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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 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](#)

Resume (education, employment, and professional activities)

Sent by: [Email](#)

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

Campaign Materials

Sent by: [Email](#)

Constituent Newsletters and other publications

Sent by: [Email \(Please see html link in email\)](#)

Photograph

Sent by: [Email](#)

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
Leslie		Bloss

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

State House Representative, 36th District, Position #1

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes No

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

District: Total= 17 years, City: Total= 45 years

5. How long have you resided in King County?

52 years

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

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

CAMPAIGN CONTACTS

Campaign Name:	Friends for Leslie Bloss
Address:	PO Box 50135

City/State/Zip:	Bellevue, WA, 98015-0135
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Campaign E-mail:	leslie@blossforthe36th.com
Campaign Website:	http://www.blossforthe36th.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)

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 am running to bring balance to Olympia and to make Washington State better for my grandchildren's future. I have seen politicians not working for the greater good, but for a select few. I've seen how politicians ignore what the voters vote against. Olympia seems to create problems rather than find solutions for the challenges facing us in education, transportation, and taxation. With the amount of property tax money collected, we should have "excellent" schools. The flight of my district's children into private schools is hurting the public schools and their surrounding communities.

We need property tax reform, too many seniors fear being taxed out of their homes. I would like and encourage our Auditors to be willing to adjust accordingly.

I want to be the person that starts listening to the voter's wishes and follow through based on those wishes and what's good for the community.

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

In a word, I am honest. People want and need that in those who represent them in office. I care about our state and its people. My volunteer work testifies to the care and diligence I use to care for all kinds of people. I am an excellent listener and know how to ask the right questions to find the solutions to the problems that our cities and state face. I am passionate about solving our state's problems and about Washingtonians. I believe strongly in inclusion and diversity, it is what makes America great. I am persistent and unafraid.

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.

As single mother, I went into the workforce and through hard work and determination was able to work my way up the corporate ladder, provide a home to my children, and complete my college education earning a degree in Business Administration. Through this experience I have honed my ability to handle difficult situations, overcoming challenges to get the job done.

About 7 years ago, my cousin was raped, beaten and murdered. Her assailant never captured. This evolved into a personal passion of mine. I am an advocate for "Katie's Law," which provides for the surrender of DNA samples upon felony arrest to be entered into a database. I feel that if a law like this were passed that our communities would be safer because it would easier to catch those individuals who are repeat offenders for violent crimes and perhaps prevent them from doing so in the first place. The law would also clear the innocent and make it less likely that they serve time unfairly and that they remain productive individuals in the community. My passion for this issue extends in to the bowels of my life and into my desire to continue my civic involvement in a government office.

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.

I was a Seattle Crisis Line worker and Rape Relief advocate; this gave me the opportunity to hone my skills of compassion and listening which are very important when working with a diverse group of people such as in the district in which I am running.

I was employed by The Boeing Company for 23 years. During that time I held various leadership roles, including receiving a Zenger Miller Certification enabling me to train communication classes to shop employees. This allowed me to personally develop my ability to lead a diverse group of people, provide direction, and to troubleshoot and manage various personalities with effective diplomacy. I handled the logistics for relocation of over 100 people at the Welded Duct Facility. I and one other employee managed all the facilities activities for over 300 people at the Network Services building for Boeing. Demonstrating my ability to multitask, handle stressful situations, and take on large projects involving many different components to the solution.

In 2007, I volunteered at the John Stanford International School, helping First Graders learn how to read, developing my ability to communicate with all levels and stoking my passion for quality education.

I currently oversee the Wallingford Senior Center's dining room staff for their monthly fundraising pancake breakfasts and spaghetti dinners, giving back to our seniors and providing a means for our community to connect and give back.

As a result of my involvement with the legislative process for "Katie's Law, I have met with the President of the Washington Federation of Republican Women who has suggested I head a committee for their organization as getting "Katie's Law" passed is going to be one of their initiatives.

Finally, for the past five years, I have been a REALTOR. This enables me to interact with various people and gain invaluable experience connecting individuals of our community with each other through the real estate transaction process. Through this experience I have developed a deeper knowledge of communities in our state and a better understanding of my own communication and diplomatic abilities.

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

"Reach consensus on a wide range of issues affecting every citizen and the future prosperity of Washington State" -- Per the Official State Website

Our most important duty is to remember whom we represent. Our decisions should depend on the views, interests and preferences of the citizens that elect us into office.

As legislators, we need to take our job seriously, try to further educate ourselves to the utmost best we can on the issues. It is also our responsibility and duty to make ourselves available and responsive first and foremost to our constituents.

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, Business Administration: City University

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.

- **Member of the Republican Women of Seattle**
- **Republican PCO, Precinct 1335**

SECTION III

----- CONFIDENTIAL SECTION BEGINS -----

The following information is for League use only. It will not be published on the League's website.

Campaign Manager's Name:	Amanda Daylong
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Candidate's Evening Phone:	206-235-5689
Candidate's VoiceMail/Message:	206-235-5689
Candidate's Fax:	206-260-8822
Candidate's Pager:	

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REFERENCES

This information is for League use only. It will not be published in any format.

If you have not previously provided the League with references, please list references you would like us to contact who can speak to your involvement, effectiveness, character, and/or knowledge. Please name at least one from each of the following three categories:

Name of Colleague	Daytime Phone	Home Phone
Glen Avery	206-286-1498	206-286-1498

Name of Supervisor/Committee Chair	Daytime Phone	Home Phone
Andy MacDonald	206-286-1498	206-286-1498
Chair of 36th Dist. Republicans		

Name of Employee/Member of a Committee You Chaired	Daytime Phone	Home Phone
Kathleen Burns	206-461-7825	206-225-1133

1. Have you ever been convicted of a crime excluding minor traffic offenses? No
If yes, please explain.

----- CONFIDENTIAL SECTION ENDS -----

Finished!

If at all possible, send your response to the Municipal League electronically as an email attachment, or insert it into an e-mail message (cec@munileague.org). Mail and fax numbers are listed below. If the League has not contacted you to schedule an interview, please call the League office at your earliest convenience.

Don't forget to send the following to the Municipal League: a resume, a photo, campaign literature, and, if you are an incumbent, constituent newsletters and other materials. Please use the check-off list on the cover sheet of this packet to indicate which items you have sent.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND GOOD LUCK IN YOUR CAMPAIGN!

THE MUNICIPAL LEAGUE OF KING COUNTY

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