

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
Barry	E.	Ladenburg

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

City Council Position 6

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes No

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

14 Years

5. How long have you resided in King County?

28 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)
City Council	Appointed	Dec. 08 to current	PS & J Committee LUP Committee Highline School Liasion
Angle Lake Shore Club	Elected	1999- 2003 2005- 2007	President

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

Office Title	Year of Run

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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 encouraged to run for this position by political leaders and SeaTac City staff department heads. However, I wanted to wait until all of my children had graduated from high school. I applied for an open seat on the council when we lost a long time council member to illness. When I decided to file for this election, I had served on the SeaTac City Council for about six months. I would like to win the position and continue to represent the citizens of SeaTac. I have been active in the community and with the City of SeaTac. My wife grew up here, and we have raised our three children here. I plan on retiring here in SeaTac, and would like to make it an even better place to live and work. The city is in transition, with the new light rail station and planning for a town center. Nearby cities have development plans that will impact the city of SeaTac as well. I would like to represent the citizens on these important issues. Being elected to the City Council would allow me to be the most effective for this purpose.

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

I grew up in a family of 15 brothers and sisters. Knowing how to get along with others was an early lesson in my life. Speaking to a group of people was easy because of the size of my family. Teamwork was also a necessity. I realize that City Council is a lot different than my family, but the lessons can be applied for both. The ability to listen to different views on issues, which still happens within my family even today, is valuable in council work. I always listen to facts and opinions from *all* sides of each issue that is brought before the Council. Understanding each side of an issue is key to making informed decisions about it. While listening is an important trait, the ability to ask the questions to “pull out information” - or omitted information - out of the conversation is also an essential trait.

I believe that I am skilled at working with other people, listening to people, and making informed decisions to accurately represent the 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.

As Angle Lake Shore Club president, I received several concerned citizen phone calls and e-mails. They all were concerned about a proposed zoning change that would require that home or land owners on the shore would be required to allow public access to the water, if they were going to build or develop their property. The planning department was citing part of a W.A.C. I did some research on this and went to the regular council meeting when this item was on the agenda. After the planning department spoke on this, I was allowed to speak on this issue. I explained that the code requirements had already been met by the city with Angle Lake Park and community lots. I handed out the complete W.A.C. with highlights. The council unanimously voted it down.

I also worked with Lutheran Social Services when they wanted public involvement while they were considering building senior housing near the lake. I helped get the word out to all Shore Club members about the meetings. I felt that there needed to be a bus stop on 188th near the main building to serve the senior citizens. Lutheran Social Services agreed, and Metro installed a bus stop which is still there today.

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.

I have served in the community as the Angle Lake Shore Club President from 1999 to 2003, and again 2005-2007. As president, I presided over meetings, and met with city and county officials. I also helped organize community meetings and events.

I worked with Julia Patterson to oppose the placement of a sexual offender housing in SeaTac.

I successfully represented Angle Lake Shore Club members on a proposed zoning change and convinced the council to reject it.

I also was the Tyee Band President from 2005 to 2007. As president, I had many interactions with parents and the Highline School District. I organized fundraisers, and created and maintained a web site for the band. I spoke on behalf of the band to the school board on several occasions.

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

As a public official I must uphold the Washington State Constitution. Duties include:

- **Attending regular council meetings.**
- **Attending special council meetings and executive sessions.**
- **Attending public hearings and open houses.**
- **Chairing or sitting on committees as appointed to by the mayor. I currently sit on the Land Use Planning and Public Safety and Justice committees.**
- **Authorizing the payment of vouchers and contracts.**
- **Meeting with other city and county officials.**
- **Meeting or contact with citizens, or community organizations.**
- **Overseeing and editing an annual budget.**

While this list is not all the duties of this position, it represents the main ones.

One of the most important duties is attending regular council meetings, because this is where the public can interact with the council. It gives them a opportunity speak out on the issues that matter to them.

The annual budget work is very important. The budget drives the city. We must provide services, but spend with-in our means.