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Fred Walser

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
Fred		Walsler

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

State Senate, Legislative District 39

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes No

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

37 years

5. How long have you resided in King County?

Not applicable: district spans multiple counties; live in Monroe (Snohomish County).

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

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

CAMPAIGN CONTACTS

Campaign Name: Fred Walsler for State Senator

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Campaign Phone: 425-356-7702

Campaign Fax: _____

Campaign E-mail: info@fredwalsler2008.com

Campaign Website: http://www.fredwalsler2008.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)
Sultan Police Chief	Appointive	1997-2007	
U.S. 2 Safety Coalition	Appointive	1997-current	Chairman

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 am running for State Senate because I know the challenges facing our community and will fight to make them priorities in Olympia. I have devoted my life to public service and see my current campaign as an extension of that service. My decades of service as a law enforcement official have given me the kind of person-to-person interactions and understanding of this district to be an effective champion for our values and goals. Simply put, I am running for office because I can make my community better. Rather than finding scapegoats and bogeymen, I want to find common ground and efficient solutions to improve our education system, fix our transportation problems and assure our rural environment is here for my – and everyone else's – children and grandchildren. We face many challenges in this state, but we also face many opportunities. We are well positioned to build on our state's powerful, trade- and knowledge-based economy; our excellent quality of life; and our exceptional higher-education network. I want to be the next State Senator for the 39th Legislative District to help our state and my community make the tough, smart decisions that will help us grow and thrive.

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

My most important personal trait is my demonstrated ability to connect people to policy. Olympia is a fast-moving, hectic place where, unfortunately, some elected officials can lose track of the people they are there to serve in the face of massive reports, bureaucratic agencies and political posturing. In my years of service as a Washington State Patrolman and as a police chief, I worked every day to put people first. This is further evidenced by my work with the U.S. 2 Safety Coalition. I worked to found the Coalition after the tragic death of my personal assistant and her husband. I have spent the last decade working with a bi-partisan coalition to bring new resources to make Highway 2 safer.

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 proud of my work as chairman of the U.S. 2 Safety Coalition, a position that I have held for over a decade. I worked to found the Coalition after the tragic death of my personal assistant and her husband which was followed by another fatal accident soon after. Over the last decade-plus, our Coalition has worked with WSDOT, the State Legislature and the Washington State Congressional delegation to significantly improve safety in the Sky Valley through concrete improvements such as enhanced turn lanes and through securing millions of dollars for better planning and necessary improvement studies that will allow for significant safety improvements in the future.

I am proud of my 40 years of service in the law enforcement community. It is tough but rewarding work. I believe strongly that we can protect the rights of our citizens while making our communities safe.

I am also proud of my children and, now, my grandchildren. They have shown me how our region's future must be considered in all our deliberations, and why education is the paramount duty of our state.

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.

Charter Coalition member and Chairman, U.S. 2 Safety Coalition, 1997 – present.

Chief of Police, Sultan Police Department, 1996-2007

Trooper and retired as a Lieutenant, Washington State Patrol, over 28 years.

Active member, Rock Church.

Member of Monroe Lions Club 1976-2004

Charter Member of Monroe Rotary Club 1999-2003

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

A State Senator provides a voice in Olympia for his or her constituents, fighting for the projects, bills and values they see as most important, while also being a watchdog and overseer of existing state government. They must excel at communicating the problems and potential solutions facing state government and other regions of the state back to their constituents and engaging in dialogues through town meetings, newsletters, email and other communication mediums. In other words, communication and engagement with citizens is the key to a successful legislator.

**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.

Graduate of Central Washington University, 1977 with a B/A In Law and justice.

**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.

SECTION III**----- CONFIDENTIAL SECTION BEGINS -----**

The following information is for League use only. It will not be published on the League's website.

Campaign Manager's Name: Ted Eastman

Candidate's Daytime Phone: 425-356-7702

Candidate's Evening Phone: 360-794-6712

Candidate's VoiceMail/Message: _____

Candidate's Fax: _____

Candidate's Pager: _____

REFERENCES

This information is for League use only. It will not be published in any format.

If you have not previously provided the League with references, please list references you would like us to contact who can speak to your involvement, effectiveness, character, and/or knowledge. Please name at least one from each of the following three categories:

Name of Colleague	Daytime Phone	Home Phone
Leonard Bichler, neighbor, 30+ years	360-794-8188	
Conrad Thompson, DUI Taskforce chair	360-691-1162	

Name of Supervisor/Committee Chair	Daytime Phone	Home Phone
John Lovick, Snohomish County Sheriff		425-316-8586

Name of Employee/Member of a Committee You Chaired	Daytime Phone	Home Phone
Loretta Storm, U.S.2 Coalition	360-793-6683	

1. Have you ever been convicted of a crime excluding minor traffic offenses? Yes No
If yes, please explain.

In the past year, I was convicted for not complying with the Public Disclosure Act. As the Sultan Police Chief, I had lost a piece of paper that was asked for in a Public Disclosure Request.

----- CONFIDENTIAL SECTION ENDS -----

Finished!

If at all possible, send your response to the Municipal League electronically as an email attachment, or insert it into an e-mail message (cec@munileague.org). Mail and fax numbers are listed below. If the League has not contacted you to schedule an interview, please call the League office at your earliest convenience.

