

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
Shelley	A	Erickson

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

City of Auburn Mayor

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes x No

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

34 years

5. How long have you resided in King County?

54 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)
na			

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

Office Title	Year of Run
na	

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.)

As Mayor, I will work to continue development of the downtown area. What I WILL NOT Do is COMPROMISE citizens homes, existing businesses and property rights. I will respectfully listen to peoples concerns and suggestions to better serve all Auburn citizens.

I do not believe the City should be in the business of small business such as operating the Auburn Ave theater (the city has a 17 year lease on the building)

As Mayor I will work at making Auburn fiscally accountable. My goal is to make Auburn financially healthy and to create long term employees and to have overall citizen satisfaction with city government.

I do not feel the present Mayor is working with the citizens' best interest at heart. A Mayor needs to be trustworthy, empathic and responsive.

Low income senior housing is necessary and has been ignored in Auburn.

I established and operated a successful local business for over 30 years in Auburn. I am no stranger to hard work and the long hours it takes to be successful.

I have been a community volunteer and orchestrated community awareness programs to teach the public the danger of strangers. I have worked with the school district to teach positive self esteem classes to parents and students. I was President of the PTA for two years at Gildo Rey elementary school. I worked on the council PTA for two years. I worked with the State PTA during a convention at the Red Lion during a State Convention.

I believe I have a good reputation and the trust of my community to be voted in as Mayor of Auburn.

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

I am not a stranger to hours of dedication to hard work. I believe in working for the good of my community. I work well with others. I have built my business from nothing to the largest spa in Auburn. I have the largest number of dedicated professionals with the fame of being among the best for over 20 years each in Auburn. I have built a good reputation and a great business that has given the best of each service we offer to our city.

3. Please describe, in sufficient detail, one to three accomplishments you are most proud of. These examples should illustrate skills and capabilities you have developed. These accomplishments may have occurred at any time in your personal, professional, or public life.

I implemented a danger of strangers program for our entire community. I put a program together at the performing arts center to inform parents and children of the sex predator issues in all communities including Auburn. During this program the parents and children were put into different class rooms and the performing arts room where they were also taught how to avoid the dangers.

I worked with the school district to teach positive thinking classes to adults and children in our community. Positive thinking "I CAN" is one of the most important tools a child and adult can have in life. It will open their box to the world and lift the wings of children to adults.

I have raised four children in Auburn that are incredible people who stun their friends and neighbors at what incredible accomplishments they have made.

4. Please list or describe current and past activities in the community in which you have acquired. 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.

Over thirty years of business to date.

PTA president at Gildo Rey Elementary for two years 1978-1980

Chairperson on the council PTA from 1980-1981.

Taught free Classes building self esteem in adults and children with the school district. 1980-1982.

I videoed the entire State PTA convention per request of the State PTA including every class given during the convention to promote the PTA to the public on 1981.

Formed community awareness meetings of sex predator issues and how to protect the youth and adults in the community from sex predators in the 1980's.

I worked with Ida Ballasiotes and Helen Harlow to get petitions signed for the three strikes and you are out law. In the 1980's.

I am a mother of four and a grandmother of 12.

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

A Mayor is an official elected by the citizens of his town to serve and work for his bosses, the people.

To listen, learn and promote what is best and wanted by the majority.

To have a planning department that goes by the law and not with conflicts of interest.

To insure a city is fiscally balanced and be frugal with citizens tax dollars.

To use tax dollars for only what the citizens choose to vote for and what is required to operate the city.

To promote a good environment for the citizens and to protect and respect their rights.

To promote a respectful good working environment for the employees inside city hall.

To promote fire and police safety for the community.

To promote development of Auburn with both big business and small business co-existing Together. Never in conflict with each other. It is especially important to save existing

business.

To respect the school administrators and help them in their goals.

To work with community volunteers and committees.

To commit to long hours of hard work and become informed on all topics necessary to complete these tasks.

References: Linda Cowan Superintendent of schools, retired, was the Principal of Gildo-Rey Elementary School when I was President of the PTA for two years then on the Council PTA for the following two years. Her home phone # is 253-833-0664. Linda knows the many hours I dedicated to the school district and the community. The wife of the President of the Green River Community College, Shirley Rutkowski, can also confirm I was the President of the PTA during this time. Her phone number is 253 833-1393. Jim Fugate Superintendent of schools, retired, knows I was at all the school board meetings and put hours of dedicated time into the community. I also held meetings in the school administration building on a regular basis to inform the Auburn community of the awareness program on sex predators. Jim was also the Superintendent when I came to Chuck Booth, assistant Superintendent, now retired, to teach free self esteem classes and to organized the meeting at the performing arts building to educate the public of the dangers of strangers and how to protect themselves. Chuck Booth was also the pervious Mayor in Auburn before Pete Lewis. His phone number is 253 939-1843. Jim Fugate's phone number is 253 833-2952. Sue Singer was the PTA council president I believe at the time I was a chairperson. She was on the PTA council for sure. Sue's phone # is 253-939-6180. Sue Singer is currently one of the city council members. I only remember the State PTA president first name at the time I helped at the convention. Her name is Margaret. Ida Ballasiotes' phone number is 206 232-7579.