

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
Anthony		Kalchik

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

State Representative 30th District Position 2

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes No

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

20 years

5. How long have you resided in King County?

21 years

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

7. If partisan, please indicate party: **Republican 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)
Precinct Chair	Appointive	2006-Present	

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

Office Title	Year of Run
State Representative 30 th District Pos. 1	2006

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.)

As a community leader and 20 year resident of the 30th district, I know that the citizens of South King County have always been independent-minded and have elected their leaders accordingly. I am running to continue that tradition, and as far as I'm concerned, this is the people's seat and it is not for sale to special interest and political parties! Any person wanting to be a public servant must understand and relate to the people of the district. I believe that I am that person.

We know that the system is broken and our economy is in shambles. With families losing their homes, record unemployment rates, and Olympia's complete disregard for voters, we can no longer afford our lawmaker's "Business as Usual" mentality. Because I'm not just another politician, but a small business owner and real estate broker, I understand the value of the dollar. As your State Representative, we can change our state with simple ideas like: limiting government spending, while providing adequate and equitable education funding; protecting our communities; and most importantly, repealing damaging regulations and taxes on business. Instead of raising taxes, we need to create incentives to attract new companies to our state and encourage current private sector expansion. It's time we change the way government operates and it's time to get this economy back on track. With the help and support of my constituents, we can get Washington working again!

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

Because of my background and the fact that I am an immigrant to this country, born in Ukraine, I am able to relate to people from all walks of life. Coming from a blue collar background working as a welder, coal miner and construction worker, to being a CEO and Real Estate Broker, I understand the needs of both business owner and employee. My strongpoints include the ability to listen, think analytically and problem solve. The problem with many politicians today is that they don't listen. They ignore the voice of the people and often times their very own advisors. My ability to listen to not only my constituents, but also the experts in the field, is something that is lacking in government, and my problem solving ability is something that will bring the necessary changes Olympia has been desperately lacking.

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 think my largest accomplishment is immigrating to America and integrating myself and my family into American culture, and becoming a leader in my community, my city and being a small business owner. When we first came here in the late 1980's, it was greatly challenging. I brought my wife and five kids, five suitcases and \$250. We settled in Rainier Beach, South Seattle, and had zero knowledge of the English language. I then relocated my family to Federal Way, and started my life as an American. There were many challenges including employment and language, but this was something that I wasn't going to allow to slow me down. As more Slavic immigrants started coming to the area, I was looked upon many times for help and guidance being as I was one of the first to get established here. Today our Slavic community in Federal Way boasts about 10,000 strong and I have been an advocate for this community in our government as well as the American population. Because of the challenges I had to face coming here, I am now able to appreciate

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.

Long time Federal Way business owner, founder of multiple non-profit organizations (SGC of Federal Way, WTSC, Slavic Civics Coalition), Slavic Community Spokesman/Government Affairs Liaison, Public Safety & Community Advocate/lobbyist, Member of several community organizations including FW Chamber, Franciscan Fellowship, Slavic Political Coalition and is a regular speaker for Federal Way's Advancing Leadership Program and Diversity Commission.

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

Pass Legislation as it pertains to the needs of our citizens. Sit on various committees hearing various issues ranging from education to ways and means. Represent the people your district and champion legislation that benefits them. Allocate state funds to various government entities/agencies, and provide for the general welfare of our citizens while maintaining a balanced budget and bolstering our economy.

I believe the most important job is to represent the people of your district. Many time legislators forget that they are servants of the people and were selected by them. I believe that this seat has always traditionally been an independent seat and the people of my district have voted consistently independent because they had someone in there that listened and cared for their issues and solved local 30th district problems. I intend to maintain that tradition and be that independent voice of the people.