

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
Rob		Holland

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

Port of Seattle Commissioner Position 3

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes No

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

8 years

5. How long have you resided in King County?

8 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)
King County Agricultural Commission	Appointive	2004-2005	Commission Member
Episcopal Center for Seafarers	Appointive	2001-2003	Board Member
Campaign Public Financing Advisory Committee	Appointive	2008	Commission Member

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

Office Title	Year of Run
N/A	

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?

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.)

When elected, I will be a strong voice for increasing the Port's role as a creator of green-collar and family-wage jobs and investing in infrastructure that will make the Port competitive, now and into the future. In addition, I will work to expand partnerships between Vietnam, Far East Russia and various island-nations in the Pacific and expanded West Coast shipping.

The Port of Seattle needs to return to its core mission and support trade, maritime and industrial jobs. Instead, it has turned its back on those jobs, or in some cases made inept efforts to retain them, and begun to focus on real estate development. Rather than planning for new condos, the port needs to become an advocate for the industrial and maritime sectors.

The activity related to trade, maritime activity, and industry is not dying. It remains, and can remain, an important part of the economic diversity that we need in our community. In its preoccupation with development, the port has neglected those sectors in hundreds of small ways, and forced some businesses to move elsewhere.

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

The ability to bring diverse interests into meaningful discussions that can lead to positive productive working relations.

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 led a team of multi-departmental staff from the Port of Tacoma in studying new uses for Kaiser Aluminum off-loading facility located on Terminal 7. In addition, calling on businesses around port-owned operations to promote new opportunities between the Port and non-Port tenants; this included developing alternative uses for the terminal and various bulk and break bulk customers for potential new facility.

This accomplishment saved taxpayers of King County millions of dollars by developing highest and best use models that included the current container terminal expansion.

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.

King County Agricultural Commission; City of Seattle's Community Technology, Telecommunications Board; Campaign Public Financing Advisory Committee; Seattle Chamber of Commerce/Alaska Committee; US Navy League; Episcopal Center for Seafarers; National Defense Transportation Association; ENO Transportation Fellow in terminal projects, Washington D.C.; Puget Sound Steamship Operators Association.

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

The most important responsibility of a port commissioner is to oversee the broad direction of the agency. The budget is the easiest tool for defining that broad direction, since the budget defines the real priorities of the organization. So the commissioners' first priority is to agree on the broad direction and ensure that it is enforced in the budget.

The Port of Seattle's primary mission is to be a leader in providing services and facilities to accommodate the transportation of cargo and passengers by air, water and land; to provide a home for the fishing industry; and to foster regional economic vitality and a better.

The Port Commission's specific role is to set the policy direction and priorities for Port activities. Ultimately, we are responsible for the entire organization, but specifically, we hire the Port's Chief Executive Officer who is charged with following our policy direction and meeting our priorities.

Like any multi-member organization, it is critical to be able to build coalitions in order to effect policy. For the Port, three votes are required to set or revoke policy, but we try to do better than that. Due to the long term public capital projects the Port is responsible for, we work very hard to get to consensus. To be an effective Commissioner, one must be able to work with others of varying backgrounds, have a good understanding of regional governance and how they interlink to work in the best interests of residents and businesses.

In addition, the Port has taken on an important economic vitality role in the community as the gateway to Puget Sound's trade based economy.

Finally, in light of recent events, the Port now has an increased responsibility in ensuring the safe travel of goods and passengers.