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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
Michael	A	Thompson

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

Washington State Representative District 30 Position 1

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes No

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

30

5. How long have you resided in King County?

40

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

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

CAMPAIGN CONTACTS

Campaign Name: Committee To Elect Michael Thompson

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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)

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

Office Title	Year of Run

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.)

As a lifelong conservative, I have always believed in the individual's rights to a solid sound education and a government controlled by the people. In recent months my life situation has changed, with the death of my father, to the point where I could get involved in making the necessary changes for the people of this great state. The decision to run for office is more for the love of the State of Washington and the people of this great state.

I was persuaded to run by a group of people who feel I have the right answers to the problems facing our state today. This is not something I take lightly. With my expansive life experience and education, these people believe I have what this state has been lacking in government for a long time. Among these qualities are honesty, morality, ethics and a sound working knowledge of the problems facing this state.

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

As a Patented Inventor I have the ability to find the solutions to difficult problems. Solutions to difficult problems are what this state needs. My ability to listen, discuss and find a course of action quickly comes from my inventing background.

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 developed cutting edge internet broadcasting technologies and developed companies to utilize them. In the process, I became a broadcaster on talk shows; live racing events and news shows. The companies were the first to use an advertising based model on a network style format. We broadcast live and pre-recorded content 24 hours a day with live feeds coming in from up to 5 venues at a time. The critical thinking and attention to detail was key to the success of these businesses.

At the same time I was the primary care giver for my disabled father. This experience taught me more about how to deal with difficult situations with compassion. For a period of about 3 months I was caring for my disabled father and my mother, whom had a heart valve repaired after going through congestive heart failure and nearly dieing.

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.

I was a household mover for North American Van Lines from 1986 through 1989. A person learns more about how people think and feel about a large range of topics when moving all of their belongings from coast to coast. It was truly one of the more rewarding experiences of my life.

Caring for my father in his last years helped me understand more about the elderly and dying.

I helped organize the first block watch program in my neighborhood. Organizing my neighbors and helping them to understand the importance of taking care of our neighbors.

In broadcasting races from around the country, over the internet, I helped to bring a little piece of home to our soldiers in foreign lands. I received e-mail from several soldiers thanking me for what I was doing for them. One of those e-mails was from an aircraft carrier stationed off the middle east shore. In it the sailor mentioned that the radio officer piped the broadcasts across the ships intercom system, allowing all the men and women on board to listen as they worked.

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

As a Washington State Representative, my first responsibility is to the people of this state, in general, and my district, in particular. A Representative is elected by the people to be their voice in state government. My first responsibility is to listen to the people of my district and know what they want our government to do and more importantly what not to do.

My first priority is schools and finding the solutions to the high dropout rate that plagues our schools today. Our state Constitution mandates schools as being the first priority of our state. Without educating our youth we diminish the work-ready contributors to our state and end up with more people on welfare.

My next priority is making sure tax money is spent on the proper projects and the projects are started and completed in a timely manner. Keeping government accountable to the people is very important to maintaining the trust of the people. If the people lose confidence in their elected representatives, we fail as representatives and the people no longer believe that the government represents them.

**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.