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2008 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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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 this questionnaire will be provided to Candidate Evaluation Committee members to help them prepare for your interview. Candidate responses, except the confidential section, will be 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
 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 can be emailed to cec@munileague.org. They can be processed and made available on-line 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.**

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
ROGER		GOODMAN

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

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 45TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT, POSITION #1

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes No

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

11 YEARS

5. How long have you resided in King County?

11 YEARS

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

7. If partisan, please indicate party: **DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

CAMPAIGN CONTACTS

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City/State/Zip: **KIRKLAND, WASHINGTON 98033-6108**

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Campaign Website: www.RogerGoodman.org

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)
STATE REPRESENTATIVE 45 TH DISTRICT, POS. 1	elective	2007 - present	Judiciary Committee Vice Chair
KING COUNTY ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD	appointive	2002 - present	Legislative Committee Chair for Mental Health and Substance Abuse

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:

- **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?
 - **Effectiveness:** Has the candidate demonstrated promise of being productive in the office sought? Has the candidate shown the ability to work with other people?
 - **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?
 - **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 want to continue working in the legislature to improve public safety, to bolster education and to protect legal rights, and also to support my colleagues' efforts as part of our progressive agenda to protect the environment, to expand health care and to promote economic security. In the 2007 and 2008 sessions I shepherded a dozen bills through the process, including a landmark measure to reduce drunken driving (HB 3254 – ignition interlock devices), the creation of the new Washington Head Start early learning program (HB 3168) and a significant bill improving the operation of the state's trial courts (HB 2557). As Vice Chair of the House Judiciary Committee I am currently convening an interim workgroup on domestic violence and access to the courts, with the intention of pursuing legislative action in the 2009 session.

I bring to the legislature a broad range of professional and government experience, a lifelong commitment to public service and a record of bringing people together to accomplish things. In prior state and federal government positions I have served as a state agency director in Olympia (the Sentencing Guidelines Commission) and as chief-of-staff and legislative director to Members of Congress on Capitol Hill. I am an attorney trained in environmental law and licensed to practice in Washington, Rhode Island, two federal circuits and the U.S. Supreme Court. Since 2001 at the King County Bar Association I have coordinated a coalition of professional and civic groups, including the Municipal League of King County, in a groundbreaking public education initiative to examine our current drug laws and to recommend more effective and humane alternatives to address the chronic societal problem of drug abuse.

Locally I have been president of a Kirkland neighborhood association and in King County I have served for several years on an appointed citizen advisory board for substance abuse treatment. My family is well-settled in the 45th District, with grandparents and great-grandparents just blocks away from our home. As I support and help raise my family here on the Eastside I am very committed to the local community and I want to keep working to preserve our high quality of life.

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

I am a straight talker who eschews politics-as-usual and I have a record of getting things done in the governmental, professional and non-profit sectors.

I work to bridge differences in a respectful and inclusive fashion, helping to identify common interests around which parties can strengthen relationships and build trust.

I believe civility is essential to productive discourse and that we should spare the people's time and money from needless bickering and partisan sniping. I use a common-sense approach to serve the citizens of my district, listening carefully and focusing on the basic issues that matter to them.

I take public service very seriously and I understand it is an honor and a privilege. I continually serve as a resource for constituents, whether it is a legislative matter or a local or personal issue that needs attention.

As a complement to my professional experience and knowledge base, I also have a very healthy sense of humor!

I understand that my family comes first and this allows me to balance the needs of my professional work, legislative demands and the responsibilities of personal and domestic life.

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.

During the 2007 legislative interim I convened a couple of workgroups under the aegis of the House Judiciary Committee, one related to courts of limited jurisdiction (the municipal and district courts) and the other to drunken driving. In each case I brought together through a series of meetings a broad group of stakeholders – judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, crime victims and their advocates, law enforcement, counties and cities – along with my colleagues in the House from both sides of the aisle, to try to craft legislation for the 2008 session. Using a collaborative, problem-solving approach I helped adverse parties to find common interests and our work led to two important measures: HB 3254, the “ignition interlock” bill that is projected to save 100 lives a year in Washington by keeping known drunken drivers off the roads with the help of technology; and HB 2557, a quiet victory for the court system, whereby municipal and district courts will take on a caseload they can handle and relieve the superior courts of an unwanted docket burden, and whereby citizens will have better access to the courts and the justice system. During the 2008 session, when a number of my other bills ran into difficulty, I employed the same collaborative approach to build a common understanding among stakeholders to reduce or eliminate concerns or opposition.

