



# King County Democrats 2007 General Candidate Questionnaire

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<b>Present Occupation Incumbent? How Long?</b>	Legal Director	<b>COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION</b> <i>(Leave Blank - For Committee Use Only)</i>
<b>Employer</b>	Futurewise	
<b>Union Affiliations</b>	None	

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

<b>PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.</b>					
#	Question	Yes	No	Qualified*	
1.	Are you a Democrat? Are you known as a Democrat? If not, explain.	XX			
2.	Do you support the King County Democratic Platform?	XX			
3.	Do you support the right of workers (excluding military) to bargain and strike?	XX			
4.	Do you support affirmative action?	XX			
5.	Do you support freedom of choice in contraception, abortion and sterilization?	XX			
6.	Do you support public funding for abortions for poor women?	XX			
7.	Do you support school vouchers? Do you support charter schools?		XX		
8.	<b>Do you support the Davis-Bacon Act?</b>	XX			
9.	Do you support equal rights for women?	XX			
10.	Do you support the Patriot Act?		XX		
11.	Do you support the restoration of voting rights to persons convicted of a felony who have served their sentence?	XX			
12.	How long have you been registered to vote? Have you missed any elections in the last three years?			16 years; missed 1 election while living in Europe	
<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?			XX	
15.	Have you ever been found in violation of a Public Disclosure Commission, Federal Election Commission or Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission regulation?			XX	
16.	Have you ever been convicted of a felony?			XX	



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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?**

I am the PCO from my precinct, 43-1252. I contribute to the 43<sup>rd</sup> District and other state and federal Party funds. I was a PCO, treasurer, and vice-chair of the 11<sup>th</sup> District Democrats between 1999-2000.

**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 an experienced prosecutor with the breadth of life and legal experience to run the prosecutor's office fairly. As prosecutor, I would focus on victims as the office's first priority, expand the fraud division to prosecute all frauds, not just those over \$100,000, and create an environmental enforcement unit so we are ready to combat climate change and revitalize Puget Sound.

I am working with Bill Perry, the finance director for Congressman McDermott, on financing. We have an ambitious agenda of mailings, email solicitations, and events for fundraising and outreach. My campaign plan is to get the substance of my message out now, through mailings and emails, free media, appearances at events such as the Hate Free Zone forum, and legislative district party meetings. Individual endorsements from elected officials are not my priority; I will be actively seeking party, labor, environmental, and other endorsements. I will be doorbelling as time allows, less to reach a significant percentage of the voting population than to keep in touch with opinion on what is important for the prosecutor's office. Yard signs, bus signs, etc. will be released closer to the ballot mailing.

I am filing this questionnaire within the same week as declaring my candidacy, but have already secured approximately \$14,000. I intend to send my first mailing the week of June 11. My website, [www.keithscully.com](http://www.keithscully.com), is also linked to keithscully.net and keithscully.org, and is on line with available donation and volunteer submission buttons. I have a MySpace profile. My fundraising goal is \$150,000 before the primary, \$300,000 by the general.

I will win the primary because I understand the office. I have the civil and criminal litigation experience necessary to run it, and have a vision for its future. I will win the general for the same reasons. I believe in a reasonable, fair response to crime. I also want to use the law to respond to pressing social and environmental issues, chiefly the white-collar crime that depletes the savings of thousands of working people and the urgent need to aggressively enforce environmental laws.

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

Maintaining the tradition of fairness is the most important need within the office. Making sure that deputies and supervisors understand that restraint is important and fairness is key would be my top priority. (There are no structural changes necessary to do this.)

Global warming and saving Puget Sound are our most important regional issues. As global warming affects us more and more and we renew our efforts to save Puget Sound, enforcing environmental laws will be crucial. The Growth Management Act and other civil laws, coupled with criminal laws, provides a framework for protecting the environment, but enforcement is scattered across three divisions of the prosecutor's office and numerous agencies. Having one unit dedicated to environmental enforcement would make a huge impact.



