

## 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
Diana	Noble-Gulliford	Lynn

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

**Federal Way City Council Position 6**

3. Are you the incumbent?       Yes       No

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

**40 Years**

5. How long have you resided in King County?

**40 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)
Planning Commission of Federal Way	Appointed by City Council	1991-1997	Vice Chair
King County Boundary Review Board	Appointed by Governor	Abt. 1981-1986	None

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

<b>Lakehaven Water &amp; Sewer Commissioner</b>	<b>Unknown</b>
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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 would be honored to serve the Federal Way citizens on the Federal Way City Council. The issue that is the most important for our city is public safety. The citizens of Federal Way should feel safe in their neighborhoods, their place of work, their place of leisure and where they shop.

I am very interested in providing a positive environment for economic development and creating local jobs for our city. South King County families and communities have been hit hard in this recession. We need a way to establish a permanent economic base for Federal Way that offers wages that our citizens can live on.

My community involvement in Federal Way spans over three decades.

2007 to present	President of Historical Society of Federal Way
1980 to present	Real estate salesperson
2008 to present	City of Federal Way Buds & Blooms Committee Member
1991 to 1996	City of Federal Way Planning Commission Member-appointed by City Council
1981 to 1986	King County Boundary Review Board Member –appointed by governor
1974 to 1980	Federal Way Community Council Member

Since living in Federal Way for almost 40 years, I have supported becoming a city because I felt that the county was not spending our tax dollars in our community. The county was not looking out for the interest of Federal Way as a community and the county government was not designed to provide urban services yet it encouraged urban growth without providing adequate roads, parks and adequate police protection.

When serving on the Federal Way Community Council, I worked with Francis and Ilene Marckx towards the goal of the West Hylebos Wetlands becoming a park. That goal became a reality and it is one of the most popular places that our citizens visit and bring out of town visitors.

Having a hospital in our community was an issue that I supported in the beginning. Working with members in the community to begin the process of obtaining a certificate of need from the state was a priority. It is still a priority for me to support any hospital expansion that St. Francis may need to best serve our citizens.

I am against the widening of S. 312<sup>th</sup> and the expansion of traffic by proposed improvements that the City Access study promoted. Steel Lake Park and the surrounding neighborhood shouldn't be considered an avenue to use for development that is out of place and out of scale for the community. I am pleased that the city council agreed to not go further on the study and the improvements. One more step needs to be taken to assure the residents that the project is dead and that is to remove the project from the City of Federal Way Comprehensive Plan. I will work to delete that project from the plan.

A few years ago, the King County Library System was promoting the re-location of the S 320<sup>th</sup> library to the property adjacent to the Sound Transit Center. I was against that effort from the beginning and worked to see that the S. 320<sup>th</sup> library remain in its present location. I will work to encourage the King County Library System expand the library at its present location to serve the citizens of Federal Way.

During my membership with the Historical Society of Federal Way, I have worked to complete the restoration of the Barker Cabin at the West Hylebos Park. I worked with the city to locate a restroom at the park, permanent signage for the cabins and the boardwalk and promoted the park for activities at the park for the citizens to learn about the park and the history of Federal Way. The top goal of the Society when I first joined was to write a book on the history of the Federal Way area. I approached the Federal Way City Council during the budget process for some financial assistance for the Society in writing the book. The Council supported our request and the book was published in November 2008. The Society needed a new home that would serve the citizens of Federal Way in many ways. I negotiated with the City of Federal Way in obtaining a lease at the Steel Lake Annex. The Society and the City have a partnership that will maintain the building and provide a safe environment for Federal Way's historical collections and artifacts. The citizens will have a convenient location to visit and research the history of Federal Way since the Greater Federal Way's beginnings.

Public safety is number one priority for our community and citizens. When I heard about the man that was attacked at the Sound Transit Center, I was angry. There had been too much violence in that facility over the years since it has been in operation. I wrote to the Federal Way City Council that our City needed to do more to change the environment at the transit center to make it safe for commuters and transit users. The City has taken the position that it will make sure that that facility is safe and has made a commitment to be sure there is a higher level of security at all hours. I applaud this decision. I am sure that the City will do whatever it takes to make the Transit Center safe for all who use it.

