

# 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
John	M	Curley

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

**Sammamish City Council position 3**

3. Are you the incumbent?  Yes  No

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

**4 years**

5. How long have you resided in King County?

**14 years**

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

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 because now is my time to give something back. I have reached that critical point in my life where I have the time, the energy and the knowledge to serve the greater good. I could continue to stand on the sidelines and complain about a whole host of issues. Or I could step up and do my part. As my dad use to say, "In your travels you will meet doer and talkers. Be a doer. A field is plowed with your mouth"**

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

**I have a deep and insatiable curiosity about people. I revel in their stories and their energy. My kids hate it, but I can stand in the aisles of Home Depot for what must seem to them to be hours and listen to a stranger tell me why he needs a bag of pea gravel. Back in 1994 I had a chance to interview President Bush. I asked him what all great politician had in common, and he answered without hesitation, "they all really like people" I really like people.**

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 did something last June in Nice France that only 147 thousand people in the world have ever done. I completed, and became an Ironman. I swam 2.5 miles. I biked 112 miles up 5 mountain passes, climbing over 6 thousand vertical feet. And then, under a blazing hot sun, I ran a marathon, 26.2 miles. I did it. I signed up for it. I trained everyday for it. And I completed it. And in return it changed my life. It gave me the courage to face any challenge with a will that is forged by the fires of perseverance.**

**The process of preparing for an Ironman is, as you might imagine, quite intense. You must be organized, relentless, and fearless. It all starts with something known as "the list" My list was taped on the inside of our pantry door. I had downloaded from the internet. It laid out a 9 month plan with everyday accountant for. Each morning I would check it. Somedays I was instructed to run 20 minutes. Others days the list would say, bike 60 miles. On one grueling Sunday I can remember: Bike 100 miles, run 12.**

**As the workout intensified and demanded more and more of my time. I needed to become better organize with my life. Every hour had to be planned out. After all, I still needed to be a good husband, father and employee. Unbeknownst to me I was not only strengthening my body but I was also strengthening my marriage and the bond between my children and myself. By time the day of the race arrived I had evolved into a lean, mean, goal setting, goal achieving machine.**

**Although I am not presently training for another Ironman I still try and live each day with the intense, unwavering focus of making every hour count.**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sTB9PCm7Nw0>

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.

**At least three times a month I sit down with a different non-profit organization and I ask the same two questions. What do you need the money for? How much money do you need? Once I get the answers I go to work. I am one of the top professional fundraiser in the state of Washington. This year I will help raise 1.7 million dollars a month. I will guide 90 different clients through the thicket of a charity auction. This work fully engages both sides of my brain. The logical half slices guests and time into a mathematical problem that yields a dollar per person equation that tells us how much money can expect to make. While the creative side answers the all important question of how we will make the money. The skill set I have acquired is perfectly suited to a leadership position on the Sammamish City Council. Logic, teamwork and imagination can conquer all.**

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

**Duties for the office I would seek would include but not be limited to :**

**Attending weekly meetings.**

**Being prepared with relevant facts pertaining to issues at hand.**

**Listen and engage fully with citizen complaints and concerns.**

**Seek compromise with opposing points of view.**

**Settle matters on a timely basis with prudence and level headed reason.**

**If I had to put the duties in order I arrange them in this way. Listening is number one.**

**Getting the facts, number two. Attend meetings number three. Seek compromise and finally make a decision.**

**This order best reflects my philosophy of leadership. If you are elected by the people then it's important to hear from them, study for them and achieve something for them.**