

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
Thomas	A	Tobin

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

Seattle City Council Pos#4

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes x No

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

48 yrs

5. How long have you resided in King County?

48 yrs

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)

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

Office Title	Year of Run
Seattle City Council Pos#2	1997

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 city council because we the people have been left out of city government.

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

Leadership

Teamwork

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.

Meritorious Sergeant Went up against 10 Corporals in front of a Marine Corps Board and was Promoted meritoriously.

First Coached City Soccer Championship Won the Greater Seattle Soccer League city Championship in 1993. (Later took a last place womens team from M.I. to first in one season.)

Our wedding and birth of our children.

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.

Having a business

People skills Worked with public for over 30yrs.

Family Married with two young sons.

Lived on Capitol Hill all of my life.

Home Owner

Volunteer Capitol Hill Clean Up
Hope Heart Institute
Public School youth soccer coach (TOPS)

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

Listening and tending to citizens needs.

**Offer advice, consent and dissent to the Mayor and to the initiatives of the executive branch
On a broad range of issues facing the city.**

To provide appropriate oversight of the Mayor and city services.

Listening and tending to citizens needs should be priority. Government is by and for the people.