



# King County Democrats 2007 General Candidate Questionnaire

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<b>Present Occupation Incumbent? How Long?</b>	Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, 2003-Present	<b>COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION</b> <i>(Leave Blank - For Committee Use Only)</i>
<b>Employer</b>	King County	
<b>Union Affiliations</b>	King County Prosecuting Attorneys Association	

### 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>
			In 2006, "AAAAA"

### 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	Since 1986
<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

\* - 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?**

**I am a Democrat, and I support Democrats.**

**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 a member of the 43<sup>rd</sup> District Democrats, the King County Democrats, and the Washington State Democratic Party. I have been a PCO in 43-2254 since 2002, and was the coordinator for nine precincts' presidential caucuses in 2004.**

**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 the only courtroom prosecutor in the race. I will bring the perspective of a front-line prosecutor to everything I do. I'll focus on protecting the most vulnerable in our community:**

- Kids and Seniors: A father of two, I will fight for aggressive enforcement against child predators, including online stalkers; will protect children present during domestic violence; and strengthen prosecution of elder abuse.**
- Juvenile Justice Reform: It's time to bring an innovative approach to helping young people avoid crime. I will reform the system to emphasize treatment and dropout prevention.**
- Crack Down on Identity Theft: Too many of us suffer the devastating crime of identity theft. I will hold these criminals accountable.**
- Increase Drug and Mental Health Treatment: I will expand cost-effective approaches for non-violent offenders so we break the cycle of crime.**
- Go After Polluters: A former Clinton Interior Department aide and private sector attorney, I will prosecute those who threaten our health and environmental safety.**

**My campaign plan is focused on endorsements, direct personal voter contact, and fundraising; I filed five days ago, and have raised over \$6000 since then.**

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

**The protection of the most vulnerable – domestic violence victims, the elderly, and child victims of sex predators.**

**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 the only candidate in the race who works as a trial prosecutor. My experience spans 17 years: First writing oil spill regulations for the EPA, then working in the**



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federal government as a political appointee in the Clinton Administration, where I authored a management review of a 700-person office that saved over \$10 million per year. After law school, where I was editor-in-chief of the law review - a 70-person organization - I served two years as a federal judicial law clerk before taking a job in complex civil litigation at a large law firm. There, I was part of the legal team suing Exxon Mobil on behalf of the victims of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill. Most recently, I have prosecuted domestic violence felonies here in King County. My experience as a manager, as a criminal prosecutor, as a civil litigator, and as a policy wonk is unique in this race.

**I am a Democrat, and I plan to support the Democratic candidate for Prosecuting Attorney.**

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, the current structure is not fair. I support a tax system that uses the William Gates Commission on tax reform as a roadmap.**

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)?

**As the County's lawyer, I would make sure we defend our unique natural resources and environmental health. I would establish an interagency team for regional environmental enforcement to make sure that Federal, State, and local criminal and civil enforcement resources are brought to defending our home.**

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?

**N/A**

9. What role should government play in the healthcare system?

**Whatever it takes to make sure that all people are covered by health insurance.**

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 support equal rights, period. I received an "AAAAA" rating from SEAMEC in 2006.**

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

**The Office of the Prosecuting Attorney should establish an office to provide emergency civil legal representation to economically disadvantaged persons.**

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

**In my race for the state House of Representatives in the 43<sup>rd</sup> District last year, I received the endorsements of the Sierra Club, Washington Conservation Voters, the International Association of Machinists District Lodge 751, the Seattle Music and Nightlife Association, Allied Arts of Seattle, the King County Police Officers Guild, and *The Seattle Times*.**

**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.**



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Signature		Date	
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**Please attach a recent resume.**

**Bill Sherman**

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Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, **Domestic Violence Unit, King County Prosecutor's Office, 2003-Present. Prosecuted hundreds of domestic violence, sexual assault, and firearms cases. Named a "Rising Star" by *Washington Law & Politics* in 2005.**

Board Member, **City Year – Seattle/King County, 2002-Present. Worked on behalf of Americorps program that engages hundreds of young people in national service, helping thousands of schoolkids in the Seattle area.**

Attorney, **Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, 2002-2003. Represented plaintiffs in litigation against Exxon Mobil in connection with the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill, and other complex litigation.**

Law Clerk, **Ninth Circuit Judge Margaret McKeown (2000-2001) and Western District of Washington Chief Judge John C. Coughenour (1999-2000).**

Special Assistant to U.S. Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt, **1993-1996 Presidential appointee on the staff of the Secretary of the Interior. Developed policy and communications strategies, including Secretary Babbitt's response to the Republican Congress's attack on environmental protections in 1995-96. Co-designed and directed management review of the Secretary's Office, resulting in annual savings of over \$10 million. Coordinated Department of Interior bureaus on U.S./Mexico border projects dealing with natural resource conservation.**

Director of Advance for **Vice President-Elect Al Gore, Presidential Inaugural Committee, 1992-93.**

Lead Advance for **Bill Clinton and Al Gore, Clinton-Gore Campaign, 1992.**

Analyst, **ICF Incorporated. Drafted policy to implement the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, Superfund, and the Clean Water Act.**

Education:

University of Michigan Law School, ***magna cum laude*, 1999. Editor-in-Chief, Michigan Law Review**

Wesleyan University, **B.A. in Government, 1990.**



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Family:

- Married to Holly Barker, Ph.D., a lecturer in Anthropology at the University of Washington and advisor to the Marshall Islands on issues related to global warming, nuclear weapons testing in the Pacific, and education.
- Sons Caleb, age 6, a first-grader in the Seattle Public Schools, and Lucas, age 3.