

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
Jonathan	D.	Standridge

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

SeaTac City Council Position #2

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes No

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

5 years

5. How long have you resided in King County?

18 Years

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

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

Office Title	Year of Run
SeaTac City Council, Position #7. (Special City Council election to replace member that had passed away. Position appointed by setting council members and not by public vote)	2008

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 SeaTac City Council Position #2 because of two immediately issues facing our community that I feel I can have a significant impact on. The first developing issue is the proposal to move SeaTac from a Council focused city government to a Mayor focused government. The second issue revolves around getting the diverse communities of SeaTac involved in the City Government and my opponents desire to eliminate many of the human services that our city currently supports.

The first developing issue is to try and make SeaTac a Mayor centric city government and it will come to the forefront of SeaTac politics quickly in 2010. A small but vocal group is trying to alter the SeaTac City Government and this issue could easily divide the community if not handled correctly. The Mayor Centric group believes the city could be run better with a single powerful authority at the head, while the Council Centric group believes a diverse council better represents the voice of SeaTac. I support the Council Centric group while my opponent supports the Mayor Centric view.

The next issue I support revolves around getting the diverse communities of SeaTac involved in the City government. Currently there activity by the City of SeaTac in going out and engaging our diverse communities that is starting to pay dividends by getting our community involved in the city. It is important for me and our city that we stay engaged with our many communities, grow on each success and keep them involved in city government. My opponent would do away with many of these valuable programs.

The City of SeaTac has many toher issues facing it: 1) to build a jail on Port of Seattle / Des Moines Property; 2) to make our city more green by switching completely over to electric/hybrid fleet vehicles; 3) creating and manning a position for a state mandated storm water system; 4) City Comprehensive 10 year plan is up for review; 5) major budget crisis faces the next council; and 6) the many zoning issues facing our community.

SeaTac is a young and maturing city. It is my intent to maintain the Council Centric form of government, stay engaged our many diverse neighbors in government, and work with our community and fellow council members to resolve each issue to the benefit of our city.

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

I have many characteristics or traits that relate directly to the office I seek but I will restrict this essay to two. First, I care about people and their well being; and second, I am an excellent organizer of information, resources, and people.

I care about people, their well being, and I want to hear what they have to say. In high school I worked as a counselor for Youth for Christ at Summer camps working with inner city youth. I was not there to preach at these young boys, I was there to help them experience the joy of life in the woods, show them a part of the world they didn't normally see, and listen to them as they shared their hopes and fears.

In the mid 1990's I was a teacher/director for the Lowell Enrichment Activities Program (LEAP) that at the time shared space at Lowell Elementary School in Seattle. LEAP focused on children with special needs and the Seattle School District sent us elementary aged children from all sections of The Central District.

As an employee of the Boeing Company, I lead and participate in the many Boeing Employee outreach programs. Such as sponsoring families through the holiday's, backpacks for children, and community work days.

I am Head Usher at University Presbyterian Church in the U-district and I also spent many years as a Sunday school teacher working with 4th graders. I have also spent time working at a food bank in Tukwila.

My many experiences show that I care about people and I feel it is the duty of government to listen to the people within it's community and do everything reasonable in it's power to make their lives better.

Finally, I am an excellent organizer of people and resources. As a professional Project Manager and Logistics professional in the United States Navy I have extensive training on how to understand a problem, understand the resources I have to apply to a problem, view the many possible solutions from multiple angles, then implement the solution. As a member of any government agency these skills are invaluable, but at all times never forgetting about the human element in every decision I made.

I have also been told I have the appropriate demeanor to be a public servant. Even with that demeanor I believe my two strongest characteristics / traits that I have that relate most directly to this position are; 1) my caring attitude for the well being of the people in my community, and 2) my ability to apply available resources against a problem to resolve to the benefit of the entire community. Thank you.

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 have several accomplishments in my life I am proud of. These accomplishments are in such diverse areas as working with a Disarmament Treaty with the Soviet Union, Engineering Electrical Project at Boeing, and as a community planner.