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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 have a wide range of experience within the prosecutor's office, practicing civil law both for a nonprofit organization and for a private law firm, and also have experience enforcing international law. I respect the one other Democrat in the race. We have worked together in the prosecutor's office. What distinguishes me is my vision for the office, the depth and breadth of my legal experience, including my extensive experience in appellate work, my exposure to the United Nations' systems for handling criminal law, and my commitment to use the law to protect everyone, not just the wealthy, from fraud. I will, of course, fully support any qualified Democrat in the general if I am not selected in the primary.

**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?**

While in a perfect world I would replace regressive sales taxes and fees with a progressive income tax, this is not within the purview of the King County Prosecutor, and not part of my campaign. As a candidate, I would take no position on taxes and fees, except to ensure that they are compliant with the law and that the hard work of taxpayers is respected in spending decisions.

**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)?**

The Growth Management Act provides most of the tools necessary to balance growth. I have worked extensively with the Growth Management Act as legal director of Futurewise. In sum, the GMA mandates that urban growth areas be right-sized to match population projections. It mandates that rural areas have low enough densities, to support rural lifestyles and protect the environment. The GMA also mandates affordable housing.

CAOs protect critical areas such as wildlife habitat, steep slopes, flood prone areas and abandoned mines, through a system of development regulations, including buffers. CAOs need to provide adequate buffers and other protections on all critical areas, especially watercourses and wetlands.

In King County, more can be done for affordable housing. The GMA – and the Prosecutor's advice on compliance with it – provides the mandate to include controls and incentives encouraging affordable housing. More can be done to tie transportation concurrence to new development: If a new subdivision cannot be supplied with mass transit and/or adequate roads to serve the existing and new residents of the area, it shouldn't be built.

The role of the Prosecutor is to advise the Council and Executive on the mandates of the GMA, and to defend against lawsuits.

**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?**

Government should mandate minimum coverage for all employees and their families. Government should provide "safety net" basic health coverage for the unemployed.

**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?**

Equal rights is an issue for everyone. I fully support full marriage and equal rights for all.

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



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disadvantaged?

I would work to create community-service alternatives to the payment of fines. Fines, including parking and traffic tickets, are regressive, and can create a burden from which the economically disadvantaged can never escape. Errants should always be able to contribute to your community in lieu of paying a fine. This option allows us to knit non-violent offenders back into society, instead of creating a criminal class out of people who cannot afford impound and other fees and are therefore always living outside of the law simply because of their poverty. This is an issue that can be directly addressed by the prosecutor's office.

Further, we need to do more to assure affordable housing is constructed, through adequate urban densities, and controls and incentives on development to motivate developers to include affordable units in their new construction. The office of the prosecutor can play a role in advising the Council on the GMA's mandates, and assisting County departments in enforcing zoning and building codes.

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

I am not a career politician. My original desire to be a prosecutor stemmed from my experiences as a paramedic, where I saw the impact of crime on everyone, but especially on the economically disadvantaged. I wanted to use the law to change that inequity, and as prosecutor, I will.

If you look at my career, I have stayed true to this principle. I have taken positions that have allowed me to use my legal skills to address unfairness, from prosecuting street crime in the prosecutor's office to protecting a whole community from the impact of mortgage fraud. At The Hague, I was on a team that prosecuted war criminals—to enforce the international agreement that even in war time, we must protect the life and dignity of noncombatants. Back home now at Futurewise (the former 1000 Friends of Washington), I use our laws to protect the environment. It's a career of service that I'm proud of. King County prosecutor is a logical step in the progression. It's a position I hope to stay in for a long time that will allow me to lead King County in safety from violent crime, safety from fraud that can take a person's home or life savings and safety in the environment. Heading the prosecutor's office is a big job that shouldn't just be a stepping stone to another office. My experience makes me ready for the challenge.

