

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
Amy	D.	Walen

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

Kirkland City Council 5

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes No

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

1 year

5. How long have you resided in King County?

since 2005

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)
None			

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

Office Title	Year of Run
None	

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.)

see attached.

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

Determination.

Work ethic.

Concerns builder.

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 became a lawyer in Australia. When I returned to Oregon, I was not able to practice. I had to prepare an application to the Oregon Supreme Court asking for permission to take the bar exam. I had to prove that I had attended a law school that was equivalent to an American Bar Association accredited law school.

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.

- Fundraiser for Komen.
 - Organize blood drives
 - Creative projects for good causes -
 - "Throw a pic at your manager"
 - (fundraiser for Children's Hospital)
 - "Pix Calendar"
 - (fundraiser for ASPCA)
 - Adopt a Highway co-ordinator
- (2005 - present)

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

The Council is responsible for establishing City policies and goals. It adopts rules as needed to conduct the business of the city.

The most important duty is to keep the citizens of the city safe. Providing police, fire and services are the reason for the city's foundation.

My Vision of Kirkland:

Kirkland will be a safe place for families to live, with excellent schools, parks and state of the art fire and police services.

It will be an attractive place for visitors, with enticing shopping streets and storefronts easily accessible by walkers and cyclists, by car, with adequate parking, and by state of the art public transportation services.

Businesses will thrive in Kirkland, and will serve its citizens by being located in areas that are suited to the services they offer and which make it easiest for citizens and visitors to do business there.

Kirkland will be a regional leader in planning, showing other cities that it is possible to honor the city's history, but also to look forward with responsible development that maintains and enhances the charm that makes us want to call Kirkland home.

The city will be efficiently run. It will operate within its means without compromising its commitment to its citizens. It will be a model for other cities and will be a source of civic pride.

Statement/Platform

I am running for Kirkland City Council because I want to maintain a balanced budget in these trying economic times, keep our citizens safe, and fight to maintain Kirkland's charm while allowing for responsible city planning.

Balancing the Budget

My background in law and finance has taught me how to balance budgets in tough times, and just as I have helped employers balance their pocketbooks in tough economic times, I will help the city of Kirkland do the same.

Public Safety

I believe that the city's top priority is maintaining the safety of our citizens. Providing police, fire and public safety is the reason for the city's foundation. I will work hard to make sure that those keeping us safe have the resources they need to be effective.

Responsible Business Practices

City planning should place businesses where they are best able to serve the residents of Kirkland. My goal as your City Councilwoman will be to create a lively and attractive place for our citizens and visitors to live, shop, work and raise a family.

There needs to be a balance between preserving Kirkland's heritage and maintaining its natural charm with responsible city planning. This will enable us to keep our city's beauty and appeal to citizens looking for a vibrant community.