During the late 1980's early 1990's as a member of the Air Terminal Operations Center Team located at NAS Sigonella on the island of Sicily, Italy. I was the Logistics focal for the team that moved weapons from a nearby Air Force Cruise Missile base that was being shut down by treaty agreement to Sigonella for transportation for destruction. I was in charge of putting together a repeatable process, identifying needed resources and training, time schedules, and implementation with the U.S. Navy, U. S. Air Force, Italian Air Force, local police, and members of the Soviet Union military. Over a two year period there were 12 weapons movements and each one was executed without any major issues and on schedule.

At Boeing, I was brought in as a project manager to help a project that was producing an electrical system for a prototyped aircraft that was 2 years behind schedule. Working with the team to identify bottle necks in their work flow, creating a data maturity model for the work flow, and eliminating rework I was able to guide this project team back on schedule within 6 months.

Finally, as a volunteer I have multiple accomplishments as a member of my community. I have been Secretary, Vice President, and President of a local homeowners association that represents 125 homes. I have organized ice cream socials, 4th of July Parades, and community picnics in the park. I also led our community through a volatile year in which the covenants of the community were revised. This activity threatened to tear our community apart but as President of the homeowners association I guided our community through this vigorous process to the satisfaction of a vast majority of our group.

Each even was accomplished in a professional and personable manner for which I received commendations and awards.

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 acquired many skills over the years that will serve me well as a member of the SeaTac City Council. Those skills include the ability to openly listen to all sides of a issue, facilitation, know that citizens can make a difference, logistics, risk/opportunity analysis, corporate budgets, the ability to take a idea and put it into action, and finally the ability to absorb large amounts of information quickly.

As Secretary, Vice-President, President, of a homeowners association I reinforced the lesson of the value of listening openly to all side of an issue and facilitation of the differing sides to a common solution.

Working with the Parking Commission of Peoria IL. I first learned about the political process and that citizens can make a difference in their community.

Logistics is closely related to Project Management. These two areas have taught me the ability to fully understand a problem from multiple view points, research solution sets, understand what resources and boundaries are available to apply to the solution sets, the importance of communicating actions to all stakeholders, and finally the ability to move a idea into action.

Build into Logistics and Project Management is Risk / Opportunity Analysis. In situations within a military environment and a professional environment it is important to understand what the risks are in any go forward plan. Each plan that requires action must be balanced against the risk that are involved and how they match up against the benefits. As a member of the City Council I feel this skill is invaluable.

The ability to understand budgets is of up most importance in working in a public office. My work at Boeing has given me extensive understanding of developing, analyzing, and maintaining Organization and Project Budgets. This is knowledge and a skill set that will easily translate into working with the City of SeaTac

My experience as a Project Manager at Boeing and the Military have taught me how to take a idea and turn it into action. To often a public servant can have a great idea but not know what it takes in working with people to turn that idea into action. I can take a vision and move it through the various stages into action.

Finally, the various types of work I have done over the years have taught me how to take large amounts of information, assimilate, and turn into action.

All of these skills I will bring into the City of SeaTac City Council.

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

I interviewed some of the existing members of the SeaTac City Council for the answer to this question. The short and quick answer is I received was, 'we are policy makers that go shopping with tax payers money'. The answer was delivered in an almost comical fashion but the council members were serious about the answer. But upon further inquiry of the Council Members a more in-depth answer developed.

At the heart of every decision at the City Council is the City Budget and how to get the best value for every dollar spent. What decisions add value to the quality of life in SeaTac and what decisions do not. Then once value is determine, which can be arbitrary, there is the priority of the issue. Does Emergency Management (fire fighters) need a need Ladder Truck? How does the city distribute funds for roads and transportation? Does the council fund community working together programs and to what level? Layoffs, cutting existing budgets, funding request from the community. All of this and more relies upon the budget.

Then there is the visionary aspect of the job. What is the future vision I would hold for our community and how would I get there. To me this would be the favorite part of the job. That by understanding the issues my community face now, how can I take that information to help better craft a vision for the future. A community needs to move forward and mature, not stand still and stagnate. I believe in the future of my community and it is to that future that excites me most about this opportunity to be a public servant.