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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 US Mail Fax Not Sending
- Resume (education, employment, and professional activities)**
(see DennisRichterForStateSenate.com)
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 (see DennisRichterForStateSenate.com)**
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
Dennis	L	Richter

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

State Senate, Legislative District 1

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes No

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

Five years

5. How long have you resided in King County?

I live in Snohomish Cty; however, part of LD1 is in King Cty

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

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

CAMPAIGN CONTACTS

Campaign Name: Friends of Dennis Richter
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Campaign Website: DennisRichterForStateSenate.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)
None			

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

Office Title	Year of Run
None	

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 for this office because government and public policy should be about discussing ideas, choosing the best ideas, and seeing them through to completion. As an engineer, this is why my company pays me.

In this State, I have seen a lack of ideas and ingenuity that have created a sub-standard educational system; State spending that is too high and virtually untamed; and transportation gridlock. There are ways to solve these problems, and I intend on being part of the solution.

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

I make every attempt to be honest and forthright. I am dedicated and conscientious in any endeavor I choose to undertake. And I particularly enjoy taking on a challenge, solving the problems, and seeing it through to completion. I am not "afraid of a fight," but try to fight fairly, respectfully, and without holding a grudge if I lose. I am also a good listener.

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.

Apart from and secondarily to raising my two daughters - who have turned out to be wonderful, talented women...

1. Graduating from the University of Washington with a B.S.E.E in 1982.

I returned to school to finish my four-year degree when my children were five and six years old, so there were many challenges both in time and money. But that was the best investment I have ever made.

2. Being respected enough at work to be offered the opportunity to become an FAA Authorized Representative

This position requires a considerable amount of time, effort, responsibility, and technical ability. The process has just begun, and it takes anywhere from one to three years to complete.

3. Being able to use a computer as a tool to solve problems, save time, and save money

In particular, I have built a complex database at work that minimizes the amount of work we must do and forces discipline into our processes. We deal with many different, smaller companies around the world, and using this database helps us to treat each one the same.

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.

Please see my bio page at www.DennisRichterForStateSenate.com for community service (mostly church related).

In addition to community service, I am a lead engineer with seven engineers and/or technicians working for me. I enjoy guiding people, challenging them, seeing them succeed, and communicating appreciation for what they do to make our company successful.

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

Propose, support, or oppose bills brought before the Senate. In general, try to get the Senate out of the micromanaging business and into the business of removing roadblocks so people can live the American dream as they see it.

The most important duty of a State Senator is to maintain a government that is as small as possible. This can .

**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.*

A.A.S., Chemical Technology, Shoreline Community College, 1973
B.S.E.E, University of Washington, 1982

**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.