

2009 Candidate Questionnaire

SECTION I

BASIC CANDIDATE INFORMATION

1. Name as it will appear on the ballot

First Name	Middle Initial or Nickname	Last Name
Anthony	Tony	Anderson

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

SeaTac City Council position 4

3. Are you the incumbent? x Yes No

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

Southend, 25 years. SeaTac 17 years

5. How long have you resided in King County?

25+ years

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

7. If partisan, please indicate party:

CAMPAIGN CONTACTS

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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)
SeaTac City Council	Elective	2006 – present	Chair, Public Safety and Justice
YMCA Board	Appointive	2006	
South County Access Network	Appointive	2006 – present	

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 love SeaTac. It's a great little town. It's in a great location, peopled with the most fascinating diversity to be found anywhere this side New York City, and has an unlimited amount of unrealized potential.

It also has its challenges, but the kind of challenges that, once addressed, can truly lead to great things. We have our poor, but they are the WORKING POOR, who strive for greater things for the next generation. It has the challenges that come from having a significant immigrant population, but these are immigrants who have come here to make a better life for themselves. We have the accompanying challenges of speaking over 80 languages in our schools (all this in a city with a population of 25,000).

Besides the challenges, and accompanying opportunities presented by our diverse population, our city could be on the cusp of greatness. We have an economic dynamo in the heart of our city called SeaTac International Airport. We will soon have a viable answer to many of our transportation needs with the advent of the Light Rail (due to open this year). We have begun the development of our new city center, hopefully changing SeaTac from a city of parking lots to one with a thriving city center/entertainment district.

I have looked at myself as a communicator, a problem solver, and a facilitator. With the people we have living in this city, the economic opportunities available (now and in the future), and the infrastructure in place, with the proper guidance SeaTac could be the energetic heart of the Puget Sound region. Where everywhere is possible ...

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

Realism – having seen the broad range of human behavior in my life, I have a realistic understanding of what can be done with available time and resources. I understand that high expectations often lead to deep disappointments. This, however, should not be a limiting thing. I feel that we should always try to go a little farther than we think we can. My greatest successes in life came when I pushed the limit.

Communication – Despite common perceptions, the most important aspect of communications is the listening half. Many people seeking public office feel it necessary to be a master of oratory, but I truly believe that no one gets smarter by talking. No true servant leader represents the citizens by telling them what to do. If one is talking, and no one is listening, it is no more than a simple vibration of air. As an elected representative, it is my job to listen, understand, and represent the people of SeaTac.

Compassion – much of my day job is to protect and serve my community. Often times this involves intervening in situations where someone is being victimized. Responding to this type of situation with the appropriate amount of care and compassion can mitigate a crisis and enhance the possibility of a fuller recovery. In my city, there are a multitude of needs among the citizens, and it is my job to ensure that the resources of my city are used effectively to meet these needs to the greatest extent possible.

Tall – this may sound silly, but being tall has played a significant role in my political career. My physical stature (being as extreme as it is), makes me stand out in a crowd (pun intended). People tend to attribute leadership to me simply because of my size, which can often streamline the process. It facilitates the building of relationships simply because I'm easy to remember.

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 managed to have the most wonderful family in the world. And by wonderful, I mean strange, bizarre, quirky, hilarious, unique, and altogether entertaining. I truly take pride in being half of the gene pool of this delightful tribe.

I take a significant amount of pride in my educational achievements. My generation was the first to complete college although my parents were extremely intelligent. I was never the best student, but the fact that I completed my Master's Degree was a significant point of pride (although it took me five years). Once I gained the confidence that I could actually do something that I didn't think I could do, I shot for the moon. I decided to take my game to the next level. I was admitted to Doctoral Program in Education Leadership at Seattle University, and knocked out my doctorate in three years.

While it may not show extremely good judgment, when I was in my twenties I gave up a career job because it was taking me as a person in a direction I simply did not want to go. I quit my job, and took my pregnant wife and moved to France to play basketball. While my career could have been over with an instant flash of uncoordination, it didn't. I developed a global perspective, an appreciation for other cultures, the ability to adapt to strange environments, an ability to trust someone who was different than me. This time overseas allowed me the opportunity to avoid the traps and pitfalls into which I was running headlong.

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.

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

As a Councilmember, I am responsible for the effective use of the resources of my city. To ensure that they are used to address the needs and desires of my community. I am charged with the responsibility of representing my constituents to the best of my ability, and to take the initiative to seek out their input in order to be a more effective representative.