

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
Alan	E	Lobdell

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

King County Executive, King County Wa

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes x No

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

23 years

5. How long have you resided in King County?

23 years

6. Is the office sought partisan or nonpartisan? Partisan x Nonpartisan

7. If partisan, please indicate party:

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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)
None			

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

Office Title	Year of Run
King County Executive	2001

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 for the office of King County Executive because I believe I have the experience and education to match the needs of the office far better than anyone else running. Having been a public servant for 33 years as a city and/or county employee and consultant to same gives me an insight to the needs of King County far exceeding most people living here.

I believe I have accomplished a considerable amount as an employee and/or consultant and now see a chance to expand on those accomplishments as the county executive.

Working for the public has been the primary goal of my career and I have continually upgraded my education in the areas of my work. I have a degree in Civil Engineering and am a Licensed Professional Civil Engineer in Washington and Oregon, I have a Paralegal Certificate, a BS degree in Management, an MBA and MPA.

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

I have been contracted by a number of cities around the county and state to come in and take over when key personnel have left. These cities hire me as interim Public Works Director, City Engineer or Project Manager due to my record of honesty and integrity. They also recognize my knowledge and ability of management, budget, public works, engineering, working with councils and public along with my skills at getting people to work together.

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 am not at liberty to name the city however I was the Interim Public Works Director at a city a few years ago and the day I was hired the city approved a contract for a major project along with the construction management team to lead the project.

Within a month of being the director I realized that there was a major problem in the management of the project. I spent three more months convincing the mayor and council that drastic measures must be taken. I was able to get the construction management team removed from the project and brought in a team I knew could do the project right. Several months later the contractor told the council that had I not taken that action the city would be facing a three to four million dollar legal action.

Due to my action above I was asked to come to another city where they had an even larger project on hold and had been for several years. They asked me if I could get it moving. I said I could and proceeded to do so. Today that project is 95% complete and they are even putting my name on a plaque on the building.

Years ago while working for a county I was asked to design, put to contract and build a rest stop along an state highway. I had to work with and coordinate with the county, state DOT and DNR and was able to have it done in six month. I was giving a plaque in appreciation for my work

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 been public service my entire career. 20 years as an employee of cities and counties and another 13 years as a consultant under contract with many cities as Public Works Director, City Engineer, or Project Manager on projects too large for them to handle. Working with almost every state agency, federal agency, councils, public, schools, private business etc.

I go to a little church in Maple Valley where for years I was the faculties director, coffee and donut guy and volunteer. I have raffled myself off several times for eight hours of work when the church held raffles. You see when my wife died in 2003 of breast cancer I was in deep debt and have not been able to give with money as I would like to so I do it in work. In the last few years I have helped several single moms clean up their homes and yards and even spent over a hundred hours helping one single mom save her home and property. Her property title was so messed up that even with me knowing the system it took six months to get it done.

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

The King County Executive is the CEO of the county. He/she must understand that they are the one whom the buck stops. This is not just a political position, in fact, if done correctly it is a working position in which the executive should be watching over all departments within the county. Sure, he/she may have a chief of staff however having an overall knowledge of how a county operates is a must to perform the duties of the office properly.

It is my opinion that that getting your own house in order is the primary concern. If that is not possible then how can you solve the regional problems? At this time, the budget is the primary concern for King County. I intend to address that first!