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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)**
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
Alex		Rion

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

State Representative, 32nd Legislative District, Position 1

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes No

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

Since March 2008

5. How long have you resided in King County?

Since March 2008

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

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

CAMPAIGN CONTACTS

Campaign Name: Committee to Elect Alex Rion

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Campaign Website: www.AlexRion.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)
n/a			

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

Office Title	Year of Run
n/a	

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.)

The short answer to the question is that I was asked to run.

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

Among the characteristics that will serve the office of State Representative well is my strong attention to detail. As a real estate salesperson, writing contracts is a big part of my job. Making terms easily understood and being able to explain them and their ramifications to others is all part of the territory. Writing a contract is only where my job as a real estate agent begins. Bringing opposing sides in a negotiation together for their mutual benefit is what separates the most successful – in real estate or in government. Finally, I've found that in order to achieve success, the successful person must be willing to do what others will not. In other words, outperforming the competition often means outworking them. I'm not afraid of hard work, which is a quality that will be essential in the Legislature.

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.

- **Military Service – When I enlisted, instead of choosing to be satisfied by serving in a regular Army unit I elected to chart a tougher but ultimately more rewarding course. After basic training, I attended Communications School, AIT, Jump School, and served as RTO and Armorer in the 2/505th of the 82nd Airborne Division.**
- **Construction Management – When I took on a project, I evaluated it carefully to streamline the development process. I oversaw the building of a multi-million dollar marina project with a scheduled build out period of two years. I finished the project under budget and exceeding quality specifications in eight months.**
- **Property Management – As a district property manager for one of the world's largest Real Estate Investment Trusts, I took over a district ranked 158th out of 163. Within a year, I led that failing district into the top ten in the company where it stayed for my tenure with the company.**

I'm proud of these things because they demonstrate my commitment to excellence, exceeding standards whenever possible, but always delivering on promises made.

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.

- **Life Member, 82nd Airborne Division Association – 1986 to present**
- **National Rifle Association – 1986 to present**
- **Single Action Shooting Society – 2005 to present**
- **National Association of Realtors – 2000 to present**
- **Michigan Association of Realtors – 2000 to present**
- **Ann Arbor Area Board of Realtors – 2000 to present**
- **Washington Association of Realtors – 2008 to present**
- **Seattle King County Association of Realtors – 2008 to present**
- **Master Builders Association – 2008 to present**
- **Commercial Brokers Association – 2008 to present**
- **Northwest MLS – 2008 to present**

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

The most important duty of a Representative of the people is the sworn duty to uphold the constitutions of both the United States and the State of Washington. As a “lawmaker” the litmus test for any legislation is that it must first be constitutional. What naturally follows is the respect of the will of the people one represents, and being available to those people for them to express their views. As a legislator, the magnitude of the responsibility in providing a voice for one’s constituents cannot be overstated.

**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 - Political Science, Eastern Michigan 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.