incumbent? How Long?	Attorney; not an incumbent	COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION <i>(Leave Blank - For Committee Use Only)</i>
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Union Affiliations	Former Teamster, Local 117 in Good Standing	

WHAT RATINGS AND ENDORSEMENTS HAVE YOU RECEIVED?

Legislative District(s)/Unions	Municipal League	Women's Political Caucus	SeaMEC
Please note I will participate in all; scheduling just now occurring.	Same as first answer	Same as first answer	Same

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 freedom of choice in contraception, abortion and sterilization?	X		
6.	Do you support public funding for abortions for poor women?	X		
7.	Do you support school vouchers? Do you support charter schools?		X	
8.	Do you support the Davis-Bacon Act?	X		
9.	Do you support equal rights for women?	X		
10.	Do you support the Patriot Act?		X	See attached
11.	Do you support the restoration of voting rights to persons convicted of a felony who have served their sentence?	X		See attached
12.	How long have you been registered to vote? Have you missed any elections in the last three years?		X	See attached
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?		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) SEE ATTACHED.**

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 any Democratic Organization? 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 are the single most pressing issues facing your jurisdiction? What actions would you take if elected?

5. 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)? 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. How would you balance continued growth, the quality of the environment and declining petroleum and energy resources? What is the role of the Critical Area Ordinance (CAO)?

8. 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?

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

10. 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?

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

12. 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
Original signed by
Bruce Harrell**

Bruce Harrell

Date

5-15-2007

Please attach a recent resume. Attached.



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First Page Questions 1 through 16 requiring Qualified Explanations (*)

10. **Patriot Act support?** Answer: **Qualified “No.”** Although the Patriot Act was President Bush’s quick response to the September 11, 2001 attacks, it seems to be significantly overreaching and potentially threatening to our individual liberties that should be protected. For example, there seems to be overreaching governmental authority providing the government access to our medical records, tax records, books checked out from libraries without probable cause. For these reasons, I take exception to the Patriot Act. I do however support the need for legislation designed to secure our country from terrorists and threats to our national security.

11. **Restoration of voting rights to those convicted of felonies?** Answer: **Qualified “Yes.”** I want to make sure we accurately track and verify those people who have paid their debt to society. As you may know, RCW 9.96A already restores employment rights to those convicted of felonies. Our legislature wisely restored significant employment rights to those who were convicted of crimes and served their sentence. Assuming legislation would not be overreaching, I would support efforts to restore voting rights to responsible citizens who have been rehabilitated and capable of making voting decisions.

12. **Voting record for last 3 years.** I have been a registered Democratic voter for nearly 30 years and vote consistently and I think in every election. However, I am not an absentee voter and although I believe I have voted in the last three elections without missing any elections, if I missed any, it was a result of my travel schedule and my inability to get back to Seattle in time. I do not recall missing any elections.

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Second page Questions 1 through 12.

1. **No. I have never been a member of another political party.**
Yes. In 2006 I donated \$100 do Norm Maleng.
2. **I am a member of the 37th Legislative District. I have contributed financially to various Democratic Organizations and Democratic candidates. I am not a Precinct Committee Officer but my father was for the 37th.**
3. **What is the main message of your campaign? The main message of my campaign is to build hope, vision and teamwork on the City Council. I believe in what can be possible in the City of Seattle during these defining times. I want to be part of the planning for the future of families, individuals and a stable economy. I will build a vision within the city council to focus on resolving the high impact, big-ticket items. I view these as transportation, education, economic development/jobs, public safety, affordable housing and living green.**



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What is your campaign plan?

Because of the early primary, my campaign plan focuses on early voter contact. I will use direct mail, personal contacts, organizational endorsements, personal endorsements and voter-to-voter outreach to get my message to Seattle Voters.

Along with volunteers, I will soon begin the doorbell component of my campaign. Mail pieces will be dependent upon money raised. Currently I have an all-volunteer team to help me get elected.

