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2009 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE
KING COUNTY ELECTIONS DIRECTOR

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 100 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: X Email US Mail Fax Not Sending
- Resume (education, employment, and professional activities)**
Sent by: X Email US Mail Fax Not Sending
 Check here if you DO NOT want your resume posted on the League's website
- Campaign Materials**
Sent by: X Email US Mail Fax Not Sending
- Constituent Newsletters and other publications**
Sent by: X Email US Mail Fax Not Sending
- Photograph**
Sent by: X 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.**

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.

A League volunteer Candidate Investigator is waiting to receive your questionnaire to begin his or her work. Please complete and return your questionnaire to the League office at your earliest convenience.

Please have your questionnaire to us no later than Dec 15th, 2008

2009 Candidate Questionnaire

King County Election Director

SECTION I

BASIC CANDIDATE INFORMATION

1. Name as it will appear on the ballot

First Name	Middle Initial or Nickname	Last Name
William	Bill	Anderson

2. How long have you resided in King County?

38 years

CAMPAIGN CONTACTS

Campaign Name: Bill Anderson

Address: 4604 47th St SE

City/State/Zip: Auburn, WA, 98092

Campaign Phone: (253) 737-4590

Campaign Fax: _____

Campaign E-mail: wlanderson@qwest.net

Campaign Website: _____

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)
Information Services Board	Appointed	1994-1995	

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 not politically connected and possess no party affiliation and no political experience, but I think that my experience as Senior Vice President and Manager of back office operations for Seafirst bank qualifies me for the job of Director of Elections.

The job of Director of Elections requires a person who has fiduciary experience managing hundreds of employees processing large numbers of paper documents, under extreme time constraints while requiring the ultimate level of security, accuracy, accountability and integrity. I have experience managing the systems and people (up to 1,300) that process large number of paper checks (3 to 5 million per day at Seafirst).

The fundamental similarities of processing votes and processing checks are that votes/checks come from multiple locations and that each has to be handled by multiple humans and multiple machines. Of utmost importance is the requirement that the document speaks on behalf of the maker, there is no room for error in determining the intent of the maker of the document.

I have participated in the evolution of paper based check payment systems to electronic payments systems. Over the past 20 years, as paper checks have slowly given way to debit cards and online bill paying, I have helped to architect the systems used to keep the money flowing smoothly and securely.

King County's move to voting exclusively by mail is but the first step in gaining control of the voting process. However, it is not the end of changes that will be required to ensure the voting process is accurate, secure, has integrity, results can be reproduced and there is transparency within the voter registration and election process. There is much to be done; I can lead the effort to modernize the election registration and voting processes.

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

I am honest, trustworthy, open to new ideas, I believe in people and I can gain their trust to believe in me and I know how to get stuff done.

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 have spent my entire adult life immersed in the use of technology to provide reliable, available and serviceable application processes that improve people's lives. By that I mean I have built and managed systems that people trust to safely and securely pay for goods and services without the worry of whether or not the merchant will accept the payment. I believe I can bring the same level of trust to the elections process in King County.

I graduated from the University of Washington Graduate School of Business in the EMBA program at the age of 39. I did this without having earned an under graduate degree. During the full time EMBA program, I worked full time in a high pressure technical operations job and at the same time (with super support from my wife of 43 years) raised 7 children under the age of 18. I like to think that inspired all of my children to work their way through college too. All but 2 graduated. While I helped pay, they all worked hard during their college years and none of them had any form of student loan upon graduation.

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.

The majority of the skills I have related to this position come from my jobs.

I have moved all of my personal information and resume to a website. Please visit it at:

www.thebillandersonsite.com

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

The duties are to oversee the department of elections; “The department of elections shall be responsible for the registration of voters in the county; shall conduct all special and general elections held in the county; shall be responsible for creating and printing the King County voter’s pamphlet; shall maintain and be the official repository of political boundary maps, GIS data, and of the King County copies of campaign financial disclosure forms; and shall administer other public and non-public elections as required by state law and county code and administrative rules.”

Registration of voters and conducting elections are the two most important duties for the director. Proper voter registration and ballot collection and counting are mandatory for people to have confidence in the outcome of an election. The voters have spoken and they have said they lack confidence in the elections office to perform these duties. I agree and I think I can restore that confidence.

**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.*

University of Washington
Masters of Business Administration
Successfully completed the EMBA program while working full time leading a cross-functional team in the replacement of the computer, network and database infrastructure for Seafirst Bank

Seattle, WA
1986

Tacoma Community College
Associates of Arts (1)

Tacoma, WA
1972

Tacoma Community College
Associate of Arts (2)

Tacoma, WA
1972

Second of 2 degrees issued after completing course work at Everett Junior College, Clover Park Technical School and TCC.

**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.*

x Check here if you would like the Municipal League to copy the first 500 characters from Question 4 to paste into this section.

I served on the Washington Information Services Board in the early 1990s. I was a private citizen member. This is a testimonial from Dr Ed Lazowska:

"I served with Bill for several years on the State Information Services Board, overseeing IT policy and projects for the State of Washington. This was during the period in which Washington won three consecutive "Digital State" first place awards for innovative use of IT in state government. Bill's extensive experience in IT leadership made a huge difference. He and I worked closely together on the analysis of one particularly problematical large project where Bill's expertise was essential to the resolution we achieved."

- Ed Lazowska, Professor, University of Washington, worked directly with Bill at Seafirst Bank

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.

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

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