**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.**

<b>Signature</b>  /s/ <b>Keith Scully</b>		<b>Date</b>  6/8/07	
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**Please attach a recent resume.**

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**EDUCATION**

**New York University**  
***Juris Doctor***

**Awarded May, 1998**

**Tufts University**  
***Master of Arts, Middle Eastern History***

**Awarded November, 1997**



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Walter S. Graf Paramedic School  
*Mobile Intensive Care Paramedic*

Awarded February, 1994

University of California, Los Angeles  
*Bachelor of Arts, History*

Awarded September, 1993

## POSITIONS HELD

Futurewise

**Seattle, WA**

October, 2006 – present

Legal Director

**Manage legal program for sustainable development nonprofit organization. Responsibilities include supervising cooperating attorneys and interns, conducting legal research, writing briefs, and conducting oral arguments in front of Washington courts and Growth Management Hearings Boards, as well as participating in legislation planning and advocacy efforts.**

United Nations

Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia

**The Hague, The Netherlands**

August, 2005 – October, 2006

Associate Legal Officer

**Conducted research and wrote briefs and motions on factual and legal issues relating to criminal responsibility for war crimes. Evaluated evidence, prepared witnesses, and participated in strategy planning for ongoing war crimes investigations. Presented witnesses and conducted legal arguments in court.**

King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office

**Seattle, WA**

May, 1999 – August, 2005

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

**Prosecuted misdemeanor and felony crimes. Wrote appellate briefs and conducted oral argument in the Court of Appeals. Served as legal advisor on criminal cases to the King County Sheriff's Office. Lead attorney in State v. Johnson, responding to defense allegations of racially biased policing in the Seattle Police Department's Anti-Crime Team operations. Developed mortgage fraud prosecution program.**

Perkins Coie, LLC

**Bellevue, WA**

September, 1998 - May, 1999

Litigation Associate

**Researched and wrote trial and appellate briefs and legal memoranda regarding telecommunications, energy, and general commercial litigation. Managed discovery and prepared witnesses in lawsuits filed in state and federal court.**

University Hospital, Newark, NJ

1998

Jersey City Medical Center, Jersey City, NJ

1996-1998

Rockingham Regional Ambulance, Nashua, NH

1995-1996

Paramedic

**Emergency response. Evaluated, treated, and transported medical and trauma patients. Provided initial management of mass casualty incidents.**

UCLA Centre for Prehospital Care, Los Angeles, CA 1992-1993

Program Coordinator

**Developed and managed Navy Corpsman training program. Provided lectures for Navy Corpsmen, Emergency Medical Technicians, and CPR students. Trained and supervised instructors for those programs.**



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## PUBLICATIONS

“Spawning Sound Cooperation”, King County Bar Bulletin, April, 2007.

“Physician-Patient Privilege and the Emergency Responder,” Journal of Emergency Medical Services, October, 2000.

“Defining Murder: Limiting Irregularities in Death Investigation,” Law and Order, August, 1999.

## CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Habitat for Humanity Family Selection Committee      **1999-2002**

**Interviewed families seeking Habitat for Humanity housing. Participated in selection meetings wherein families were selected. Approximately 150 hours of volunteer work per year.**

University of Washington and Seattle University      **2000-2007**

Moot Court

**Volunteer judge for various competitions, and guest lecturer to the International Law Students Association on opportunities for employment with the United Nations.**

Democratic Party      **1998-2004**

**At various times, served as a precinct committee officer, treasurer, and vice-chair of the 11<sup>th</sup> District Democrats before moving to the 43<sup>rd</sup> District. Currently a PCO, representing 43-1252. Volunteered on the Gore and Gregoire campaigns, including serving on the Gregoire King County Steering Committee. Volunteered on the No on I-933 campaign.**

Youth and the Law Forum      **1998**

**Volunteer at seminar aimed at educating youth affiliated with the AME church in basic legal concepts.**