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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
Patrick	Pat	Sullivan

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

State Representative 47th District Position 2

3. Are you the incumbent? X Yes No

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

19 years

5. How long have you resided in King County?

26 years

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

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

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)
State Representative	Elective	2005-current	Vice-Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Education
Covington Economic Development Commission	Appointive	2004-current	Co-chair
Covington City Council	Elective	1997-2003	Mayor – 1997-2000 & 2002-03
Suburban Cities Association	Appointive	1998	
King County Regional Policy Committee	Appointive	1998-2001	

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

Office Title	Year of Run
State Representative	2002

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?

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 have been involved in my community for over 15 years, serving as a mayor and city council member, school and church volunteer, nonprofit board member, youth sports coach, service club member and community volunteer. It has been an honor to represent the 47th District in the State House of Representatives for the past 4 years and I would like to continue working to positively impact our communities and the people who live here.

As the father of 3 children, I know how important it is for my daughters to get a good education and have every opportunity to be successful in life. I want to make sure those opportunities are available for every young person in our state. We have made some good progress in the areas of education, health care, and economic opportunities, but there is much more work to be done.

As the national economy struggles, it is also important that we make needed investments in our state's economy to keep our state moving forward. As a member of the Community, Trade and Economic Development Committee and a member of my local Economic Development Council, I want to continue to adopt policies that help keep our state's economy strong.

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

I am a hard worker. Serving as a legislator requires a commitment to research a wide range of issues and become knowledgeable in many areas. It also requires a significant amount of time working with a wide variety of groups and individuals. Over my 4 years in the Legislature, I have dedicated myself to the job and spent the time needed to do it well.

Listening well to others is also a trait which any effective legislator must possess. I spend a great deal of time talking with citizens at their doorstep, attending meetings in our community, and hosting coffee hours in neighborhoods across the district. I take the time to listen and work hard to address the questions and concerns that I hear.

Throughout my life, I have worked hard to establish my reputation as someone who is honest and trustworthy. An effective legislator must be trusted by his or her constituents and by other legislators. This is a critical personal characteristic that is my highest priority.

I also believe that legislators need to be good communicators. I have worked hard to communicate with constituents in my district to let them know what I am going on in Olympia and what I am doing to address concerns and issues important to our area and to the state.

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.

1. The City of Kent is working to reinvigorate their downtown core. They asked area legislators to partner in their effort to build an event center that would be home to the Seattle Thunderbirds junior hockey team and also allow them to hold local events like graduation ceremonies. I took the lead in sponsoring legislation that would allow Kent to create a public facilities district to help fund the project. I was successful (with help from other area legislators) in passing the PFD legislation and help move the project forward. The PFD for Kent is the first outside of Seattle in King County.

2. As the Mayor of Covington, I worked hard to bridge a community which was struggling to work together. I pushed for the creation of an economic development committee which would pull together the city council and chamber of commerce. That commission helped to bring together the community and has been very successful. I have the honor to currently serve as the co-chair of the economic development council. I also pushed for budgets which did not require additional taxes but continued to improve local services.

3. While I have been able to enjoy a number of successes in my personal and political life, the one that is most important to me and the one that I want to be remembered for long after I am gone, is a successful father. I have 3 great daughters who are creating their own successes and I am grateful to be a part of their lives.

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.

Covington Economic Development Council – co-chair (2004-present)

Covington Elementary PTA – member and past chair (2000-present)

Kiwanis Club of the Foothills – member and past president (1992-present)

Kent Youth and Family Services Board – member (2007-present)

South King County Community Network Board – member (2008-present)

Youth T-ball and Soccer Coach (2002-05)

Church Volunteer (1999-present)

Covington Rotary (2004-05)

Communities in Schools of Kent Board (2002-04)

South King County Multi Service Center Board (1995-96)

Kent School District Strategic Planning Task Force (1992)

Reach Out Covington Volunteer (1995-96)

Covington Elementary Learning Improvement Team (1994-95)

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

The duty of legislators is to effectively represent the views and concerns of their constituents. They must work with other legislators to solve problems facing our communities, our region and our state. They must be accessible to constituents, willing to consider all sides of an issue and be able to work with diverse groups of people.

It is also important for a legislator to act as a conduit between their constituents and government. They must serve as ombudsmen for citizens that are having trouble accessing government services. They need to be effective communicators on issues being discussed in Olympia and work to seek input from the public on how issues should be addressed.

Most importantly, legislators must not forget that they are public servants.

**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.*

B.A. Political Science, University of Washington (1987)

**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.