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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
Scott		McKay

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

State Senate, 11th District

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes x No

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

Except for law school and study/living abroad while an undergraduate, I have lived my entire life in Seattle, and the past five years in the 11th District

5. How long have you resided in King County?

See above

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

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

CAMPAIGN CONTACTS

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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)
Except for being appointed a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in King County (1982-1985), I have never held any political office			

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

Office Title	Year of Run
Not Applicable	

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 52 years old, a survivor of kidney cancer, and work as a wage and hour attorney. Although my career has always been satisfying on many levels, it has never allowed me to fully express my creative talents. In addition, I have always had lingering regrets that I have not been actively involved in the fight for issues of social justice that are important to me. (I have been particularly concerned with providing quality education and economic opportunities for historically underprivileged segments of American society).

With my health restored and our daughter settled into college, I now have the time and opportunity to move my career in a different direction, and it is for this reason I decided to run for State Senate. It is my hope that this position will provide me with the opportunity to be both creative and involved in the fight for social justice.

What would I like to achieve? Broadly speaking, I would like to bring a different kind of voice to Olympia, one that is capable of challenging conventional approaches to things we all care about: affordable health care, quality education, and renewed prosperity for working families. I would also like to use the position of State Senator as a platform to ensure that our state leadership has undertaken adequate study and research concerning highly complex issues that will play a critical role in the future, e.g., the impacts of NAFTA, addressing job outsourcing, and maintaining a viable and competitive workforce.

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

1. Intellectual integrity. I have pride in my ability to thoroughly study and understand complex issues and then make decisions that are independent of my emotional feelings or prior beliefs. While I cannot be intimidated or bullied, I am nonetheless a highly flexible thinker who is not afraid of being wrong. I can and will change my mind where it is appropriate to do so.

2. Proven record of effectiveness. For over 20 years, my survival and prosperity as a lawyer has been entirely dependent upon my ability to obtain actual results for my clients. This is because my practice has always been almost exclusively devoted to "contingency fee cases." In these types of cases, the lawyer gets paid only if he/she is successful. Thus, if the case is lost or no money is recovered, the lawyer is paid nothing.

Obviously, I could not have survived in this profession had I not been highly effective in getting actual results for my clients. I will bring this same proven ability and effectiveness to the floor of the Senate.

3. Ability to Connect With People in a Real Way. As I believe you will agree after interviewing with me, I communicate in a clear and effective way, with warmth and sincerity. I connect well with people, and have no difficulty in making appropriate compromises or concessions in order to achieve desired results.

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 have no interest in touting my educational or professional accomplishments.

As a man, I am most proud of two things. First, I am proud that my wife and I have been good parents.

Second, I am proud that to the best of my ability, I have followed the advice my father gave me as he was dying. After looking back at this life, my father concluded that there are only two things that are truly essential for a successful life: 1) To be truly compassionate to others; and 2) to be a tough son of a bitch in standing up for what is right. I have constantly tried to incorporate this advice into my daily actions.

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.

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

**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.*

**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.