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

**My most important personal characteristics or traits for this office is that I will research the subject at hand before making any decision or vote. I am a 'detail' person and like to double check information to gather all the facts to be sure that my vote and/or decision is the best decision possible. I also like to solicit expert opinion in the community.**

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.

**My most recent accomplishment and contribution to the Federal Way community is my role as President of the Historical Society of Federal Way. Negotiating a 20-year lease for a larger building for the Society took two years. We are moved into our new facility and have a much greater facility and easier access for the public. Under my leadership, we have written a book on the history of Federal Way, implemented historical signage on major arterials in Federal Way, completed the restoration of the historic 1880's Barker Cabin, worked for interpretative signs for the historic cabins and West Hylebos Park. I am so proud to be a part of becoming a city in 1990 as well as initiating a committee to obtain a State Certificate of Need for Federal Way to have it's own hospital – St Francis. All of the above accomplishments took working and negotiating with people but most importantly knowing when the timing was best to accomplish these goals and being sure that the goals would be achievable with the right support and funding in place. Laying the ground work for any undertaking is the best road to success, especially if the goal is community-centered.**

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 am a licensed real estate agent and the recession has hit South King County hard. The recent downturn in real estate sales and values over the past year has brought many changes to my business and the industry in general. Even recently enacted state legislation has changed the way that real estate agents can do business with a distressed property. I have learned to work with lenders, investors, the courts and many others when negotiating a sale on a property. Most residential sales are short sales or foreclosures and the process has become a longer process and not without pitfalls of it's own. Educating buyers about how a foreclosure or short sale process takes place can be stressful for the buyers, especially if they are purchasing their first home. It takes a lot of hand holding, trust and education. I believe that this process has helped me focus on situations and develop a plan to get the best outcome – this comes with negotiating with all parties involved.**

**In the late 70's, Myself and others began to seek out incorporation of Federal Way. King County told our committee that we needed \$30,000 for a study. We didn't have the money but looked to other elected officials to help us. I met Norm Dicks for the first time when he was running for Congress. He introduced our predicament to an aide of then Senator Warren Magnuson, Jerry Johnson. Jerry set up an appointment with us in Seattle for our committee. Jerry said he would phone 'Maggie' and see what they could do for us. They put our \$30,000 in the HUD budget and 'Maggie' did not let the appropriations for HUD pass until Congress agreed to our \$30,000 would be included. The money then went thru the Puget Sound Regional Council with the help of Norm Rice and Lois North. We had our money for our study. This taught me that persistence pays off and you never know who your allies are going to be.**

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

**The duties of the Federal Way City Council are numerous and involve many subjects at all levels. The most important duty is to properly represent the citizens of Federal Way and not myself. I believe that listening to the people and their opinions would keep me centered on how to proceed on any subject. The budget is probably the largest responsibility because it determines how the city departments function and carry out their work plans and also how well they can provide services to the citizens of Federal Way.**

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**Resume:**

**Profession:**

Real Estate Sales, Marketing, Advertising

1980 – Present

Residential Real Estate Sales

Prudential NW Realty Assoc., LLC

**Education:**

1963

High School Diploma, Secretarial Certificate

Ingraham High School, Seattle

1963-1969

Federal Reserve Bank, American Bankers Association

Banking, Business Courses

1975-1978

Commercial Banking

1980-Present

Residential Real Estate Sales

**Community Activities:**

1974-1980

Federal Way Community Council

1980-

King County Community Plan For Federal Way

1982 – 1985

King County Boundary Review Board Member

1990 - 1996

City of Federal Way Planning Commission Member

1992 – 1996

Boy Scouts of America

2005 – Present

Member Historical Society of Federal Way

2007 – Present

President of Historical Society of Federal Way

**Personal:**

Washington State native and lived in Federal Way Area for approximately 40 years.

Married to husband Paul Guliford. Five adult children, two grandchildren.