



King County Democrats 2007 General Candidate Questionnaire

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Present Occupation Incumbent? How Long?	IT Manager	COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION <i>(Leave Blank - For Committee Use Only)</i>
Employer	The Boeing Company	
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.	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? 35 Years		X		
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

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?

No, but have contributed to the state democratic party.

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?

The main message of the campaign we need to make sure that all schools in the city are quality schools regardless of where the students attend. My plan is to run a very personalized campaign meeting with citizens in living rooms around the city. The campaign is still in its infancy. I have been meeting with a handful of community groups and just two living room meetings. Over the next 4 weeks the plan is to have 10 local meetings with citizens in the north end of the city before spreading to the southern part of the city. I will win this race because I bring the most balanced background of any candidate running. The mixture of classroom experience, district office experience and managerial experience is unique to me. To date, I have over \$10,000 in contributions and an additional \$1000 in pledges. My goal is to raise \$30,000 for the city-wide campaign.

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

For me the most pressing issue is the uneven quality of schools depending on where you live in the city. When I am elected I shall begin a quality assessment program to determine areas that need to be improved in each school. This is not just about test scores but looking a other area such as facilities, teacher quality, program offering, and parent involvement.

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 have a uniquely qualified background as a former kindergarten teacher, district staff member for Boston Public Schools, PTSA President and Site Council District Liaison Chair, and national educational consultant. These experiences combined with my MBA and financial business experience set me apart from other candidates. I have a deep understanding of public school needs, and the ability to work with diverse groups and build consensus.

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?

When it comes to education funding I think that the current structure is not adequate to support our schools. We need to work with the state to establish a more sustainable system for funding our schools.

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)?



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From a school board point of view, the critical idea is for the district to have a growth plan that reflects changing demographics. We know that the in the Belltown, South Lake Union, and downtown core over 60,000 condominiums are projected to be built in the next few years. If only 1% of those condominiums have school age children, that is 600 students in an area with no elementary school. We need to be thinking in these terms. In addition, with shift demographics, we need to ensure that we have schools in the right neighborhoods.

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 the government should provide basic healthcare to all Americans from birth.

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?

It is my view that Gay, Lesbian, bisexual and trans gendered people should be offered the same rights as 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?

I think that we need to make our schools the focus of our communities again. One possible idea is to address the "digital divide" facing economically disadvantage families is to opening our computer labs in the evening to the community. They can be staffed by high school and college students. In this way, we can begin to connect the community back to our schools.

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

I am the parent of two children, one who spent his whole K-12 career in Seattle Public Schools and another that is starting high school in the fall. My wife teaches biology at the University of Washington. I am a former kindergarten teacher, PTSA President, national educational consultant, and district staff person, I know the value of a quality public education. These experiences combined with my MBA and management skills, give me ability to work with diverse groups to come to consensus. But at the same time being willing to make the tough decisions.

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

Haruon Martin-Morris

Date

June 18,
2007

Please attach a recent resume.