Outside the legislature I continue to work for the King County Bar Association, where I have guided its Drug Policy Project since its inception in 2001. I am proud of the work I have done at the KCBA to bring together a multidisciplinary coalition of professional and civic organizations, including the Municipal League of King County, to educate and influence policy makers and opinion leaders to examine and improve our drug policies. This high-level effort has attracted scores of busy professionals to volunteer on numerous task forces and working groups, producing major reports, white papers and detailed policy position papers. Most significantly, the initiative has spurred major legislative reforms at the state and county levels, with state and local funds being shifted away from wasteful and counterproductive incarceration toward therapeutic treatment options. The KCBA’s work in this policy area has attracted national attention and has helped make Washington and King County a national model for responsible drug policy reform.

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.

My first responsibility is as husband and father and I derive great joy from family life. My wife and I currently have our hands quite full with a lively five year-old girl and a strong and curious one year-old boy!

In Kirkland I have served on the boards of the neighborhood associations where we have lived, including in our current neighborhood of Norkirk in Kirkland (until 2005) and also for two years as President of the Lakeview Neighborhood Association (from 2000 to 2002).

Since moving to the Eastside I have regularly and frequently volunteered at the Eastside Legal Clinic in Bellevue, providing free legal advice and referrals to disadvantaged clients who cannot afford standard legal services or who are intimidated by the legal system.

Through my work for the King County Bar Association (2001 to the present), and during my tenure on the King County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative Board (2002 to the present), I have tirelessly fought for public policies and practices that improve the life conditions of the less advantaged, particularly for those caught in the grip of mental illness and drug abuse.

I continue to serve on the boards of other organizations dedicated to improving the life chances of the less advantaged in our community, including the Marie Institute, which promotes and funds innovative therapies for people suffering from borderline personality disorder; and the Post-Prison Education Project, which is providing opportunities for higher education for qualified individuals being released from prison. I am also a charter board member of the Rainier Institute, a non-partisan think tank dedicated to stimulating debate over vexing policy problems in our community, including affordable health care, maintaining educational quality and improving the administration of justice.

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

A state legislator must listen carefully to the constituents in the district and must serve them in a prompt and even-handed fashion. This often takes the form of casework dealing with personal or neighborhood problems or helping constituents battle with bureaucracy. Regular correspondence with constituents and attendance at community meetings is also an important part of staying in touch and “feeling the pulse” of the district.

Of course, a legislator also serves constituents through direct policymaking work during the legislative sessions, seeking to amend state statutes or direct state funding in such a way as to create conditions that will enhance the quality of life in the district. In the Washington State Legislature the on-the-ground issues that a legislator should pay closest attention to – and which constituents care the most about – include: investing in education, from early learning to K-12 to higher ed.; keeping neighborhoods, public spaces and homes safe and secure; access to good quality, affordable health care; and helping to relieve the stress and inconvenience associated with traffic congestion and explosive population growth.

A legislator can also play an important role as an agent of change, not only for the district but for the whole state, by ignoring convention and remaining unafraid of controversy and by articulating a vision of the future that reflects the values of how we want to live our lives.

**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.*

MPA, Harvard University (1998); JD, George Washington University (1986); AB, Senior Fellow, Dartmouth College (1983)

**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.

President, Lakeview Neighborhood Association (2000-2002) in Kirkland; Board Member, Norkirk Neighborhood Association (until 2005); Volunteer Attorney, Eastside Legal Clinic (2001 to present); Board Member and Legislative Chair, King County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative Board (2002 to present); Charter Board Member, Rainier Institute; Board Member, Marie Institute; Board Member, Post-Prison Education Project.