

2010 Candidate Questionnaire

SECTION I

BASIC CANDIDATE INFORMATION

1. Name as it will appear on the ballot

First Name	Middle Initial or Nickname	Last Name
Andy		Hill

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

State Senate, 45th District

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes No

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

12 years

5. How long have you resided in King County?

20 years

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

7. If partisan, please indicate party: **Republican**

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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

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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.)

Over the past few years I have become more and more concerned about the direction that the state is taking. As I watched TV and read the newspapers, I felt powerless to change what I found to be an out of touch legislature that was ignoring the needs and will of the people. Instead of complaining, I decided to become part of the solution.

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

In order to successfully legislate, I feel that I possess the critical personal characteristics of integrity and honesty. I communicate directly, but respectfully and am focused on the problem at hand. Additionally, I'm resilient, compassionate, have relatively thick skin and am hard working.

I am a leader, and prefer to lead by example and gain respect of my peers before taking on a larger role. I have worked with many disparate groups comprised of varying backgrounds and cultures and have acquired the collaborative skills to accomplish the tasks at hand.

I am a team player, having played sports at the NCAA Division I level in college, and understand the value and necessity of teamwork to prevail. I am a youth sports coach, and understand that success in the role requires that I be a teacher, cheerleader and role model.

All of these characteristics and traits will be critical to my success in representing the people and getting things accomplished in the Senate.

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.

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Microsoft Rookie of the Year, Systems Division

I earned this distinction after coming to Microsoft and developing and managing its first large scale beta test program. It was the first time a beta test was used as a means to ensure quality of the software, and to enroll early adopters as a marketing vehicle for the product. The project took creativity, being the first time something of this magnitude was undertaken. It required leadership as I managed a small team that implemented the plan. It required sales and marketing skills as I went on the road to roll out the beta software to user groups across the country. The particular role that I had in the group was a "high responsibility, low authority" job. While I had overall responsibility for the project, I didn't directly manage most of the people responsible for its implementation. In order to accomplish my mission, I had to gain the respect of those that I depended on to implement the plan. At times I had to draw on leadership and strong decision making. At other times I had to negotiate and use persuasive skills to get job done. All of these skills will be required to legislate successfully.

Getting Nine New Athletic Fields Approved and Built

As President of the Lake Washington Youth Soccer Association, I worked to bring citizens, property owners and local government together to build nine new athletic fields for the area's young athletes while at the same time, returning a historical piece of Sammamish Valley agricultural land to active organic farming. This accomplishment required negotiation, as there were various stakeholders involved (neighbors, current users of the unimproved park, local governments and the soccer association). It required compromise, as each stakeholder had needs and concerns that needed to be addressed. It required leadership and an ability to look past minor setbacks to achieve the greater end result. This was the essence of lawmaking.

My Battle with Cancer

In March 2009, I received the devastating news that I had stage III lung cancer. It took my doctors over 4 months to diagnose this disease, assuming that a healthy, athletic person that had never smoked a day in his life would never have lung cancer.

After treatment with the standard regimen of chemotherapy and radiation, it was determined that the cancer was inoperable, having spread to the nearby lymph nodes. Shortly thereafter, the cancer had spread to the opposite lung.

With a less-than-rosy prognosis, I found myself becoming an amateur scientist in the field as I researched the disease and sought a way to fight it. I sought second and third opinions. I searched for clinical trials of new therapies and approaches. I had my cells tested for various known mutations that might provide a path to treatment. Finally, after consulting with my doctors at the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance, I had my cancer cells screened for a specific mutation that had recently been discovered to be a driver of lung cancer. I tested positive for this mutation, and entered a clinical trial at the University of Colorado Cancer Center for a new targeted therapy. After taking the new drug for a week, all of my symptoms disappeared.

I am now cancer free and working at 100% capacity. I'm back to jogging, playing soccer, skiing and hiking. I take a pill twice a day, with very few side effects.

Throughout the ordeal, I stayed positive. I stayed focused on the fight, and not on the past, not on the "why's" and not on the "why me's". I maintained hope, even as the bad news accumulated. I didn't give up, nor had any intention of giving up. It required courage, resilience, hope and prayer. It required a positive outlook on life. It developed in me a new sense of compassion for others. It required the love and support of an amazing wife and children. Of all my accomplishments, perhaps the skills deployed and acquired in this battle will serve me best as a legislator.

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.

2001-2009: Emily Dickinson Elementary PTSA. Served as President, Treasurer and general volunteer. Led the organization that raised funds to support over \$50,000 per year of additional support in the school. Advocated for students with other parents, teachers and administrators.

2002-2008: Emily Dickinson Elementary School: Mentor, Tutor, classroom and playground volunteer. Worked with high performing students in math, pulling kids out of the classroom weekly to provide them enrichment and to instill my passion for math in them. General classroom volunteer and playground volunteer.

2002-present: Soccer Coach, Lake Washington Youth Soccer Association. Coached numerous teams from kindergarten through 8th graders. Coached at the recreational level to the Select level. Nationally licensed coach.

2006-present: Board of Trustees, Lake Washington Youth Soccer Association. President 2008-2009. Worked to provide soccer to over 6,000 kids. Successfully brought citizens, property owners and local government together to build nine new athletic fields for the area's young athletes while at the same time, returning a historical piece of Sammamish Valley agricultural land to active organic farming.

2006-present: Coach, Eastside Youth Girls Lacrosse. Worked to grow this young sport, serving as one of the original coaches at the 3rd/4th grade level.

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

As a State Senator I will be tasked with creating legislature for the State. The most important duties will be building the budget and directing how funds are raised and spent. This ability to tax and spend has an enormous impact on our economy, quality of life and future of our society. Inherent in this is setting the priorities for government and determining exactly what services and support the government will provide. This spans a wide range of issues, including education, public safety, the judiciary, transportation, social services, safety nets and stewardship of public lands and the environment.