Fundraising goal: **\$250,000- 300,000**

Money raised to date: **(5-14-07) more than \$78,000. I am significantly leading all candidates for Position No. 3.**

Budget: **While we have developed a comprehensive budget plan for our campaign, it contains competitive strategic information regarding our investment strategies. We have kept our overhead to a minimum in order to have adequate dollars for implementing our campaign plan. Generally speaking our budget of \$250,000 includes allocations for mail marketing, Internet marketing, polling, campaign consultants, marketing materials, TV/radio and general overhead expenses. To date we are under budget.**

Why will I win: **I will win because I am the best qualified for the Position and have a 30-year history of helping people in Seattle. There are people in Seattle who talk about how I tutored children in Seattle 35 years ago. I am working incredibly hard to assure my election to the Seattle City Council. I will carry that same work ethic into public office. I am passionate about public service and my lifelong goal has been to be part of the process to work for the citizens of Seattle. I believe Seattle voters are thoughtful and want progressive leadership not afraid to stand up for what is right for our city. Seattle voters are seeing that I bring intelligence, critical thinking and a fresh new vision to the table. Seattle will see that my professional and academic career is much stronger than all challengers. Seattle already knows that I still maintain the values of the average worker and voter in Seattle and that I will never lose sight of that foundation.**

4. What are the single most pressing issues facing your jurisdiction? What actions would you take if elected?

As I stated earlier in the questionnaire, # 3, the 5 most pressing issues in my jurisdiction are transportation, economic development/jobs, education, public safety and affordable housing/living green. I see these five critical areas as those currently impacting the families and individuals in Seattle. My action would be to show Leadership by establishing a common vision on the council. This is key. In my first 100 days I will convene a citizen's summit to solicit ideas and support for the 5 areas of my platform. It is time to imagine and see a new century for



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Seattle – a plan that is conceived by the citizens and has citizen engagement throughout the process.

Collaboration: Collaboration and Teamwork is something I have done all my life. I have a proven track record of success in this regard. I will bring that skill, thoughtfulness and direction to the Council. Specifically I will use this to lead the effort to work with the WA State Dept of Transportation, King County Metro and

other vested transit organizations to develop a solution to the viaduct problem that works best for Seattle commuters, neighborhoods and waterfront business. The impacts of construction to employees, maritime businesses and all people and business negatively affected by construction will be heard. I will demand that transportation impacts be honestly measured such that opponents team with each other to find the voters a viable solution. My experience in budgeting and saving money will be critical in finding a solution. Then, once a decision is made, let's get it done! We all know that time is money.

Basic Services: While I have a vision for Seattle, I know the seriousness and necessity to making certain we have an infrastructure that supports the cities residents, both business and individuals/families. My mother and father worked for the City of Seattle. I will make certain citizens can rely on the city to get the basics right. Potholes must be filled, abandoned cars and graffiti removed, parks and libraries staffed and open and available, emergency services operational at the time of an event.

- 5. I am running in a non-partisan race. My record of community service, helping families in Seattle, volunteering in the Seattle community, and helping small businesses survive, are stronger than all of my opponents. I will always support a Democrat who will put the best interests of the city's families and workers first. I will support someone who shares my values of giving everyone an opportunity and who will fight for jobs, diversity, affordable housing, a sound public education system, and one who knows how to work collaboratively with others.**
- 6. It is not fair to tax small businesses in amounts that discourages them from staying in Seattle and employing local residents. It is unwise and possibly unfair to rely on levies to fund essential citywide services and not have such services be part of the city's operating budget.**
- 7. The city should continue to increase density in neighborhoods that can sustain it, such as downtown, South Lake Union and along new light rail transportation corridors such as MLK Way. We should strive to take pressure off suburban and agricultural areas, as well as the roads necessary to connect them. We must reduce greenhouse gases and reduce the demand for energy and upward pressure on prices. I believe the CAO was a positive and courageous step in the right direction by King County Executive Ron Sims. Seattle must work together through education and cultural change to live green and collectively own our environmental challenges.**



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8. YES

9. The City Council has a limited role in the state's healthcare system but should continue to support it through a great 9-1-1 system. I will continue to fund improvements in this regard. I will also be an advocate for basic healthcare for those most in need and unable to provide their own support. The City can demonstrate its commitment to healthcare by providing optimum coverage to its own employees and supporting other efforts to make healthcare affordable and accessible to all who need it.

