

## 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
Patty		Hale

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

**Shoreline City Council, Position 3**

3. Are you the incumbent? **No**

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

**27 years**

5. How long have you resided in King County?

**27 years**

6. Is the office sought partisan or nonpartisan? **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)
Shoreline Parks Board	Appointive	1996-current	Co-Chair 1996-current
Shoreline Park Bond Advisory Committee	Appointive	2003-2005	
King County Parks, Shoreline District Commissioner	Elective (appointed to a vacancy)	1992-1996	Commission Vice-Chair & Secretary. Chair of Transition Team for Transfer of Facilities and Properties from King County Parks to the City of Shoreline.

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

Office Title	Year of Run

<b>I have never run for public office</b>	

## 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 was raised in a family committed to giving back to the community. As a result, I have been involved in dozens of community organizations – from the Shoreline Parks Board to my Neighborhood Association, as a founding member of the Shoreline Council of Neighborhoods to organizing a Block Watch and as a Shoreline Police volunteer. I've worked with my neighbors to solve problems and to make Shoreline a better place to live, work and play.**

**Family, friends and colleagues have encouraged me to run for office because of their belief in my work ethic, my values of fairness and respect of others, and my ability to pull the best from all sides of an issue to create win-win solutions.**

**It is time for new leadership to move Shoreline forward. For too long our city council has been unproductive and plagued with personal agendas. I will be a different kind of council member. I have a long history of community involvement in Shoreline. Working cooperatively with my neighbors, I have been able to accomplish so much. I know that by working together we can make Shoreline better. I will bring that same approach to the Council.**

**I look forward to working with citizens, staff and fellow council members on the values that matter most to Shoreline:**

- **Stronger and more robust local economy that provides local jobs and delivers the goods and services we need.**
- **Improved public safety and enhanced parks and open spaces.**
- **Sustainable development that protects our neighborhoods.**



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

**Interact well with colleagues:** I treat people with dignity, kindness and courtesy.

**Open-minded:** I respect differences in opinions and the ideas of others.

**Insightful:** I can see the relationships between issues. I have the ability to tune into others' needs with empathy.

**Empowering:** I believe in giving praise for a job well done. I believe in providing access to information, knowledge, and resources so that citizens can be involved in creating solutions.

**Dedicated:** I am not afraid of work, and am willing to work long and hard to see a task through to completion.

**Good Listener:** I am willing to listen to all sides of an issue. I foster cooperation and collaboration not only by hearing the words, but by listening to the feelings of others.

**Decisive:** Not afraid to make a decision based on best information available.

**Adaptability:** I am flexible, open-minded and easily adjust to new and ever-changing conditions and time-lines.

**Collaborative:** I support and can facilitate the sharing of concepts, ideas, resources, information, programs and services.

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.

**Responding to Neighborhood Degradation**

**While walking with my daughter and two of her friends through our neighborhood park, we discovered the body of a mutilated cat hung from a tree. Quickly returning home, I called 911. Officers from King County Police and the Gang Unit responded.**

**It was discovered that not only did the neighborhood have gang activity, but that it was also an area where stolen cars were routinely dumped. There had been a rash of residential break-ins and there was a drug house located two blocks away. In addition, the park was getting minimal maintenance, had no signage and people living directly across the street did not even know that the park existed.**

**I knew that no one person, group or agency was going to be able to affectively solve all of these issues alone, it was going to take team work! Following several phone calls, I hosted a meeting at my home with representatives from the King County Sheriff's Department, King County Parks and the King County Council. I led the discussion on neighborhood issues, values and expectations.**

**I secured discretionary funds from the County Council, which were then committed to the Parks Department for the purchase and installation of play equipment. I worked with Park staff to develop a plan for maintenance and repairs. I convinced the Sheriffs Department of the need to step up area patrols, worked with them and neighbors so that the Police K-9 Unit could use the park for night-time training. I also was involved in coordinating citizen efforts that led to the shut-**

**down and abatement of the drug house. I organized citizen volunteers to do a park clean up and remove invasive plants. I coordinated with neighboring residents to pay for the installation of 7 street lights, I organized a 50-household Block Watch and the Block Watch adopted the park.**

**By pooling our collective resources, we were able to accomplish much. Each group played an important part and each success piggy-backed on the success of other components through the mutual support of government and citizens. Partnership and the ability to support each other in a collective effort was paramount to success. I used my ability to encourage, mediate and move people to action.**

**I continue to work collaboratively with friends, neighbors, organizations and businesses to problem solve. Typically, one group, agency or individual does not have the resources, capital or strength necessary – but collectively, by working together, we can create better solutions to issues.**

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.

**My husband and I have been married for 28 years and have lived in our Shoreline home since 1982. Our daughter attended Shoreline Public schools.**

**Current Involvement:**

**Shoreline Police, Volunteer (1995 to present)**

**Shoreline Council of Neighborhoods, Founding Member and Past Chair (1995-present)**

**Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board, Vice Chair (1995-present)**

**Ridgecrest Neighborhood Association, Founding Member and Executive Board (1995-present)**

**NOAH National Weather Service Skywarn, Spotter (1998-current)**

**Northcrest Block Watch, Organizer and Captain (1992-current)**

**Past Activities:**

**FEMA Incident Command System Class, Participant ( 2008)**

**High School Speech Class, Teacher (2007)**

**City of Shoreline 10 year Anniversary, Committee Member (2005)**

**Shoreline Parks Bond Committee, Member (2003 & 2005)**

**Shorelake Soccer Girls 18U, Team Manager (2004)**

**Shoreline Police Department Citizen's Academy, Graduate (2003 & 2009)**

**Richmond Beach Trail Mediation Board, Representative for Shoreline Parks Board (1998)**

**Ridgecrest Neighborhood Annual Ice Cream Social, Event Organizer (1989-2008)**

**Government and Community Communications Committee, Committee Member (1997)**

**King County Sheriff's Department Community Oriented Policing, Instructor (1996)**

**Shoreline Fire Department Emergency Management, Committee Member (1996-1997)**

**Fircrest Citizen Action Committee, Member (1996-1997)**

**King County Sheriff's Department Citizen's Academy, Graduate (1995)**

**City of Shoreline 1<sup>st</sup> Chief of Police, Interview Committee (1995)**

**City of Shoreline 1<sup>st</sup> Park, Recreation and Cultural Services Director, Interview Committee (1995)**

**King County/Shoreline Parks Transition Team, Chair (1995-1996)**

**King County Parks Bond Committee, Representative for the City of Shoreline (1995-1996)**

**Ridgecrest PTA, Board Member (1994-1998)**

**King County Parks – Shoreline Division, Commissioner (1992-1996)**

**Campfire USA, Leader (1991-2004)**

**Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, Volunteer (1990- 2000)**

5. Please describe the duties of the office you seek. Which are the most important duties and why?
- There are seven elected part-time Shoreline City Council members. Their duties include:**
- Establishment of City policies and law**
  - Adoption of an annual budget**
  - Approval of appropriations**
  - Contracting for services**
  - Granting of franchises**
  - Representation of citizens and businesses**

**The most important duty of a council member is to interpret and actuate the will of the people for the good of the city. Council must work closely with staff and citizens to articulate public needs for the development of policies which lead the community towards a vision worthy of future generations.**