

## 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
Daniel		Geske

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

**State Legislator, District 31, Position 2**

3. Are you the incumbent?       Yes       No

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

**9 years**

5. How long have you resided in King County?

**I reside in Pierce County. The 31<sup>st</sup> District includes portions of both counties.**

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

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

#### 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)

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 running for the State Legislature because I do not like the culture of the politics in Olympia. Most of the politicians are in the pocket of some special interest group or another, and the few that attempt to remain true to their principles are drowned out in the partisan bickering. I have pledged not to take any money from any lobbying group, because I want to show the world that hard work and principles can win out over big money. I believe that the most important thing for a leader to do is to remain true to his or her principles. Mine are simple: I believe in limited government. I think that individual liberty is of key importance in our society and in order to preserve this liberty, the government must remain within certain clearly defined boundaries. If elected I would support spending cuts, de-regulation, and above all, no new taxes. I think that if I were elected I could make a difference in changing the political atmosphere in Olympia, and I would do my best to always be an independent voice for the common man.**

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

**I believe that my most important characteristic is my ability to relate with people one-on-one in a friendly but professional manner. This ability has helped me to connect with voters on the campaign trail, and I hope it will continue to help me as I talk with important decision makers in Olympia. If people can communicate with one another amicably on a personal level, it brings us one step closer to political understanding.**

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. My academic accomplishments are very important to me. I graduated with High Honors from Green River Community College and was awarded a Dean's Letter in both of my first two quarters at the University of Washington at Tacoma. Many of these classes have been in fields related to politics and economics, and should provide me with some of the knowledge I will need if I am so fortunate as to be elected to the State Legislature.**

**2. I am very proud of the contributions I have made to the community by working with youth. I have worked with children and teens both in my church and at the Auburn YMCA. While it is difficult to quantify precisely how much impact one has on the lives of young people, I would like to think that I have made a positive difference in the lives of many of them. I have had to develop organizational and leadership skills in order to deal with the various issues I have encountered, skills which would be very useful for a State 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.

**1. I have been involved in many youth programs in which I gained organizational and leadership skills (see question 3). Summer 2009-Present.**

**2. I worked for the Census Bureau this year as an Enumerator. I developed organizational skills, people skills, and the ability to adapt to rapidly changing circumstances. April 2010-June 2010.**

**3. I have been involved in Students in Service, a program in which college students earn scholarships for community service projects. Through this I acquired problem solving skills. November 2009-Present.**

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

**The main job of a State Legislator is to help to make law. This means introducing bills, reading bills, voting on bills, and serving on legislative committees. In all of this, the Legislator's duty is to fairly and honestly represent his constituents. Thus, the Legislator must always remain in direct contact with those who live in his district. Legislators also make public appearances to raise awareness for the causes that they support in the legislature. Nonetheless, the most important duty of the office is to make law. All the other things stem either directly or indirectly from that root.**