

The Municipal League of King County

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2008 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

The Municipal League of King County requests every candidate who participates in the candidate evaluation process to **submit background information prior to his/her interview with a candidate evaluation committee**. The questionnaire is the basis of the League's research and interview process. The League's ratings are non-partisan; they are based on standards of Involvement, Effectiveness, Character, and Knowledge, all of which have been developed and refined over the past 90 years.

A printed version of the questionnaire is available for candidates who prefer to use the traditional format. To obtain a hard copy, please contact the League office. A copy of the questionnaire will be provided to Candidate Evaluation Committee members to help them prepare for your interview. Candidate responses, except the confidential section, will be made available to the general public at the League website.

The Municipal League requests the following materials from candidates. Please check to make certain you have sent in your:

Candidate Questionnaire

Sent by: **Email** US Mail Fax Not Sending

Resume (education, employment, and professional activities)

Sent by: **Email** US Mail Fax Not Sending

XX Check here if you DO NOT want your resume posted on the Municipal League website

Campaign Materials

Sent by: Email US Mail Fax **Not Sending**

Constituent Newsletters and other publications

Sent by: Email US Mail Fax **Not Sending**

Photograph

Sent by: **Email** US Mail Fax Not Sending

Note: Electronically submitted questionnaires are strongly preferred. All materials should be emailed to cec@munileague.org. They can be processed and made available online far more rapidly than handwritten or typed submissions.

For non-electronic submissions, please print clearly and legibly and return the application **as soon as possible in order to allow the committee the greatest amount of time to prepare a complete report on your skills and experience.**

We request that you return the Candidate Questionnaire

by June 1, 2008

If you have not yet been contacted to schedule an interview, or if you have questions about the candidate evaluation program, please contact the League office at 206-264-1070.

If you have a disability and require accommodation to participate in the candidate evaluation process, please contact the CEC Coordinator at the League office.

2008 Candidate Questionnaire

SECTION I

BASIC CANDIDATE INFORMATION

1. Name as it will appear on the ballot

First Name	Middle Initial or Nickname	Last Name
Deborah	H	Eddy

2. Office sought (include office, jurisdiction, position/district number):

State representative, 48th District, Position 2

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes No

4. How long have you resided in this district/city?

27 years

5. How long have you resided in King County?

27 years

6. Is the office sought partisan or nonpartisan? *Partisan* Nonpartisan

7. If partisan, please indicate party: **Democratic**

CAMPAIGN CONTACTS

Campaign Name: **Friends of Deb Eddy**

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Campaign E-mail: **deb@debeddy.net**

Campaign Website: **www.debeddy.net**

POLITICAL BACKGROUND

1. Beginning with the most recent position, please list public offices you have held. Include positions on appointive boards or commissions.

Public Office	Elective or Appointive?	Dates Held	Leadership Role (if any)
Kirkland City Council, and mayor	elective	1994-1999	Mayor, 1996-1997, various regional committee , including Seattle King County Board of Health
State Representative	elective	2007-2008	Vice-chair, Local Gov't; Vice-chair, Tech Energy and Communication Committee

2. If you ran for public office but were not elected, please list those races below:

Office Title	Year of Run

SECTION II

In this section, we are seeking responses that reflect the four ratings criteria: involvement, effectiveness, character, and knowledge. These are defined as follows:

- 1 **Involvement:** What has the candidate done previously in family, neighborhood, community, volunteer work, employment or public life to suggest readiness to accomplish challenging objectives? How do these activities demonstrate readiness for the challenges unique to the office sought?
 - 1 **Effectiveness:** Has the candidate demonstrated promise of being productive in the office sought? Has the candidate shown the ability to work with other people?
 - 2 **Character:** Do the candidate's personal traits show the ability to take on the responsibilities of campaigning for and holding the public office she or he is seeking? Is the candidate a leader, participant or observer? Is the candidate trustworthy, reliable and candid?
 - 3 **Knowledge:** Has the candidate demonstrated the willingness and ability to learn and adapt? Does the candidate understand the duties and challenges of the office sought? Does the candidate have a firm grasp of the issues important to his or her constituency and their potential effects?
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1. In one page or less, why are you running for this office? (Note: the interview committee will be given a copy of this statement before your interview; at the beginning of your interview you will have the opportunity to expand on this statement in any way you wish.)

I first ran for the office out of a deep sense of responsibility to my community and my government. In recent years, both my husband and I have found ourselves with serious concerns about this country's future, and thus our children's and grandchildren's future.

After one term in the legislature, I am perhaps less optimistic about what we can accomplish than I was in '06 - or more pragmatic about what it's going to take. Huge challenges face us in health care, pension reform, land use and transportation, the environment ... and we must take on more than a few sacred cows in solving these societal problems.

In my first term, I showed how my depth of experience in the local and regional arena could help make me a strong voice for the public's interests in Olympia. In all of my public endeavors, I have been a change-agent. And right now, we need people with the courage to take on those sacred cows and get some things done.

2. Describe your most important personal characteristics or traits as they relate to the office you seek.

These traits may be positive or negative, depending on one's point of view about any particular issue.

I am energetic, hard-working and, while respectful of process, rather results-driven.

I am a quick learner, researching and becoming familiar with complicated policy issues in a relatively short period of time.