10. I support equal rights for the LGBT community. If the LGBT community are required to pay taxes and expected to follow the same laws as everyone else, they should be entitled to the same protections and have the same rights. I am the only candidate who has actually filed public lawsuits to support people under the discrimination laws when their voices were not heard.

11. I want to first find out why they are economically disadvantaged. The first solution will be to help them change their self image through programs such as the Center for Career Alternatives. This will help them learn skills and form a self image and work ethic that may help them get a job. Building their self-esteem will also be critical toward their success. I would like to partner with the County and State in developing a free self esteem program intended to reach those who are economically disadvantaged. Instead of funding \$600,000 for automated toilets, I would fund educational, training and self esteem programs to inform the economically disadvantaged about available services by all available institutions. We need to make it easy to explain available housing, drug and alcohol treatment, apprenticeship programs, and all services to the homeless or those in recovery. Knowing where to go for help is very confusing and while we build their self-esteem, the City can give them a roadmap to gain access to all programs that allow them to be a productive part of our society.

12. At the age of 19, the Seattle Times interviewed me on several occasions because of my academic and athletic achievements. I stated then (1970s) my commitment to help Seattle through local politics. As a result, I chose to live a life consistent with my mission and love for Seattle. I began serving by tutoring kids and coaching youths all over Seattle. I then went on to serve on numerous non-profit Boards and became a Social Venture Partner. I worked in neighborhoods. I became a labor attorney in order to help individuals and small businesses survive and prosper. In short, I became an expert in resolving conflict and helping people of all races, educational backgrounds and lifestyles. My motives have been pure for nearly 30 years in wanting to represent the citizens of Seattle. When elected I will continue the work hard and advocate for the best outcomes for citizens of Seattle, as a member of the Seattle City Council.



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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

PROFESSIONAL

Managing Partner, HARRELL, CONNELL, CORDOVA, HUNTER & PAULEY P.L.L.C., a law firm which focuses on helping individuals, small businesses and organizations. We have experts in employment law, civil litigation, small business development and tax. We currently represent union workers, small businesses and many non-profit organizations. We have initiated class action employment matters on behalf of employees concerned about their working conditions, resulting in amicable settlements between labor and management where management agreed to implement systems and processes to establish fairness in pay, promotions and benefits. Bruce Harrell is currently chosen by community leaders to serve as the general counsel to a \$50 million Community Development Fund established by Sound Transit and the City of Seattle to assist the neighborhoods and small businesses deal with the impacts of light rail construction.

KUTAK ROCK, Nebraska. I served as Special Counsel to a national law firm which specializes in municipal finance and bond work. I negotiated commercial transactions and worked on tax credit low income housing projects.

U S WEST

- In 1988 hired as Counsel to the Contract and Development group in Seattle to negotiate strategic contracts within the 1-6 million dollar range.
- In 1991, represented U S WEST in its first deployment of the self-healing SONET technology by establishing a service trial with Washington State.
- In 1992 promoted to Chief Counsel, serving as lead counsel to U S WEST 's 14 state Public Services Group.
- In 1994, served as Senior Attorney to U S WEST Cellular and in this capacity, worked with U S WEST's merger with AIRTOUCH Communications Served as lead negotiator for PCS PRIMECO LTD., a partnership formed by NYNEX, BELL ATLANTIC, AIRTOUCH and U S WEST Inc.

EDUCATION

- 1994, Master of Arts, Organizational Design and Improvement, Seattle City Univ. (Dean's List).
- 1992, Leadership Institute of Seattle (Applied Behavioral Science).
- 1984, Juris Doctorate, University of Washington, School of Law.
- 1981, Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, University of Washington (4-year athletic scholarship, 1980 Academic All-American).

PERSONAL

Married to Joanne Harrell. They have three children, Jason, Adam and Joyce. Hobbies include fishing, boating, water skiing, snow skiing, and coaching youth football and baseball. Active in church and non-profit community volunteer work.