



King County Democrats 2007 General Candidate Questionnaire

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Present Occupation Incumbent? How Long?	Longshoreman-28 years Burien City Councilmember-31/2 years	COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION <i>(Leave Blank - For Committee Use Only)</i>
Employer	Pacific Maritime Association Citizens of Burien	
Union Affiliations	ILWU #19, Past member IBT#741	

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.	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	
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?			
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)**

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 and No

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?

Yes I am a contributing member of the 34th, and have been a PCO in 34-0295 from 03 to 06

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?

Accountability, leadership, vision. In a countywide campaign it is not feasible to do very much doorbelling. I plan on at least one mailing prior to the primary to perfect voters and at least two mailings prior to the general. My fundraising goal is \$200,000 and I have raised \$20,000 to date. I will win because I am the most experienced candidate with the best message.

4. What are the single most pressing issues facing your jurisdiction? What actions would you take if elected? Accountability to the taxpayers of King County.

Open up all Port proceedings to the public, assert commission control over setting policy and explore legislative action to expand the commission to 9 members elected by district to reflect that the commission is a county wide agency and should have county wide representation.

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.

I am in a contested primary, but I consider my main opposition the incumbent, who has served eight years and has little positive to show for his tenure.

During my 31/2 years on the city council I have helped firmly establish the role of the elected leaders of the city to set policy, not staff. Helped oversee a budget that was 7.6% in the black. Expanded opportunities for citizen outreach and input, all city council meetings and study sessions are televised, Spanish language insert reaches 20% of Burien population that doesn't speak English as first language. Introduced equal rights legislation for gay and transgender individuals that is more comprehensive than that passed by the state and also did so one year before state legislation was passed. Effectively lobbied for millions of dollars of federal and state aid for city projects and also for state legislation to protect citizens from unscrupulous landlords. Helped implement economic revitalization of downtown Burien and secured commitment by developer to utilize apprenticeship opportunities in Town Square project. Helped implement Seahurst beach restoration and Eagle Landing park purchase and development.

I have a proven record of governmental experience and reform, worker and environmental advocacy. As an experienced Longshoreman I can operate every piece of equipment on the waterfront and know firsthand the competitive challenges that face our Port.

As to personal qualities, I am firm, steadfast and unwavering when in pursuit of an issue that I feel is important.

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? No. They are too dependent on Property Tax revenue. The Port's



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taxing authority should be used for capital projects that create economic opportunities and family wage jobs; it should not be used to subsidize operations.

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)? Work with our inland and near port partners to improve intermodal links and reduce truck traffic. Go beyond current environmental plans and require Diesel Particulate Filters on all equipment, work on federal legislation to require that foreign ships calling at US ports meet the same environmental requirements as US flagged vessels. Implement shoreline restoration as part of terminal development plans. The CAO was implemented to identify and protect critical areas from development.

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? Yes

9. What role should government play in the healthcare system? I haven't given this issue the thought that it deserves and don't feel right giving an answer at this time.

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? I advocated for and helped pass equal rights legislation in Burien to protect GBLT people in housing and employment one year before the state legislation and that is more comprehensive than the state statutes. Discrimination is discrimination and shouldn't exist in our society.

11. What creative solutions can you offer to address the problems of the economically disadvantaged? In Burien we identified a gap in preschool preparedness and implemented the "Ready! For Kindergarten" program. A firm educational foundation will ensure success later in life.

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
Jack Block Jr.

Date
5/21/07

Please attach a recent resume.