

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
Francis	P	Loneragan

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

Mayor, city of Auburn

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes X No

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

6 years

5. How long have you resided in King County?

Over 20 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)
City Council, Snoqualmie WA	Elective	Dec 1997 to Dec 2001	
Public service committee, Snoqualmie	Appointive	to Dec 1997	

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

Office Title	Year of Run
City Council, Snoqualmie WA	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.)

After attending several City council meetings and committee meetings, I have observed a lack of opportunity for citizens to have input to the actions of the council and Mayor. I have gone to city hall looking for information and was told simply that the information is available on line. I have attempted to find information on line and found it extremely time consuming and difficult. I have heard from inside sources of abuses of power. I have observed the high turnover rate of city employees. I have been on a city council and know and understand the duties and responsibilities, I don't see them exercised properly in Auburn. The problems with workers are usually traced back to a supervisory problem, I feel that I can fix the supervisory problem.

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

Observant -

Persistent – If I feel it is a right thing to do I will continue to pursue it until either I Am shown otherwise or accomplish my goal.

Fair mediator – can listen to both sides of an issue to find a middle ground

Caring – Public safety is

Strong – Can take a stand when needed

Honest -

Can act quickly if needed but I prefer to examine all options when at all possible

Trustworthy – I won't make a promise unless I can and am willing to follow through with it

Resourceful – I think both inside and outside of the box looking for both expedient and cost effective solutions to opportunities and challenges.

Forward thinking -

Humble -

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.

When elected to city council in Snoqualmie my first job was to renegotiate arrangements with Fire District 10 to provide fire service to the city. Being a small town the district was always to busy to sit down and talk with us about contracting. With just 3 months left to the existing contract they finally came to the table with a proposal that was unsatisfactory to the city and the growing requirements, but they thought that we had no choice but to sign the contract or have no fire service for the city. Snoqualmie was just growing with the new development forced on us by the state in the growth management act. Armed with the fact that the economy was good and the new developments were selling and the 2 year forecast was looking just as strong, I was able to convince the city council to start our own fire department. Within that 3 month window a fire chief was hired, a full time crew was tested, interviewed, hired and learned the coverage area, providing the city and surrounding area with a first class fire department.

When I was elected to the city council in Snoqualmie the new development was just starting out and the city was farming out the building inspections. I was finally able to convince the council and staff that this was lost income to the city as well as a factor of quality control we did not have, so the building department was formed and a building official and inspector were hired. Within 1 year the building department was not only self supporting but bringing enough revenue into the city to allow loans to other departments to provide operating capital until their revenue funds caught up operating requirements.

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.

1972 to 1999, US Military – Learning team work, leadership and responsibility. Learning problem/opportunity identification and resolution options and implementation.

1990 to present, Lock Security Technician – Learning customer service and how to relate to a variety of different personality types. Learning the value of ongoing continuing education in all aspects of life.

1997 to 2001, Snoqualmie City Council – Learning that what happens in the bureaucratic environment is seldom seen or understood by the general public. Reaffirming that give and take, are a necessary aspect of getting things done.

Feb 2002 to March 2003, Established and participated in a neighborhood watch block group with a 3 month rotating block captain to allow anyone that wanted the opportunity to direct and understand the full aspect of a neighborhood watch program.

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

A mayor needs to have a good team of Department heads and directors to run each individual department. It is the mayor's job to orchestrate and facilitate the cohesive team work that makes a city work. A good mayor will observe and oversee but for the most part stay out of the way and allow the departments to do their jobs. The mayor and council might set direction and objectives. The most important duties of the mayor are to ensure that the council and departments work to fulfill the ultimate goal of providing public safety and good customer service and relations.