

## 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
Deb		Eddy

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

**48<sup>th</sup> District state representative, position 2**

3. Are you the incumbent?            xx Yes             No

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

**29 years**

5. How long have you resided in King County?

**29 years**

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

7. If partisan, please indicate party: Democratic

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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)
Kirkland City Council, and mayor	elective	1994-1999	Mayor, 1996-1997, various regional committee , including Seattle King County Board of Health
State Representative	elective	2007-2010	Vice-chair, Democratic Caucus, Vice-chair, Local Gov't; Vice-chair, Tech Energy and Communication Committee

2. If you ran for public office but were not elected, please list those races below: NONE

## 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 first ran for the office out of a deep sense of responsibility to my community and my government.**

**After two terms in the legislature, I am perhaps less optimistic about what we can accomplish than I was in '06 - or more pragmatic about what it's going to take. Huge challenges face us in health care, pension reform, land use and transportation, the environment ... and we must take on more than a few sacred cows in solving these societal problems.**

**In my first term, I showed how my depth of experience in the local and regional arena could help make me a strong voice for the public's interests in Olympia.**

**In my second term, the confidence of my colleagues was proven by their election of me as Caucus Vice Chair. I continued to work effectively behind the scenes, bringing together different strategies to ensure that the SR520 bridge project went forward, to the benefit of public safety, transit and the environment.**

**In all of my public endeavors, I have been a change-agent. And right now, we need people with the courage to take on those sacred cows, to work effectively behind the scenes and get some things done.**

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

**These traits may be positive or negative, depending on one's point of view about any particular issue.**

**I am energetic, hard-working and, while respectful of process, rather results-driven.**

**I am a quick learner, researching and becoming familiar with complicated policy issues in a relatively short period of time.**

**I am constantly guided by the public's interest, as opposed to 'special interests' or even my own interest in being re-elected. This makes me a very independent and fair-minded policy maker (some would say fearless), but doesn't make me a very good 'politician', in the eyes of many. It does, however, give me a reputation among all stakeholders as a reliable, balanced and completely straight-forward policy maker.**

**I am, as a result, guided not only by short-term gains and 'wins', but also by what will be needed to ensure long-term success and prosperity for this state.**

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.

**Bringing 39 local governments to agreement in how to recover salmon habitat (WRIA Contracts, 2000, renewed 2005) was the most time-consuming endeavor, but resulted in an agreement that was called 'ground-breaking' in that it recognized multiple interests of the governments, especially in cost-sharing. The agreement was renewed with little change in 2005.**

**In the 2008 session of the legislature, in the face of some long odds, I brokered an agreement on a Climate Change/GMA bill that was signed by the governor. While none of the stakeholders in the environmental or business communities ended up being remotely happy with the bill (enviros wanted their version or nothing; business community wanted nothing) ... it was a meaningful first step in the direction of reducing the state's carbon footprint. In the long run, the value of this approach will be proven; I am very proud of it.**

**I was also responsible for sponsoring, advocating and passing the bill HB 1481 which set the stage for bringing electric vehicles to Washington State EARLY. Nissan and Ford both have announced their intention to introduce EVs in our state, at least in part due to the favorable regulatory environment created by HB 1481.**

**This year, I will take credit for having come up with the multi-pronged strategy that brought all parties together and broke the stalemate on the SR520 bridge. A friend here in the Seattle area said, "It looked easy." We tried to make it look less contentious from the outside, yes, but internally, it was still tough. We made a compelling case to our colleagues, and this project is moving forward, something that wasn't given a lot of chance of happening at the beginning of this past session. This would be the second session in which most of my time was spent in behind-the-scenes work on SR520.**

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.

**City councilmember and mayor of Kirkland, 1994 – 1999. Policy-making that focused on bringing the city budget under control and avoiding taking the maximum property tax allowed at that time; land use improvements and parks investments; changing the city’s negotiating method with its unions from the old ‘power-based’ approach to interest-based negotiating.**

**I was involved in PTSA in my children’s school years, including co-leading an “tile project” wherein every sixth grader created a decorative tile that became wall installations at the school.**

**In 2004, I was the founding president of a new non-profit called Washington Appleseed, a local chapter a national organization that creates new opportunities for attorneys to offer pro bono assistance on social justice policy projects. Over 15 of Washington's largest law firms support this effort. [www.waappleseed.org](http://www.waappleseed.org).**

**In the early 1980s, I was a founding board member of the Eastside Domestic Violence Program, now a pillar of this community. Besides serving on the board, I mentored women and also trained police officers in the realities of domestic violence and in (new, at that time) state legislation affecting victims. See: [www.edvp.org](http://www.edvp.org)**

**I also served on the Municipal League Board of Directors in 2005, taking part in the South King County CEC interviews and assessments. I also facilitated the Board retreat during that year. It was necessary for me to resign at the end of one year, because I was planning on running for the legislature. Of course, one cannot be a candidate and a Municipal League Board member. [www.munileague.org](http://www.munileague.org)**

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

**A state legislator enacts laws and approves a budget that carries out the responsibilities of the state, consistent with its constitution and laws, in providing services, regulating certain industries and activities, and ensuring the peace and prosperity of the residents of the state. Of singular importance in the Washington State constitution is the requirement to provide for the education of our children.**

**The most important duties of any legislator lie in budget approval. A budget is the manifestation of laws and policies. Without resources for implementation, any policy is idle words on a page.**