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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
Cathleen	Kim	Verde

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

43rd Legislative District Representative, Position #2

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes No

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

5. How long have you resided in King County?

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

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

CAMPAIGN CONTACTS

Campaign Name: Friends of Kim Verde

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Campaign Website: www.voteforverde.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)

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.)

I'm running so their will be a continued voice of opposition to the current one-part rule in this district. Specifically I want to raise awareness on transportation issues that I don't feel the current legislature or party is addressing adequately. I also want to bring greater safety to many of the neighborhoods within the 43rd district and work to revitalize some of the neighborhoods that are hurting economically, apparent in the number of boarded up business on Broadway and in other areas. I believe Seattle can be a world leader and attract outside investment through business development and tourism if we invest in our economic vitality by focusing on better intra-city and marine transit (Washington State Ferry System) and stimulus for our tourism related businesses such as theaters, restaurants and museums.

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

I am hard working and have lots of determination and follow through. If elected I will work tirelessly to effect change in government. My determination in sports and championship status in the face of criticism and long odds is proof of this.

I am also an advocate for children's education, with a Masters in Education (Curriculum Instruction) and will channel the knowledge I have of education curriculum to help reform our state's beleaguered school system.

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 am most proud of my Masters in Education, which took years of study and is something I can truly use to better the lives of children. I am also proud of my first place finish in the International Ski Championships, which pitted me against many skiers who had more training and support than I had.

I also feel fortunate that I have been able to travel all over the world, to many places much different than our own both in environmental and economic status. I believe my exposure to places that are facing extreme economic strife like sub-Saharan Africa and Southeast Asia, and places like the Arctic, where I was exposed to the environmental effects of global warming on Polar Bears, have made me a well rounded citizen of the world.

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 have been involved for many years in several different community activities. I am very active in the 43rd district GOP, which has given me insight and knowledge into the issues affecting our district and our state.

I am on the National Federation of Republican Women's Literacy Committee that helps to bring the gift of reading to thousands of school children nationwide.

I have been an organizer of the Seattle Yacht Club's Special People's Cruise for many years. This event brings the joy of being out on the water to many of our less fortunate citizens affected by mental and physical disabilities.

I am also active in the USO, helping to bring a sense of community and camaraderie to those in the service that help protect our nation.

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

As a state representative, I would serve in a way that demonstrates the limited role of government. Government should be a facilitator, and when necessary, a regulator. I think it is important for government to remember its role and not overstep its bounds.

In this spirit, I would act as a liaison between the residents of the 43rd district and their state government, facilitating the process whenever possible, assisting in resolving issues directly, and working to address the concerns of my constituents. This is important because our government is there to serve the people, not the other way around.

I would participate in the identification of issues facing citizens, as well as the crafting and implementation of legislation to mitigate those issues. This is something I would contribute to, on both a local and state level.

**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.*

**Masters in Education (Curriculum Instruction), Boise State University, 2001
BA in Physical Education, Western Washington University, 1975**

**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.