Don't forget to send the following to the Municipal League: a resume, a photo, campaign literature, and, if you are an incumbent, constituent newsletters and other materials. Please use the check-off list on the cover sheet of this packet to indicate which items you have sent.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND GOOD LUCK IN YOUR CAMPAIGN!

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Fred Walser - Candidate for the State Senate 39th District

Fred Walser is a long-time resident of Snohomish County.

Fred Walser is married to his wife of 37 years, Donnetta Walser, a retired teacher in the Monroe School District and present two-term, full-time Mayor for the City of Monroe. They have two sons, Matt and Scott, and two grandchildren. They have resided in the City of Monroe over 37 years and have been very active in the community.

Fred Walser's career in law enforcement spanned over forty years.

Walser graduated from Central Washington University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Law and Justice while working full time as a Washington State Trooper. His career objective encompassed a wide range of work experience with the Washington State Patrol from 1967 to 1995.

His responsibilities included: Lieutenant Commander of Narcotics Support Section, Supervisor of Major Accident Investigation Team, Detective Sergeant Investigative Service Bureau, Operation/Administrative Sergeant and Facilities Manager, Field Operation Bureau Sergeant, Detective Investigative Services Bureau, Investigator Fatality Investigation Unit, and a State Trooper, Traffic Law Enforcement, General Support Division, and Emergency Response Team. He was a founding member and Board member of the Washington State Patrol Troopers Association.

Fred Walser retired as a Lieutenant in July of 1995 after 28 1/2 years of service. He was appointed Chief of Police for the City of Sultan in January 1996, and retired on August 17, 2007, after 40 years of police service.

Fred Walser is an active leader dedicated to public service.

Fred Walser has been an active leader and member of the Monroe Lions Club and a Charter member of the Monroe Rotary. He started and was chairman of the first Monroe Fair Days Parade celebration, and helped found the East Snohomish County E.M.S. Council to start paramedic service in east county. He was instrumental in starting the Monroe Boys and Girls Club, and the Sultan Safe Stop program , as well as many other community service and youth activities programs.

He was a board member of the Snohomish County Federated Health and Safety Network, a member of the East Snohomish County Health and Safety Network, and a former commissioner for the Snohomish County Children's Commission, chairman of the Snohomish County Juvenile Justice Advisory Board, was appointed to the Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Board, a member of the Washington State Criminal Justice Commission Board on Basic Law Enforcement Training , and is presently chairperson of the U.S. #2 Safety Coalition. He was co-chairman of the Washington Sheriffs and Police Chief's Association Traffic Committee and a member of their Legislative Committee. Additionally he served two terms as chairman of the board of directors for SNO-PAC 911 Dispatch Center, and was a past president of the Snohomish County Police Chief's and Sheriff Association.

Fred has received numerous awards of recognition and commendation throughout his public safety career including 4 Traffic Safety recognition awards from the Washington State Traffic Safety Commission, 5 special awards for recognition of efforts in Snohomish County from the Snohomish County D.U.I. Task Force, the Gayle Whitsel Award for Leadership in traffic safety from the Snohomish County D.U.I. Task Force, a special award from the Snohomish County Children's Commission for youth leadership, and an award of recognition from the Sultan Grange and Sultan V.F.W. for efforts as chairman of the U.S.2 Safety Coalition.

Fred Walser has a broad base of experience in law enforcement, transportation, and education. His long term service and commitment to the citizens of East Snohomish County is highly respected and valued.

for STATE SENATOR 39th LD

Walsler

Fred



— Fred Walsler

"I would like to continue my public service by working in Olympia. We must work together to make U.S. 2 safer, champion public education, improve transportation needs, and ensure that public safety, and ensure that transportation needs are met in Snohomish, Skagit, and Whatcom Counties."

Join The Campaign!
425-356-7702
Walsertfb@aol.com

- ✓ Washington State Patrol Officer 28 1/2 years
- ✓ Served in the Coast Range region 17 years
- ✓ Chairman of the Skagit County Chamber of Commerce
- ✓ Attorney at Law, Skagit County
- ✓ Active in numerous youth and civic groups
- ✓ Married, 2 children, 13 years

Community
Accomplishments





Why Fred Walser for State Senator?

Championing Public Education: Fred's wife, Donnetta, has worked in the public education system for 28 years. It has given him first hand knowledge of the challenges facing our public schools. Fred will continue to look for ways to ensure we are recruiting and retaining the most qualified teachers. Children are our greatest resource. We must continue to improve learning while eliminating the dropout rate.

Improving Public Safety: We need to enact legislation that makes our criminal justice system more effective and cost-efficient. Let's prioritize the "Officer in Schools" program and Drug/Alcohol Counselors in our schools to try to get kids on the right track before they start down the road to a life of criminal activity.

Ensuring Fiscal Accountability: Our legislators need to do a better job explaining what their priorities are for state government. Every project should be scrutinized to ensure it is on time and on budget.

Making Our Highways Safer: As the Chairman of the US 2 Safety Coalition, Fred has secured over \$5 million to help improve U.S. Highway 2 to make it safer. However, much more work needs to be done and U.S. 2, SR 522, SR 9 and SR 20 need to be a higher priority in our state budget.

Investing in Transportation: Our area elected officials need to think differently about transportation. We need to look at all alternatives to improve traffic safety and vehicle movement projects throughout our district. We need to not only expand road capacity, such as Highway 9, SR 522 and U.S. 2, but also look at more transit options for commuters.