I am constantly guided by the public's interest, as opposed to 'special interests' or even my own interest in being re-elected. This makes me a very independent and fair-minded policy maker (some would say fearless), but doesn't make me a very good 'politician', in the eyes of many. It does, however, give me a reputation among all stakeholders as a reliable, balanced and completely straight-forward policy maker.

I am, as a result, guided not only by short-term gains and 'wins', but also by what will be needed to ensure long-term success and prosperity for this state.

3. Please describe, in sufficient detail, one to three accomplishments or contributions of which you are most proud. These examples should illustrate skills and capabilities you think apply to the office you are seeking. These accomplishments may have occurred at any time in your personal, professional, or public life.

Two items during tenure as executive director of SCA:

Bringing 39 local governments to agreement in how to recover salmon habitat (WRIA Contracts, 2000, renewed 2005) was the most time-consuming endeavor, but resulted in an agreement that was called 'ground-breaking' in that it recognized multiple interests of the governments, especially in cost-sharing. The agreement was renewed with little change in 2005.

In 2000, distribution of new housing targets to all governments was predicted to be a 'bloodbath' among governments. By creating housing "sheds" and working collaboratively with the planning directors, we distributed new housing responsibilities with consensus among all local governments - completely avoiding the 'bloodbath' that had been predicated.

In the legislature:

In the 2008 session of the legislature, in the face of some long odds, I brokered an agreement on a Climate Change/GMA bill that was signed by the governor. While none of the stakeholders in the environmental or business communities ended up being remotely happy with the bill (enviros wanted their version or nothing; business community wanted nothing) ... it was a meaningful first step in the direction of reducing the state's carbon footprint. In the long run, the value of this approach will be proven; I am very proud of it.

Rep. Clibborn has indicated her belief that I was instrumental in bringing all parties to a point where east and west interests came to consensus on the final design of the SR520 bridge. I appreciate her acknowledgement of my role; it took a majority of my time during the session, but was well worth the behind-the-scenes work.

4. Please list or describe current and past activities in the community in which you have acquired skills that relate to the office you seek. Include your role in the activity and the year(s) in which you were involved. Involvement consists of many areas such as family, neighborhood, community, employment, or public life.

City councilmember and mayor of Kirkland, 1994 – 1999. Policy-making that focused on bringing the city budget under control and avoiding taking the maximum property tax allowed at that time; land use improvements and parks investments; changing the city's negotiating method with its unions from the old 'power-based' approach to interest-based negotiating.

I was involved in PTSA in my children's school years, including co-leading an "tile project" wherein every sixth grader created a decorative tile that became wall installations at the school.

In 2004, I was the founding president of a new non-profit called Washington Appleseed, a local chapter a national organization that creates new opportunities for attorneys to offer pro bono assistance on social justice policy projects. Over 15 of Washington's largest law firms support this effort. www.waappleseed.org.

In the early 1980s, I was a founding board member of the Eastside Domestic Violence Program, now a pillar of this community. Besides serving on the board, I mentored women and also trained police officers in the realities of domestic violence and in (new, at that time) state legislation affecting victims. See: www.edvp.org

I also served on the Municipal League Board of Directors in 2005. I resigned at the end of the year, in order to run for this office. www.munileague.org

5. Please describe the duties of the office you seek. Which are the most important duties and why?

A state legislator enacts laws and approves a budget that carries out the responsibilities of the state, consistent with its constitution and laws, in providing services, regulating certain industries and activities, and ensuring the peace and prosperity of the residents of the state. Of singular importance in the Washington State constitution is the requirement to provide for the education of our children.

The most important duties of any legislator lie in budget approval. A budget is the manifestation of laws and policies. Without resources for implementation, any policy is idle words on a page.

**EDUCATION BACKGROUND SUMMARY
FOR PUBLICATION IN CANDIDATE EVALUATION REPORT**

The Municipal League's Candidate Evaluation Report is distributed to voters in print and on our website. It includes a summary of the candidate's education. Please summarize your education in 120 characters (letters, punctuation, and space all combined). The League will delete material that exceeds the space limit by beginning with the last entry. Suggested order is (degree) (subject) (school) (year, if desired).

Note: *If this question is left blank the League will not include education information in your candidate profile.*

BS Journalism, West Va Univ 1976; Juris Doctor Univ of North Carolina 1979

**CIVIC INVOLVEMENT SUMMARY
FOR PUBLICATION IN CANDIDATE EVALUATION REPORT**

The Municipal League's Candidate Evaluation Report includes a summary of each candidate's civic involvement. Please summarize your civic involvement in the space below. We will make every attempt to include the information in the Candidate Evaluation Report as submitted. Due to space restrictions in the Report, your response is limited to 500 characters (letters, punctuation, and spaces all combined). It is important that you list your involvement beginning with the most important and ending with the least important. If you exceed the length of response permitted, or if the League should find it necessary to shorten responses for publication purposes, deletions will be made beginning with the last item listed.

Note: *This information will appear verbatim on the League's Candidate Evaluation Report. If this question is left blank, the Municipal League will not include information on your civic involvement in the Report.*

Check here if you would like the Municipal League to copy the first 500 characters from Question 4 to paste into this section.

Councilmember, mayor, City of Kirkland 94-99; founding board president, Washington Appleseed, 05; founding board, Kirkland Assoc of Neighborhoods 92; founding board, Eastside Domestic Violence Program, 81; Muni League Board 05; former PTSA member.