

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 |
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| Kevin | R | Wallace |

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

Bellevue City Council, Position 4

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes No

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

30 years

5. How long have you resided in King County?

34 years

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

7. If partisan, please indicate party:

CAMPAIGN CONTACTS

Campaign Name: Friends of Kevin Wallace

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

| Office Title | Year of Run |
|--------------|-------------|
| N/A | |
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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 am running for City Council to move Bellevue forward with a bold brand of leadership for our community, focused on ensuring greater things are yet to come for the City of Bellevue and the Greater Seattle region. By prioritizing our resources and making strategic choices, we can reduce our traffic delays, improve our transportation choices, and give our police and firefighters the resources they need to keep us safe, while maintaining fiscal responsibility. By making our government an efficient facilitator, and not a wasteful regulator, we can maintain our reputation as the best city in the state to do business and create jobs. By implementing viable land use plans and eliminating needless and counter-productive regulations, we can move Bellevue forward in a manner that creates jobs and economic vitality, enables quality growth, provides housing options people can afford, protects our environment and preserves our neighborhoods – which will ensure that Bellevue remains a great city for raising a family.

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

I am industrious and bold, with the ability to develop goals and work toward reaching them. In leading teams, I am cooperative and positive. These skills have enabled me to accomplish several things, including:

- development of 507 Northgate, an environmentally sustainable, mixed-use apartment and retail center in Seattle's Northgate Urban Center;
- leading a group of community leaders to raise over \$100,000 for the YMCA last year as the Chair of the Partners with Youth Campaign for the Eastside District YMCA; and
- leading a group of business leaders to advise the City of Bellevue on its budget last year as the Chair of the Bellevue Downtown Association and Bellevue Chamber of Commerce's Joint Budget Task Force.

These same skills will enable me to be an effective leader on the Bellevue City Council -- I keep trying until the goal is accomplished, I am not afraid to stand up for my community, and at the same time I am skilled at bringing together groups of leaders to achieve a common goal.

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.

A. Last spring, during the final year of my three year term on the Eastside District YMCA Board, I chaired the Partners with Youth campaign. Our group of committed community leaders together raised over \$100,000 to provide scholarships to enable financially disadvantaged kids to participate in YMCA programs and to provide the Y seed funding for new endeavors. This required initiative, strong leadership and hard work.
www.seattleyymca.org/files/Eastside_for%20emailing.pdf.

B. Last December, when the Sound Transit EastLink DEIS was published, I thoroughly reviewed the relevant documents and decided I needed to take action to help the community encourage Sound Transit to provide quality light rail in a manner that protects our neighborhoods, roads and businesses. So in less than 75 days I did the following:

- Organized a group of business and neighborhood leaders called The Vision Line Coalition. This group raised the funds necessary to retain land planners and land use attorneys for the purpose of responding to the DEIS with a 100+ page comment letter. I personally drafted much of the response letter.
- Created a website with information about the alignment.
- As Chair of its Transportation Committee, I worked with the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce to obtain its Board's endorsement of the alignment.
- Worked with residents and businesses in the City to educate them on the issues and encourage them to take action.
- Testified a number of times to the Bellevue City Council, and twice to the Sound Transit Board.
- Met personally with all of the City Council members and over half of the Sound Transit Board members to advocate for the appropriate alignment.

While we have not yet achieved successful resolution, we have made considerable progress. I look forward to continuing to help bring quality light rail to the region while at the same time protecting and

even enhancing the value and character of Bellevue's roads, neighborhoods and commercial properties. www.thevisiononline.org.

C. As the developer of the recently-completed 507 Northgate mixed use project, I led nearly every aspect of the design, construction, leasing and financing of the building. This included completing the assemblage of the land, which required negotiations with a multi-national shopping center owner; negotiating mutually satisfactory agreements to relocate existing retail tenants to other properties; hiring and managing a team of architects, contractors and consultants to design and construct the building; negotiating partnerships with investors and lenders; negotiating leases with national retailers; and successfully building relationships with the community and City staff as I guided the project through the entitlement and permitting process. Leading the City requires many of the same attributes – the ability to make sound judgments, take bold leadership and work with large groups of professionals to achieve a common goal. www.507northgate.com.

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.

Neighborhood/Community

Bellevue Chamber of Commerce, Chair of Transportation Committee (2008-2009); Chair of Public Affairs Committee (2007); Critical Areas Ordinance Advisory Committee (2006).

Bellevue Downtown Association, Board Member, Executive Committee, Land Use Committee, Transportation Committee Chair. (2004-2009)

Chair of BDA/Bellevue Chamber/City Budget Task Force (2008).

YMCA, Eastside Dist. Board (2005-2008), Partners With Youth Campaign Chair (2008).

EastLink Vision Line Coalition, Founder and Chairman (2008-2009)

Eastside Business Alliance, Board Member (2004-2009); Vice-Chair (2008-2009)

First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue, Building Committee Elder (2005-2009); Jubilee Committee Member (2004)

Northgate Chamber of Commerce, Chair of Public Affairs Committee (2005-2008)

Northgate Stakeholders Committee, Stakeholder (2003-2009)

Urban Land Institute, Workforce Housing Group Member (2008-2009)

Washington Policy Center Transportation Committee (2009)

Enterprise Seattle Board (2002)

Artsfund Associate Board Member (2000-2001)

T-Ball and Basketball Coach for Issaquah Little League and Bellevue Boys & Girls Club (2007-2009)

I-405 Corridor Program Citizen Committee (2001)

Employment

Wallace Properties, Inc., President (2009); Vice-President & General Counsel (2004-2008)

Foster Pepper PLLC, Real Estate Attorney (2001-2004)

K&L Gates (then Preston Gates & Ellis), Real Estate Attorney (1997-2001)

Education/Professional

Gonzaga University School of Law, Juris Doctorate, cum laude
Seattle University, BA Finance
Washington State Bar Association, admitted to practice
Washington State Real Estate Licensee

Family

I am a father of three boys ages 17, 7 and 2. The oldest two are in the Issaquah School District, Gabe (17) at Issaquah High School and Garrett (7) at Cougar Ridge Elementary.

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

The following are the most important duties for a Bellevue City Councilperson:

Policy. The Council sets and directs the policies of the City of Bellevue, implementing the collective vision of the seven members of the Council for the future direction of the City.

Staff and Budget Oversight. The Council adopts City budgets and ensures that City staff carries out budgetary goals and prudently utilizes the taxpayer's resources. It also ensures that the City Manager and City Staff are effectively carrying out the policy goals of the Council.

Core Governmental Services. The Council ensures that the City is providing quality transportation, utilities, parks and public safety.

Communication with Constituents. The Councilmembers are the representatives of the citizens of Bellevue and have an obligation to effectively communicate with the citizens, understand their concerns and perspectives and identify appropriate areas where the City can take action that enables its citizens to improve their quality of life.

Regional Leadership. The Council represents Bellevue to the region. One goal here should be to complement, not compete with, our sister municipalities, so that as one region we are stronger and competitive in the global economy. A second goal is to communicate the needs of Bellevue to our County, State and Federal representatives to assist them in providing effective service to Bellevue's citizens.