



# King County Democrats 2007 General Candidate Questionnaire

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<b>Present Occupation Incumbent? How Long?</b>	Incumbent. Elected in 2003.	<b>COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION</b> <i>(Leave Blank - For Committee Use Only)</i>
<b>Employer</b>	City of Seattle	
<b>Union Affiliations</b>	Pacific Northwest Newspaper Guild - CWA AFL-CIO Local 37082	

WHAT RATINGS AND ENDORSEMENTS HAVE YOU RECEIVED?			
<b>Legislative District(s)/Unions</b>	<b>Municipal League</b>	<b>Women's Political Caucus</b>	<b>SeaMEC</b>
UA Local 32, IFPTE Local 17	Not yet	Not yet	Not yet

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.	<b>Do you support the Davis-Bacon Act?</b>	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	Registered for 50+ 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	



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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, I have never been a member of another political party. During my career as a journalist, I was obligated to refrain from endorsing candidates in order to remain objective in my reporting. In my past, however, I have supported--albeit rarely and never monetarily--the occasional Republican candidate, such as Governor Dan Evans.**

**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 dues paying member of my home Democratic District Party (the 46<sup>th</sup>) and also the 34<sup>th</sup>. I am also a member of the Metropolitan Democratic Club and served as a PCO for precinct 46-2377 from 2004 to 2006.**

**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?**

**When I ran in 2003, I promised to raise the standards, prestige, and expectations of a City Council member and to focus on issues that matter to working people and their families—not frivolous affairs (such as passing meaningless resolutions). I believe I have delivered on this promise and been an effective and ethical advocate on the City Council for the people of Seattle. From cutting rates and overseeing the “Green Up” program at Seattle City Light, to advocating on behalf of the disadvantaged, to going to bat for basic services like libraries that need to stay open when people need them, parks that need to be clean, and ensuring that the public is protected by a strong, fair police force, I have been a pragmatic and influential voice on the Council. I have also stood tall for reclaiming Seattle’s waterfront by supporting Viaduct improvements that bury the road in order to open up our waterfront.**

**So far, I have hired a full-time Campaign Manager, secured campaign office space, hired an accountant, and enlisted the services of both fundraising and political consultants. I have not yet begun an active field operation, but if I face a contested election my team plans to knock on doors in every neighborhood, phone 40,000 voters, and mail literature pieces to at least 60,000 households (as was done in my last campaign). To accomplish this, I plan to raise 250,000 dollars for this campaign. To date, I have raised approximately 100,000 dollars.**

**I believe I will win because of my record of effective leadership on the Seattle City Council and because my stances on the issues reflect the values of a majority Seattle voters.**



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

There are many pressing issues facing a city of Seattle's size; however, I would identify transportation as the most pressing. This is because there are many crucial facets to the transportation issue beyond simply the Viaduct. These include the future development of 520, Sound Transit, and Metro, along with the environmental implications of each decision. If reelected, I will seek to build a consensus around all of these projects while maintaining momentum to complete infrastructure projects quickly and expand public transit options. My main focus in evaluating transit solutions would be to maintain the mobility of freight and people (not cars), especially as it relates to the future of the Viaduct, while also seeking to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Protecting our environment is an issue that is very important to me (I recently lobbied in Olympia for legislation that would allow Seattle City Light to remain greenhouse gas neutral) and one that is interconnected with our city's future transportation choices.

**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.**

At this point, I am not aware of any organized opposition. If I do face a challenger in the primary, I believe that my record of effective leadership and support for working families on the Seattle City Council over the past three years will distinguish me from my opponent. Regarding the second part of the question, I am campaigning for a non-partisan office.

**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. Washington State has one of the most regressive tax codes in the country. I believe that we need to fundamentally shift the tax burden from the poor to those able to pay. As a member of the League of Women Voters, I doorbelled in support of an initiative to establish a progressive state income tax. As a Councilmember, I will continue to be an advocate for an income tax at the state level, and will continue to seek ways to create a more fair tax system for Seattle citizens. For example, as part of the Council's vote to remove height limits on buildings in some areas of downtown, we included legislation that taxed new buildings that exceed this limit in order to fund low-income housing projects.

**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)?**

It is crucial that the city puts in place regulations that facilitate growth while protecting the delicately-balanced environment of the Northwest. In 2006, I took the lead in shepherding the CAO through the Council process. As a result the Council unanimously passed this important ordinance strengthening protections in ecologically sensitive areas. I also strongly believe in supporting and funding public transportation options. Seattle must recognize that in order to remain a world class city we must embrace transportation alternatives and seek to reduce the amount of automobiles on our roads and freeways.



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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 believe that we need a universal, single-payer health care system in this county in order to provide quality healthcare to all citizens. The private sector has failed to deliver a healthcare system worthy of this great city and country. It is time for government, both locally and nationally, to move towards a government run health care system. The Seattle City Council passed a resolution in 2004 that all people are entitled to health care; my office wrote the resolution.

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 fully support equal rights under the law for Gay, Lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people. I believe that same-sex couples should be entitled to the same rights afforded to heterosexual couples. I support allowing same-sex couples to both marry and adopt children.

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

It is my belief that government should encourage the productive potential of our city while providing incentives to ensure that economic development benefits the community as a whole. Government should protect those who are being exploited, and actively pursue policies that provide adequate compensation, safety, and job security to the citizenry. I support family wage jobs, the right of workers to collectively bargain, and well-funded social welfare programs that provide a safety net for citizens experiencing hard times.

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

I am running for reelection because I am passionate about working for a Seattle that complements the surrounding environment we cherish - at the same time helping to make it affordable for families. I want to continue to represent the citizens of Seattle and speak out for those working to earn a living wage, to keep taxes, fees and expenses low while still ensuring the best services that a city can offer its citizens. And I continue to believe that we need ethical, balanced, and practical leadership on the Seattle City Council.

Signature		Date	3/31/2007
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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.

Please attach a recent resume.