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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

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**Note: Electronically submitted questionnaires are strongly preferred. All materials can be emailed to [cec@munileague.org](mailto:cec@munileague.org). They can be processed and made available on-line far more rapidly than handwritten or typed submissions.**

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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
Margarita	L	Prentice

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

**STATE SENATOR 11<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT**

3. Are you the incumbent?            X Yes    No

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

**50 YEARS**

5. How long have you resided in King County?

**54 YEARS**

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

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

#### CAMPAIGN CONTACTS

Campaign Name:            COMMITTEE TO ELECT MARGARITA PRENTICE

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City/State/Zip:              SEATTLE, WA 98178

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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)
STATE SENATOR	ELECTED	1993 - PRESENT	CAUCUS VICE CHAIR CHAIR, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, LABOR, COMMERCE, WAYS & MEANS
RENTON SCHOOL BOARD	APPOINTED	1988-87	

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

Office Title	Year of Run
RENTON SCHOOL BOARD	1987

## 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.)

**After 20 years in the Legislature, my effectiveness is evident. My first year, HB 222, provided farm workers protection from pesticides, banned child labor and provided unemployment compensation. While chairing Financial Institutions, I brought in interstate branch banking, protected credit unions and prevented "loan sharks" from operating in our state. As Chair of Labor and Commerce, I protected workers and assisted employers in bringing and keeping jobs in our state. After three years of working with the industry, the Attorney General's office, our state has the most stringent Identity Theft laws in the nation. Other states model their laws after ours. As a member of the Transportation Committee, I streamlined the permitting process, while incorporating environmental requirements and costs. I streamlined the process for on farm housing. I've been chair of Ways and Means 4 years and wrote the Senate Budget. One June 25, the U of W and I will announce development of the first of its kind training DVD for parents and teachers of autistic children.**

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

**Directness, examine seemingly intractable issues and work toward finding a solution.**

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.

**Development of Autism training DVD's worked with U of W, my family and son in helping my son develop and function at a very high standard. As a nurse, worked as in-service director, which allowed me to "trouble shoot" most issues. As a labor representative, I represented nurses employed in our state institutions and developed an understanding of the system. As a nurse, I worked with my community treating their injuries delivered their babies and counseled many mothers who would call me when the baby wouldn't stop crying.**

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.

**PTA member - 1960's to 70's**

**Renton Area Youth Services - Board Member**

**Chair of local credit union - rewrote the information pamphlet**

**Member of Democratic National Committee**

**1<sup>st</sup> VP of Washington State Nurses Association - 2 terms**

**County, State, National Democratic Platform Committees**

**Delegate to Mid Term Conference**

**Secretary to Hispanic Caucus - DNC**

**Vice-chair, King County Democrats**

**Precinct Committee Officer - 30 years**

**Labor Representative - WSNA - organized, negotiated, handled grievances, arbitrations, unit clarifications and elections of nursing units.**

**Bargaining Committees**

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

**State Senator - 4 year term: represent legislative district, develop legislation appropriation for district and state needs. Serve on Senate committees. Currently, I serve as Chair of Ways and Means, confer with the Senate members, write the Senate budget, negotiate with House members and Governor. Work with all members of the Senate.**

### **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.*

**X** Check here if you would like the Municipal League to copy the first 500 characters from Question 4 to paste into this section.