

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
Doreen		Marchione

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

Kirkland City Council position 7

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes No

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

17 years

5. How long have you resided in King County?

61 years

6. Is the office sought partisan or nonpartisan? Partisan 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)
Commissioner, King County Housing Authority	Appointive	3/2008-present	
Kirkland Salary Commission	Appointive	2006-present	
State Transportation Improvement Board	Appointive	2007-present	
Mayor of Redmond	Elected	1984 -1991	Full time directly elected mayor
Redmond City Council	Elected	1980-82 1976-79	

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

Office Title	Year of Run
Mayor of Redmond	1991

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.)

I am running for Kirkland City Council because of the many challenges Kirkland is facing with a budget shortfall, annexation, and the hiring of the next City Manager. I would like to help transform the Council into a productive team, leading to a vibrant well functioning process for setting public policy where all voices are heard.

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

One of my strengths is cutting through complexity and finding the most efficient pathways from problems to solutions. Along with being solution oriented, I am good at consensus building. I am inclusive in making sure all sides are heard on an issue. I am well grounded in local government and the issues facing our cities today. I believe my past experience In transportation, economic development, and human services will be an asset to the City Council.

Another trait is being collaborative. I have the ability to bring a group of people with different opinions together to solve a problem. I also look at who should be part of the solution and who has a stake in what we are doing.

I am known for being ethical and having integrity.

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 believe my greatest accomplishment was transforming The Multi-Service Centers of North & East King County from a \$9 million budget in 1992 to Hopelink with a budget of more than \$45 million and serving more than 50,000 people a year through food, housing, transportation, literacy, plus another 35 to 40 programs to help individuals regain their self-sufficiency. All the while keeping administrative costs at 6-8%.

The skills it took included hiring good staff, recruiting strong Board members, establishing strong relationships with funders including elected officials. It meant having all the stakeholders at the table to bring them along whether you are building an office in Bellevue or

a homeless shelter and 50 units of transitional housing in Redmond. In the Redmond development, we had the residents of a manufactured housing park across the street, come to the public hearing testify in favor of homeless housing in their backyard

It took the ability to educate people that there is poverty and homelessness in North and East King County and to get them to open their checkbooks to support the agency's work.

It meant establishing your credibility with donors, staff, and clients so that they know you can be trusted.

It meant having the vision and being able to take risks to better serve the families in need.

I believe all these skills can be an asset to the Kirkland City Council.

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.

Currently I am a Commissioner of the King County Housing Authority. I took this appointment because of my experience in housing development. This has been an interesting experience because KCHA is so much larger than Hopelink. I have been able to learn about public housing and all the tenant issues they face.

The past 6 years I have been on the Board of the Kirkland Performance Center including being the Chair last year. This has broadened my knowledge of the Kirkland community, the arts community and of operating an arts organization.

Through the years I have served on a variety of Boards that have increased my knowledge of

transportation, housing, human services, and the arts. I think this has enabled me to work with many kinds of people in a variety of settings and develop my written and verbal communication skills

All my community activities have allowed me to learn to work constructively with Boards to bring people to consensus on issues, and to bring groups together to work collaboratively.

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

City Council members set policy for the city, adopt a balanced budget, and have general oversight of city operations.

The council functions are prescribed by state law and include but are not limited to defining the powers and duties of city employees appropriate to good government of the city and the provision of municipal services.

To me the most important duties are setting policy and fiscal oversight. The council needs to adopt policy for the good of the city and not that of special interests. They need to be clear in the direction given to the city manager and be sure the direction represents the majority of the Council.

A very important task for the Kirkland Council will be the hiring of a city manager. I am not sure if any of the current council has had experience hiring at an executive level. As a former mayor and former CEO of Hopelink I made many hiring decisions.