



King County Democrats 2007 General Candidate Questionnaire

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Present Occupation Incumbent? How Long?	Incumbent since February, 2006	COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION <i>(Leave Blank - For Committee Use Only)</i>
Employer	City of Seattle	
Union Affiliations		

WHAT RATINGS AND ENDORSEMENTS HAVE YOU RECEIVED?			
Legislative District(s)/Unions	Municipal League	Women's Political Caucus	SeaMEC
		YES	

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	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?		X	23 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.

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, Yes, Yes. 1999 – 2003. Precinct 37-1633.

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?

I am running for re-election to the Seattle City Council on a platform of safe, affordable and sustainable neighborhoods. I believe our crisis of affordability must be met with solutions that address both the cost of housing and the paychecks people are earning. I have lived in Seattle since 1984 and I do see our community becoming more and more divided between the haves and the have nots. I believe that through real partnership between neighborhoods, government and business we can keep our neighborhoods great places to live.

My campaign plan involves a mix of voter contact approaches. Since Seattle City Councilmembers run at-large, doorbelling is not an effective means of voter motivation. However, I find that it helps me glean helpful, on-the-ground information about what people care about. So, I am doorbelling. I will also raise sufficient funds to send effective mail. I will participate in all the candidate surveys and forums and seek endorsements from groups dedicated to making Seattle a great place for those of us lucky enough to live and work here.

I have knocked on doors in three precincts so far. My plan is to doorbell every other weekend. I started in early April.

The goal for the campaign budget if I have a contested race is \$250,000. At this time, Molly Neitzel is my campaign manager, Christian Sinderman is my campaign consultant, Linda Mitchell is my campaign fundraiser, and Phil Lloyd is my campaign treasurer.

I have raised \$101,000 as of May 11, 2007.

I will win because I commit to people that I will work hard, listen, make rational decisions, and look for ways to keep Seattle affordable, safe and sustainable.

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

Transportation and affordability are the most pressing issues facing Seattle. As we attempt to maintain our neighborhoods as safe, affordable, sustainable places to live, work and play They are symptoms of growth pressures combined with larger economic forces lessening the certainty about wages, benefits and long-term stability employees used to count on from their jobs.

If I am re-elected I will continue to fight for smart, cost-effective investments in transit and in smart policy efforts preserving the affordability of housing.



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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 do not know yet if I have an opponent in the primary.

Seattle City Council races are non-partisan.

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 and no. Our communities are reliant on a mix of taxes and fees that unfortunately hit lower income people hardest and which may be disincentives to economic development and job creation. Washington's sales tax is regressive and has a disproportionate impact on lower income people who have less disposable income. The City of Seattle depends upon sales tax revenue for a large part of General Fund revenues. Similarly, the City of Seattle is greatly dependent upon the Business & Occupation tax. I support taxes on economic activity, however, not all cities collect B&O tax. This leaves Seattle at a competitive disadvantage when companies are choosing a new location. I voted in support of a new parking tax to fund street improvements in Seattle last year because I believe we should build a disincentive for automobile dependence in the city. It has also been argued that this tax will unfairly hit lower income people hardest because they are having to live further and further from jobs in the city and we don't yet have a mass transit system. I voted against a new "head tax" on employees to fund street improvements because I advocate for the creation of more living wage jobs in our area. Taxing those jobs is counter-productive in my mind. I believe the gas tax is a fair tax on users of the road system. However, if we are successful in decreasing consumption this could be a leveled or decreasing source of revenue over time.

In general, I believe Washington and our communities will continue to struggle with the impacts of our tax system on payers and with revenue stream disruptions until we diversify the system by adding a state income tax.

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)?

I believe smart growth management is more critical than ever as we struggle to deal with the effects of density, petroleum dependency and global warming. I am a committed advocate of community-based growth planning. Before joining Seattle City Council I built a track record of working closely with neighborhoods charting 20-year visions for improvements in transportation, transit, housing, open space, and other infrastructure. On Seattle City Council I have spurred renewed City commitment to the 38 neighborhood plans in Seattle. At my request the City Auditor is reviewing Seattle's implementation of the plans and we are starting a conversation about how to update the plans. I am also committed to developing and retaining affordable housing in our city despite the incredible market pressures brought by growth.

With regard to declining petroleum and energy resources, this must be the lens through which we review our land use and transportation work. The true costs of driving, parking and highways are sapping public budgets, as well as the time and money budgets of all of us. My record shows I support land use changes that decrease parking requirements in new residential development as a way to decrease housing costs. I support investments in transit to more effectively move people between neighborhoods and job centers.

I voted in favor of Seattle's Critical Area Ordinance. I believe it safeguards important wetland and shoreline areas and raises the bar in terms of smart development. While some critics say the city's CAO is too restrictive, I believe it appropriately safeguards Seattle environmental assets at risk from the effects of development.



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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 the healthcare system, such as it is, has failed and is getting worse. In my previous work as a program director at Lifelong AIDS Alliance I saw the shortcomings of both the private and public insurance systems. I believe government should orchestrate a single payer system. I think people should have a choice of insurance providers, but a single payer.

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 was overjoyed at the passage of the Anderson-Murray Civil Rights Bill on January 27, 2006. I am a former board chair of Fairness Lobby, a precursor organization to Equal Rights Washington. I support equal rights for LGBT people an all areas, including marriage. As a lesbian, I consider myself to have a special responsibility to represent LGBT concerns in policy discussions and to push for progress on civil rights for all people.

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

I am particularly interested in efforts to train and educate people so that they can obtain jobs that pay living wages and provide good health and pension benefits. We have a healthy economy according to most indicators. However, the indicators don't tell the story of the large number of Seattle residents either underemployed or who work multiple jobs to make ends meet. Training opportunities can make the difference. I spent much of my first year in office (2006) educating myself and my colleagues about the importance (and growing scarcity) of living wage jobs in our area. The result has been a renewed commitment in the city to the work carried out by Seattle Jobs Initiative and to apprenticeship programs in Seattle City Light, Seattle Public Utilities and other departments. I am an ardent proponent of training programs, apprenticeships, and labor agreements connected to projects receiving public subsidy.

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

I love Seattle and its neighborhoods. I am committed to doing whatever I can to make Seattle's neighborhoods safe, affordable, sustainable places filled with opportunity and character.

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		Date	
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Please attach a recent resume.