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## 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

Staff

Saul Ettlin, Director

### 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](mailto: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.



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2008 Candidate Questionnaire

**SECTION I**

**BASIC CANDIDATE INFORMATION**

**1. Name as it will appear on the ballot**

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Middle Initial or Nickname</b>	<b>Last Name</b>
<b>Margaret</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>Wiggins</b>

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

**32<sup>nd</sup> District state legislative representative position 1**

**3. Are you the incumbent?                      Yes              x No**

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

**30 years**

**5. How long have you resided in King County?**

**30 years**

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

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

## CAMPAIGN CONTACTS

Campaign Name: Wiggins 4 Change

Address: 14444 91<sup>st</sup> Ave NE

City/State/Zip: Bothell, WA 98011

Campaign Phone: 425-821-3320

Campaign Fax: Same, call first

Campaign E-mail: wiggins4change@gmail.com

Campaign Website: Photo and bio Info available at www.nud.net

## 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)
Utility commissioner	elected	Jan 1998 to present	Past board president, currently board secretary

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

Office Title	Year of Run
State rep 32 <sup>nd</sup> district position 2	2004
State rep 32 <sup>nd</sup> district position 2, (Muni League rating of "qualified" both times)	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.)

**For the last decade or so, increasing taxes seems to be the predominant agenda in Olympia, and I don't believe in rewarding failure. More money has only made our schools worse if test results are any indication. Higher gas taxes has rewarded bus riders but hardly helped the majority of working folks to get where they need to go. And the legislature needs to do something about healthcare costs so more people can afford it and doctors spend more time with patients than with paper work.**

**But those are big goals and will need dedicated legislators from both parties to make them happen. That could take time, probably more than one election cycle. In the short run, it might be possible to get both parties to agree on water issues that will encourage conservation. Water law has been a serious issue in many states and few legislators are aware of it, but as a water commissioner just back from Atlanta, I am keenly aware of it. Reclaiming water is not the answer in our wet state, protecting historical municipal water rights preserves our quality of life long into the future.**

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

**A passion for building coalitions on difficult issues.**

**A knack for phrasing concepts in words that everyone can understand.**

**A varied background that makes it easy for me to relate to most people.**

**A friendly and easy-going personality.**

**A way of asking questions that makes people think instead of knee jerking.**

**A willingness to give others credit and stay in the 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 helped raise 2 boys; both went to college and are now gainfully employed in the neighborhood.**

**I've stayed married to the same highly intelligent man for over 30 years. And I've been successful in male dominant jobs since I joined the Air Force in 1973. It starts with earning their respect and that is something I have always been able to do.**

**Some of my greatest accomplishments are not for public comment. As a politician it is important to respect people's confidences.**

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.

**After more than a decade as a water commissioner with a really well run district that has been able to keep all of my initial campaign promises made back in 1997, I am now looking to keep our state ahead of the curve, or to at least avoid some of the pit falls of other states. Networking at state and national conferences, (like the recent American Water Works Association, AWWA, in Atlanta,) is one way I'm attempting to do just that.**

**I was appointed many years ago to be our utility board's representative to both the regional water and sewer committees. I still attend monthly Water Operating Board meetings for Seattle Public Utilities, and the monthly King County MWPAAC meetings. I also attend the twice a month engineering and planning committee meetings for King County's wastewater treatment. It keeps me informed of all the reasons for rate increases, (and the state legislature has not been helpful in that respect.)**

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

**Show up with a positive attitude and vote for a better tomorrow.**

**Why? Because everyone else stepped back when they called for volunteers.**

**It's easy to find people who don't mind being paid by special interest groups to smile and look pretty, but it's getting quite rare to find someone such as myself who just wants to get in quick and do the job then go home.**

### **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.*

**High school honor grad 1970, teaching degree not completed for lack of jobs, AA in general ed completed in 1973, USAF communication technician honor grad 1973, leadership training 2006**

### **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.

**I keep informed of the political needs of this state through membership in two non-partisan think tanks, Evergreen Freedom Foundation, ([www.ewfa.org](http://www.ewfa.org)), and Washington Policy Center ([www.WashingtonPolicy.org](http://www.WashingtonPolicy.org)). These organizations have done the deep analysis of the issues that most concern me and their white papers can be viewed on their websites. I consider it my civic duty to financially support organizations such as these so our legislators have solid proof of the benefit or detriment of different government programs.**