

## 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
Jeanne		Burbidge

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

**Councilmember, City of Federal Way Position Four**

3. Are you the incumbent?             Yes             No

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

**41 years**

5. How long have you resided in King County?

**57 years**

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

7. If partisan, please indicate party:

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#### 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.

<b>Public Office</b>	<b>Elective or Appointive?</b>	<b>Dates Held</b>	<b>Leadership Role (if any)</b>
Federal Way City Council	Elective	1998-present	Mayor 2002-3 (one term)
Washington State Transportation Improvement Board	Appointive	2004-present	Chair (current) Vice-Chair (one term)
South County Area Transportation Board	Appointive	1998-present	Chair (current) Previous Chair;Vice-chair twice2 t
King County Regional Transit Committee	Appointive	2004-present	
PSRC Transportation Policy Board	Appointive	2004-present	
Ecosystem Coordination Board for Puget Sound Partnership	Appointive	2007-present	Chair 2002 Vice-chair 2001
Regional Law, Safety and Justice Committee for King County	Appointive	2000-2002	
Joint Resolutions Committee for King County	Appointive	2004-07	
Regional Policy Committee	Appointive	2002-03	

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

<b>Office Title</b>	<b>Year of Run</b>
none	

## 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 continue to find great satisfaction in serving as a Councilmember. Having the grounding experience of my previous years of service and the range of my involvement allows me to more effectively work on issues, locally and regionally.**

**Federal Way has accomplished a great deal during its nearly twenty years of cityhood--most recently a wonderful community center--but we face challenges, particularly with the current economic downturn. Previous good planning and policies have helped to provide stability. More work is needed to redevelop our downtown to make it appealing to residents and visitors alike.**

**Additionally, my involvement with transportation on several levels has provided me with a broader understanding of the wide range of issues relating to transportation planning and funding, and I would like to continue to effectively make use of this knowledge. We are at a crossroads regarding funding of transportation, needing to look at new sources of revenue and also to examine the increasing future role of mass transit.**

**Other areas of significant involvement continue to be in human services, where I have promoted and participated in public-private partnerships which have served to leverage resources, and environmental and sustainability programs. Some of these efforts are just beginning to come together--I would like to play a role in ensuring their effective development.**

**The most rewarding aspect of my work remains the involvement with people in our community, learning of their concerns, their needs, their goals, and working to develop legislation, planning and programming which is responsive and inclusive.**

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

**My ability to listen to others well, along with my genuine interest in people and in the community as a whole allow me to communicate effectively and thoughtfully, which assists in the important task of ensuring that people feel that they have been heard. I am energized by my involvement with individuals and groups, and I thrive on the opportunities to continue to learn. Connecting people with resources, and ensuring that their interests are responded to in legislation and policies are very rewarding, along with collaboration with others and leveraging of resources. Additionally, I tend to be a careful decision maker, and I believe in the necessity for honesty and ethical behavior always, but especially when representing others, entrusted with the responsibility of an elected role**

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.

**Having had an active role with our City makes me particularly proud of my hard work on Federal Way's incorporation. I was directly involved with each cityhood effort, and served as volunteer coordinator on the Steering Committee for the final successful process, a positive vote by the citizens to form the City of Federal Way.**

**When King County announced that Federal Way's Forward Thrust Pool, the Kenneth Jones Pool, would be shut down unless the City took over its operation, the City rallied to subsidize its operation. Upon analysis that we could build a complete community center with a lap pool and a recreation pool, we pursued that vision. We now have a fully operational center, including the pools, a climbing wall, workout room, aerobics space, senior lounge, child care, catering kitchen, adjustable size meeting rooms and more. As Chair of the Parks and Recreation Council Committee, I have had an active role at decision points, and also solicited feedback from the community as to their interests and potential use. It is most rewarding now to see the Center used by all ages.**

**What is referred to as the "Triangle" in Federal Way consists of the fifth most congested interchange in Washington State, where interstate 5, State Highway 18 and State Route 161 come together. When I-5 and SR18 were connected originally with a cloverleaf system, traffic needs were served well. Today's volumes and speeds make the tight cloverleaf turns unsafe. I have worked with our public works staff and other jurisdictional (City, County and State) representatives to ensure that this needed project is on funding lists for appropriate revenue. Additionally, I have testified at the State Legislature and met with our Congressional Delegation in Washington, D.C. It is now gratifying that sufficient funding is being allocated to plan for construction on the first phase beginning in 2010.**

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.

**Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) Chair (2007-present) and Vice Chair (2005-07), representing cities**

**Federal Way Advancing Leadership Board President (current)**

**Ecosystem Coordination Board for the Puget Sound Partnership, representing cities (2007-present)**

**Women's Advisory Committee for St. Francis Hospital (2007-present)**

**Federal Way Boys and Girls Club Board Director (2005-present)**

**Rotary of Federal Way Community Service Chair (2005-present) (Rotary beginning 1999)**

**Serving on the Chamber of Commerce Green Ribbon Commission (2008-present) to develop sustainability initiatives**

**Collaboration with King County Councilmember Julia Patterson to include Federal Way in the South County Cultural Coalition (2005)**

**PSRC Transportation Policy Board (2004-present)**

**Regional Transit Committee, representing Suburban Cities (2004-present)**

**Federal Way Parks/Recreation/Human Services/Public Safety Council Committee Chair (2004-present)**

**Prism House Initiative--transitional housing for young women (2003-07)**

**Federal Way Finance/Economic Development/Regional Affairs Council Committee (1998-02)  
Represented Federal Way on Sister City trip to Donghae, Korea, and Hachinohe, Japan,  
participating in a panel in Hachinohe on the emerging roles of women in Japan**

**Building the Bridge Task Force--community collaboration with multiple city agencies and groups, including Habitat for Humanity, in one of our neediest neighborhoods**

**Election by Council and service as Mayor 2002-2003**

**National League of Cities delegate 2002 and 2003 to meetings in Washington, D.C. including sessions with our State's Senators, and in 2003, acceptance of NLC Diversity Award for Federal Way, honoring the work of our city's Diversity Commission**

**Chair, City/Chamber Economic Development Committee (2002-03)**

**Federal Way Community Caregiving Network Volunteer Emergency Services Director (1995-98)**

**Federal Way First Incorporation Steering Committee (1989-90)**

**Federal Way Headstart Family Caseworker (1974-75)**

**Federal Way Family Services Counselor (1969-75)**

**Federal Way Human Rights Commission--work on equality and housing issues (1968-72)**

**American Association of University Women, Federal Way Branch, 1968-present; term as vice-President**

**Cascadia Juvenile Reception and Diagnostic Center, Social Worker (1968-69)**

**Tacoma/Pierce County Health Department, Mental Health Division Social Worker (1965-67)**

**King County Juvenile Court Probation Officer/Counselor (1964)**

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

**The primary duties of a city councilmember in Federal Way include legislation, establishing policy, and hiring the city manager. Councilmembers need to ensure that the vital tasks of planning for land use, providing for public safety and oversight of the fiscal operation and condition of the city through the budget are carried out. Processes for meeting these duties and responsibilities include preparation for, attendance at and participation in council meetings, council committee meetings, communication with citizens and with city manager, management team and staff, along with research and thoughtful discernment of issues in decision making.**