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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:

X Candidate Questionnaire

Sent by: Email US Mail Fax Not Sending

X 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

X Campaign Materials

Sent by: Email US Mail Fax Not Sending

X Constituent Newsletters and other publications

Sent by: Email US Mail Fax Not Sending

X 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.**

**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
Mark		Hargrove

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

State House of Representatives, 47th District, Position 1

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes No

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

21 Years

5. How long have you resided in King County?

21 Years

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

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

CAMPAIGN CONTACTS

Campaign Name: **Hargrove for House**

Address: **P.O. Box 7341**

City/State/Zip: **Covington, WA 98042**

Campaign Phone: **(253)630-3064**

Campaign Fax: _____

Campaign E-mail: **HargroveMD@aol.com**

Campaign Website: **www.MarkHargrove.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)
Precinct Committee Officer	Elective	2006 - Present	

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.)

Sandy, my wife of 29 years, and I have lived in Covington for 20 years, educating our daughters in the Kent public schools. My wife and daughters all teach or coach at Auburn High School. We attend church in Black Diamond. And I commute to work in Renton. As such we are connected to our neighbors throughout the 47th legislative district. It is my connection to and affection for my neighbors in the 47th district that have brought me to my decision to run for the State House of Representatives.

In my role as a PCO, participating in each caucus and talking to people throughout my district, I constantly hear how dissatisfied my neighbors are with our current legislator. My neighbors' priorities are not being addressed. They want a transportation system that gets them to and from work more quickly. They want an education system that efficiently uses the huge sums of money we spend to actually achieve results. They want lower taxes and more prudent government spending. They want their private property rights protected. In general, they want a government whose priorities line up with their priorities. They need an advocate in the state government, and I care enough for them to make some personal sacrifices to get them what they want and need.

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

As an Eagle Scout, Air Force Academy graduate and Air Force pilot, integrity has been drilled into me throughout my life. I will not compromise my principles for the sake of expediency or being a team player.

As a Boeing instructor pilot, I have spent months living in various cultures around the world. I have a better grasp of the cultural backgrounds of those different from myself than most Americans. And I have been able to work together with all sorts of people to achieve positive results.

I have flown multi-million dollar airplanes, full of hundreds of passengers, between unfamiliar third world airports or the busiest international airports, in all sorts of weather, with newly trained pilots and air traffic controllers both with weak English skills. There is a certain amount of stress and quick decision making required in these situations.

As a math instructor at the Air Force Academy Prep School, I learned first hand what it is like to teach high school level mathematics to students of various levels of understanding.

As a Christian, I genuinely try to treat others as I would like to be treated. I can disagree with others on the most serious matters and still be friends.

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.

I am most proud of my family. We are close knit, and even though my daughters are adults, we still spend a lot of time with them and their husbands. They are all involved in this campaign. I share credit with my wife in making the right decisions as our girls were growing up so that they matured into model citizens.

Many times over my Boeing career I have had my student pilots tell me that the training I provided them was the best and most enjoyable they have received during their careers. I think I have an ability to meet people where they are and bring them to a new understanding and enjoy the experience.

I am proud to be an Air Force Academy graduate. The academic, athletic, and military training I received there was difficult to complete and prepared me well for so many challenges I have faced throughout my life.

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.

For several years in the mid 90's, my wife and I organized a hot dinner for 100-150 people every Wednesday evening at our church. We were able to feed everyone for \$5 per family and always break even. This involved careful planning and budgeting, organizing a volunteer crew each week and the stress of getting everyone fed and to their activities on time. We've used these same skills for other meals for large crowds over the years.

For several years in the early 90's, my wife and I led a youth group of Kentwood High School students. Again this involved a lot of team building, planning, organizing and budgeting for weekly meetings, weekend outings and weeklong camps in Canada.

As a founding member of LBPA (Boeing instructor pilot's union), I know first hand the motivation for and the challenges of forming a union and the process of repeated contract negotiations. Additionally, as the current secretary/treasurer, I understand the importance of meticulously caring for our finances and proper reporting of our finances to the government.

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

Duties of this office include drafting legislation, voting on legislation, committee meetings, and meeting and communicating with lobbyists, constituents and fellow legislators. Because there are so many people and events competing for a legislator's time, it will be easy to fill each day and never get anything worthwhile accomplished.

The people of my district are frustrated that the government is doing all sorts of "stuff", but not addressing the issues that are our priorities. My most important duty is to see that legislation that addresses their priorities is written, voted on and signed into law.

**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.*

Bachelor of Science, Engineering Mechanics, U.S. Air Force Academy, 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.

For years my wife and I prepared weekly meals for over 100 people at our church. We have used those same organizing skills for other large group meals at community events over the years. We led a high school youth group for several years and coached youth basketball teams. We've volunteered at our daughters' schools, supported several youth sports teams and were volunteer workers in "Make a Difference Day" in our community.