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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.**

**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
Zachary	L	Hudgins

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

State Representative 11th LD Asst 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

Campaign Name: People for Zack Hudgins

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Campaign Website: http://www.zackhudgins.com

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	Elective	Dec 2002 - Present	Asst Majority Whip Asst Floor Leader Floor Leader

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

Office Title	Year of Run

1. In one page or less explain why are you running for this office?

In 2002 I knocked on 13,000 doors in order to win a five way primary and then the general election. I was upset at how the economy in our state was moving, and I wanted to do something about it. I listened to people tell me about the cost of health care, and how much they worried about their jobs. It kept me going to door after door, in neighborhoods across my district. I wanted to do something about the economy and protect jobs. I haven't forgotten why I was first elected to the state legislature, to help create and protect jobs in our district and across Washington State.

I am running for reelection because I want to continue this work of building our economy, of bringing a voice to Olympia that comes from regular folks who work for a living and sit in traffic and worry about the future. I want to make sure our state government is working well, for folks like the ones I talk to in my communities.

While in Olympia, I remember the people I talk to in our neighborhoods and businesses who are worried about the economy. That's why I fought to keep Boeing here, and led a state task force focused on outsourcing. I voted to put people to work building more schools and more roads.

I want to be re-elected so I can continue this work and the work of my majority caucus. We have moved forward on policies like covering all kids with health care, allowing small business to join a state health insurance pool, funding our schools, and investing in transportation. As I continue to visit different neighborhoods and talk to people, I hear we need to stay focused on the basics of creating jobs, protecting the environment, and making health care affordable. This is why I would like to return to the legislature to keep up this work and build on our record.

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

The legislative process is not a quick fix process. It takes two key traits, determination or tenacity and an ability to work with anyone, to pass good policy. I believe I have both of these traits and have applied them to my work in Olympia.

I have been elected by my caucus peers onto our leadership team each year I have been in Olympia as Assistant Whip, then Assistant Floor Leader, and now as Floor Leader which shows their confidence in my ability to help our caucus get things done in a well planned and civil way. These traits are also why I was chosen to serve as the top Democrat, the Vice Chair, on the new Select Committee on Environmental Health under a Republican Chair. This is the only committee where a Republican is the Chair under a Democratic majority and I help lead the Democrats and work across the aisle on the issues that come before the committee.

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're seeking. These accomplishments may have occurred at any time in your personal, professional, or public life.

Beyond personal achievements, like traveling around the Middle East, running with the bulls in Pamplona, completing four marathons, being elected to office, working with the Iraqi parliament in Baghdad, there are public achievements I am proud of.

During my work at Amazon.com I was part of an amazing team of people that grew from 500 people when I started to over 10,000 when I left the company. It was exciting and interesting each day at work. I was especially proud to be part of a team that went to Europe to set up a contact center in The Hague. Our group of 21 arrived from Seattle on a cold winter day with six employees in the building. When we left, there were nearly 400 employees doing customer service work for customers using the UK, French and German websites. This shows my ability to grasp a vision and pull people together to make that vision a reality.

My first year in the legislature, I passed a small change to the state constitution. The change was later approved by 82% of the voters statewide. The change isn't what I am exactly proud of – it was almost a technical fix. The constitutional amendment taught me the process and this is what I am most proud of. In a short period of time, I was able to learn and then navigate a very complex system during my first session, without lobbyists, when the parties held the different chambers, and in a year when budgets were on everyone's mind. This shows my ability to learn quickly and work on issues that others may agree with, but not think are important.

Lastly, I am proud of my leadership work in the House. I am both the Floor Leader, where I help to organize the debate on the floor of the House, and the Vice Chair of the new Environmental Health Committee. The committee is the only committee in a Democratically controlled House that has a Republican Chair. As the Vice Chair I work across party lines to move important legislation that affects my district and people across the state. Two of our most well known pieces of legislation include the PBDE phase out – to remove toxic flame retardants, and the Safe Children's Products act - which sets the strictest standards in the nation for lead, phthalates and cadmium in children's toys and products. This shows my ability to work across party lines on large ideas to find common ground.

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 in which you were involved. Involvement consists of many areas such as family, neighborhood, community, employment, or public life.

Outside of my many legislative duties, I have volunteered, been a member of, or worked for a number of groups around the district including having served on two non-profit boards. The boards are, The Domestic Abuse Women's Network board that works

towards preventing domestic violence in our communities and providing services to those that have suffered from domestic violence, and The Friends of the Puget Sound Veteran's Administration Fisher House board which is helping build and manage a Fisher House on Beacon Hill as a place for veteran's families to stay while veterans are in the VA hospital.

I learned a lot at both organizations, including how hard it is to start a new non-profit and keep it going in our state. Beyond the fundraising, the staff management, the board dynamics there is the simple day to day providing of services. I was also able to apply my knowledge of local government and public services to help these boards build capacity and do more to help the community. I have helped on little things such as getting ready for events, and larger things such as strategic planning on both of these boards. I was on the DAWN board from 2003-2007, and I am still on the Fisher House board. Offering my advice and time to community boards helps not only the organizations grow, but also helps me to relate to other non-profits in my district and helps me make better decisions about how government can provide services to those in need.

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

I think there are many duties to the office that I'm seeking. I try to focus on these three priorities as I work in this office.

The first and most important duty is to represent people in Olympia to the best of my ability. To me this includes the basics of going to Olympia, being involved, voting and doing my best not to miss votes or hearings. I need to do my homework, read as much as possible and think about what would be good laws and strong policies that make our state a better place to live. This part of the job can be the hardest.

Another important duty involves helping constituents from home deal with our government and the bureaucracy. I should answer emails, phone calls and letters from home and act as the active liaison between individuals and our government. This can range from introducing and helping with legislation from home, or sorting out DSHS or CPS services. Sometimes it means getting a phone number or contact person in an agency or private firm for a constituent in order to solve a problem. It can also mean using our resources to sort out what the law says, and how it impacts people. This is the part of the job that can be the most interesting as I learn along with the constituent.

Finally, I think it is important to me to be accessible, take messages home and tell people what we're doing in Olympia. I get out to events across my district; I speak to groups, visit schools, read email lists to stay in a dialog with people about what our government is doing, and how it is working. I feel I should explain the process and crack open government to explain to folks back home how things work, how they can make a difference and how I am a part of it all as their representative. To me, this is one of the most important and most rewarding things that I can do and as a Representative. It is therefore the most fun part of the job.

**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.

BA University of Notre Dame History/Government

**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.