

## 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
JOHN	T	PARTRIDGE

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

**AUBURN CITY COUNCIL POSITION 2**

3. Are you the incumbent?       Yes       No

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

**45 YEARS**

5. How long have you resided in King County?

**45 YEARS**

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

7. If partisan, please indicate party: **N/A**

#### CAMPAIGN CONTACTS

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#### POLITICAL BACKGROUND – N/A

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)
N/A			

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

Office Title	Year of Run
N/A	

## 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 have a desire to take a lifetime of community service experiences to the next level. That desire to serve coupled with the knowledge I have gained as a resident, parent, and business owner makes me a valuable resource for the future of the city. Limited time in my learning and parenting years, did not allow me the opportunity to be involved at this level. Now in my "empty nesting" years, I feel a responsibility to give and be available to ensure that the next generation will enjoy the community that my family benefited from. As I have in my other areas of service, I will be faithful, available, and teachable as I move into this role. The community not only needs an ear but they need a voice in our future and how their dollars are spent. Listening and responding has been my attributes of service. Finally, I am running for office because someone asked me. They saw character qualities in me that caused them to encourage me to serve in this way. After careful thought, discussions with my spouse, and prayer, I decided to run.**

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

**Personal integrity, good listener, strong communication skills, works well with others, willingness to work, love for community service, family orientated, lifelong learner, and thorough.**

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 volunteered for seven years (1997-2004) as a Fire and Police Department Chaplain for the city of Auburn. I worked with and supported emergency response personnel on a 24 hour per day seven day a week basis. I was an ear, shoulder, and trusted advisor at many different times and in many different situations for city personnel and citizens in need.**

**I have completed 10 years of service in our local Auburn Noon Lions Club. Through this organization, I have served arm in arm with my fellow members to meet numerous needs in our community. I have assisted in providing a reading machine to seniors suffering vision loss, serving at a camp for children learning to live with the diagnosis of diabetes, raising money for different needs, vision testing for our elementary students, and honoring students with a vision for their education and community. I am currently finishing my year serving as their president.**

**Most importantly, I have realized 26 years of marriage and successfully raised three daughters in this community. All three have graduated from my alma mater – Auburn Senior High. In addition, my oldest is now a WSU graduate, my middle daughter is the reigning Miss Seattle and running for Miss Washington in July, and my youngest will be taking classes with me at Green River Community College in the Fall.**

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.

**In addition to previous answer,**

- **I am a charter member of the Auburn High School Parent Teacher Student Association. I just completed a two year tenure as their treasurer where I established the budget and filed all necessary paperwork and subsequently received approval for their 501(c)(3) status with the IRS. I was awarded the 2009 Founders Award.**
- **Volunteered for five years with the Miss Auburn Scholarship Pageant helping young women improve their interview skills.**
- **Worked for and now I help direct a board that holistically serves the needs of a group of migrant workers in our community. This “hands on” activity keeps me relevant, visible, and open to the variety of needs that exist in Auburn.**
- **Second generation owner of a successful insurance agency. I have managed, hired and trained employees, completed business taxes and accounting forms, and provided sales and customer service to clientele.**

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

**Approving city real estate transactions, issuance of municipal bonds, approving fees and charges, adopting State and Federal legislation, confirming city department heads and volunteer members of city boards and commissions, conducting an annual audit of city finances, and to serve on assigned task forces.**

**First, being aware of the direction, purpose, and appropriateness of real estate transactions should be a top priority of the council. For the city and its citizens, it represents largest financial commitment next to payroll. We need to be able to justify those decisions not only today but to the next generation.**

**Second, the completeness, accuracy, and transparency of the city finances. We are managing others peoples money. Confidence must be high to maintain a solid presence and direction.**

**Third, proper implementation of fees and charges. We are to serve the tax payers. Fees and charges need to be understandable, reasonable, and fair.**