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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
Jon		Viebrock

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

State Representative, 5th Legislative District, position one

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes No

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

Two Years

5. How long have you resided in King County?

13 Years

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

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

CAMPAIGN CONTACTS

Campaign Name: **Committee to Elect Jon Viebrock**

Address: **P.O Box 2015**

City/State/Zip: **Issaquah, WA. 98027-0086**

Campaign Phone: **425-301-9164**

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Campaign Website: **www.JonnyVfor5thHouse.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			
N/A			
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	
N/A	
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.)

Over the last four years, my political motivation has grown exponentially. Whereas before, I was merely concerned with improving my own circumstances, I now find it impossible to ignore the circumstances of those I interact with. We have reached a point in our society where most of the people feel totally disconnected from their government, be it the local, state, or federal level. Our nation has allowed the de-facto creation of an elite class. These people have ensconced themselves in positions of power, and many of them remain there for years, or even decades. It now appears that these individuals may have ceased to represent the voters who elected them, and instead, are actively representing whichever special interest group will give them the most money. This is wrong.

We hold dear the idea that our American government *represents the majority of average constituents*. It was never intended (by our Founding Fathers) that individuals would make it their life's career to serve in government, and I certainly will not.

I plan to utilize my time in office by doing the best job possible for my constituents, not for any special interest group. Furthermore, I plan to actively recruit others to run for office at all levels of government. Finally, I will leave office before I will allow myself to be corrupted.

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

My most important characteristics are as follows.

I am a taskmaster. I can focus on an unpleasant task for as long as necessary in order to achieve a successful result. I have learned that the answer to most problems in life is hard work. Individuals who would duck, or dodge, hard work are missing the best part.

I have an open mind. Making yourself available to new ideas, or new ways of looking at a problem allows you to make dramatic progress where others might fail. If you can honor the established way of doing things, but also incorporate some new ideas as well, you can set new standards in your achievements.

I work well with others. Listening to, and understanding the views of others can make you a powerful team player. One should never be afraid to give credit where credit is due. Too many individuals are focused only on their own self-aggrandizement. While these schemes may work in the short term, they invariably lead one down the road to irrelevance. People know when they are confronted with an individual who is only interested in furthering a selfish agenda, and while much of politics may be selfish, in the end, it is a team sport.

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.

In graduating from high school, I was a straight 'D' student (except for the occasional 'F'). Barely graduating nagged at me for years, so in 2003, I decided to enroll at Cascadia Community College in Bothell, at the age of 37. By the end of my first year, I had been elected to the executive board of Phi Theta Kappa. I carried a full caseload (15 credits per quarter, for two years straight (including summers)), in addition to working full time as a union drywall foreman. I earned a 3.65 GPA that year (transcript available upon request). The experience was quite tiring, but in the end, well worth it.

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.

In my work as a union foreman, I must deal with a wide variety of people with diverse backgrounds. Some are highly educated, others barely literate. Many are veterans of military service, others would never consider joining the armed services. There are conservatives, liberals, and every stripe in between. Most of them are “marching to the beat of their own drummers”. Organizing a crew like this is a bit like herding cats.

I have been doing this for 19 years now, the last 5 of them as a foreman. I am responsible for their safety, and their productivity. Many people feel that once someone is in a trade union, his or her position is secure for life. Nothing could be further from the truth. The reality is that an individual can be replaced in a matter of hours for failing to deliver.

My position carries the responsibility of seeing these pitfalls before they happen, and taking corrective action prior to any real problem developing. In this way, we uphold our end of the employment “bargain”. We are able to deliver superior results, in less time, due to effective leadership.

This situation demands the ability to work with, and get the best out of, a wide variety of individuals.

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

State Representatives are responsible for: introducing, understanding, debating, and voting on articles of legislation. Their most important responsibility however, is to represent their constituents, not special interest groups. Too many people lose sight of this.

**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.