

## 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
Janet	M	Way

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

**Shoreline City Council, Pos #3**

3. Are you the incumbent?            X  Yes         No

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

**Since 1988**

5. How long have you resided in King County?

**Since 1981**

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

7. If partisan, please indicate party:

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#### 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)
Shoreline City Council	Elective	12/ 05 - present	

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

Office Title	Year of Run


## 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 a candidate for re-election in Shoreline, to continue to advocate and “walk the walk” for Shoreline’s families, as I’ve been doing for the last four years and before. I want to continue to work for improvements in our environment, for small business and especially for developing a “green economy” and continue to make Shoreline a walkable, vibrant city.**

**On my watch, Shoreline has begun to become a center for Innovation and Green Technology, applications and ideas. We’ve built a Leeds certified City Hall, and Smarter Greener Aurora Corridor, acquired Open Space, built new parks and trails and protected local jobs, and received the “Best Neighborhood” Award from Seattle Magazine. We’ve worked with local neighborhoods to improve public safety, reduce crime, and worked with citizens to ensure a stable economic future.**

**I have been an advocate for all of these concepts, and want to continue to fight for them. Currently, I am very passionate about protecting Cultural and Historic Landmarks as economic drivers and as assets to be proud of.**



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

**I have been a tenacious and relentless advocate for the environment and small business for over 20 years.**

**Over my many years in Shoreline, I've worked to protect and restore urban watersheds, creating new parks, and advocating for small business. As a founder of the Thornton Creek Legal Defense Fund, I partnered with businesses and Chambers, environmental organizations and neighborhoods, which led to the Thornton Place development. This project combined a Daylighted Creek and pedestrian/transit oriented development that will rejuvenate the Northgate neighborhood. I have also personally worked on many other restoration projects, including Paramount Park.**

**As a small home-based arts business owner, I worked to support my family and also advocate for artists through a small guild.**

**As an advocate for neighborhoods, I worked on parks, community vision, and public safety. I've continued this work on the council, standing up for small business and local jobs, pedestrian safety, and quality of life. One of my signature accomplishments is the Environmental Sustainability Strategy, which I championed as a Council Goal. I worked very hard to help pass our Open Space Bond which included saving South Woods (a 16 acre wood) and advocating for the Kruckeberg Botanical Garden. We now have a very successful Environmental Mini-Grant program in place which helps groups do many worthwhile projects. I have also been a strong advocate for public participation in the local government. We have created many volunteer opportunities, with committees for Economic Development, Traffic, Housing, Human Services/Healthy Community, Long term Financial Planning and Parks.**

**I've also made a big point of working to help constituents who need assistance.**

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.

- 1. Succeeded in the “Daylighting” of Thornton Creek at Northgate against all odds, by challenging an uninspired development and leading many supporters over 5-10 year period to a wonderful outcome.**
- 2. Won election to Shoreline City Council against an incumbent, and passed an array of legislation to improve our local and regional environment such as strong Critical Areas Ordinance Update, New Stormwater Code, Sustainability Strategy, Smarter Aurora Project, Community Vision and passed 3 fiscally responsible budgets.**
- 3. Increased local parks and openspaces significantly, with additions to my neighborhood’s park, and working on the Parks/Space campaign which added over 25 acres of Open Space and Parks. We’ve passed Council Goals and budgets for extensive parks capitol projects which are greatly improving facilities, habitat and stormwater infrastucture through dual use of parks spaces. I’ve also advocated successfully for Low Impact Development techniques in our right-of-ways, such as the Aurora Phase II project, which combine pedestrian walkways, trails and road infrastructure.**

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.

1. **1989- present ; Parks and Watershed Stewardship – 20 years of experience in watershed, creek and wetland restoration experience and advocacy. Worked with various groups to complete over 7 restoration grants in the Thornton Creek Watershed. Championed the “Daylight Thornton Creek Project” at Northgate (Thornton Place) and partnered with many groups to bring about agreement to make the project a reality. Member of Northgate Stakeholders which sheperded those projects since 2004.**
2. **2006- present; Member of WRIA 8 Forum**
3. **2008-present; Co-founded the Lake Ballinger Forum to improve conditions in Lake Ballinger Basin and McAleer Creek.**
4. **2008-09; WA State Evergreen Communities Taskforce – charged with writing Model Tree Ordinances for State**
5. **Served on Shoreline’s first Parks Board and the Shoreline Transfer Station Advisory Group**
6. **1989 – present; Neighborhood advocacy – Co-founded Paramount Park Neighborhood group. Worked on opens space acquisitions, wetland restorations, frog project, 5 grant projects, educational tours, memorial bench, advocacy, SEPA and Land Use and public safety. Raised two sons in Shoreline School District, Cub Scout Den leader, Little League parent.**
7. **2001- present; Worked for over five years and co-founded the South Woods Preservation Group and succeeded in preserving this 16 Acre Forest Treasure**
8. **Established small but successful home commercial arts business in 1982. Co-founded and Chaired Artists Guild to advocate for promote and expand the field.**
9. **Active in Shoreline and Northgate Chambers of Commerce and promoting economic development. Boardmember of Sno-King Economic Gardening group which promotes innovation and business acceleration initiatives in Shoreline Area in partnership with Shoreline Community College.**
10. **2005-present; Advisory Boardmember, Seattle Urban Nature (SUN)**
11. **Member - Seattle Audubon, Sierra Club, Washington Conservation Voters, Sustainable Shoreline, Shoreline Solar Project, Paramount Park Neighborhood Group, Women’s Political Caucus, League of Women Voters, Shoreline Historical Museum, Shoreline Chamber of Commerce**

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

**As a City Councilmember, my utmost duty is to serve the people of Shoreline and uphold the constitutions of the state and US. In that capacity, the Council sets the policies of the city decides on land use questions, and passes a balanced budget. We also are a representative of the people and therefore help constituents with concerns and questions that affect their neighborhoods.**

**As a body that sets policy, we are responsible for oversight of the many departments and issues such as, planning, public works, surface water (utility), parks, human services, finance and public safety among others. Recently, we also established a Transportation Benefit District on which we will all serve as boardmembers. As a part of our jobs, we also establish and appoint many committees and advisory boards, such as Planning Commission, Parks, Economic Development , etc. We also represent the City on regional committees and at other functions and do outreach to other organizations.**

**I believe that the most important duty I have is as representative of the people in oversight of the budget in determining the wise use of the peoples' tax dollars. Secondly, setting policies for the direction of the City and helping to outreach to the public about those policies is as important, since it determines what priorities will be for the use of the city's revenues.**