

# 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
E.	Glenn	Anderson

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

**State Representative 5<sup>th</sup> LD Pos. 2**

3. Are you the incumbent?            X Yes  No

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

**20 years**

5. How long have you resided in King County?

**22 years**

6. Is the office sought partisan or nonpartisan?    X 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)
State Representative	Elective	2000 - Current	Republican Floor Leader
Precinct Committee Officer	Elective	1990 - Current	Regional Chair
Patterson Creek Flood Control District	Appointive	1994 -1998	

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.)

**I seek to effectively represent the diverse interests of 5<sup>th</sup> District constituents in an open-minded and principled manner. I emphasize putting my business experience in finance and technology, as well as my extensive legislative experience on a broad range of public policy issues, to work reforming state government bureaucracy so that it's more responsive, accountable and cost-effective to the average citizen and improves the quality of life in our community.**

**Specifically,**

- 1) An improvement in the public's confidence that our constitutional republican form of government is a process that works to address their daily needs and that their participation makes a real difference. It is a particular priority for me to address constituent requests for assistance in a timely and satisfactory manner no matter how simple or complicated.**
- 2) Our state is on an accelerated track to fiscal bankruptcy very similar to California in the near future. Left unaddressed, all other public issues and the policy alternatives to address them will suffer dramatically. According to the governor's office planning projections, Washington will be facing a \$20 billion budget deficit within the next 10 years. It is essential that this situation be openly and clearly communicated to the general public and a realistic, long-term bipartisan 'rescue' plan be enacted now.**
- 3) The most fundamental step is to aggressively encourage the creation of globally competitive, family-wage, private sector jobs. This includes the merging of Puget Sound ports to competitively seek out international trade opportunities that locate jobs here, integrating and accelerating our state university research and development initiatives to discover new technologies to create job opportunities located here, and business practice regulatory reforms which encourage advanced manufacturing firms to locate and create jobs here.**
- 4) To enact a 'Live Within Our Means' state budget that reforms unsustainable state spending practices, particularly public employee pension and health care benefits, and not raise taxes until our state is financially solvent.**

- 5) **To unambiguously prioritize our state's constitutional 'paramount duty' to provide for K-12 public schools by adopting my 'Fund Education First' proposal as suggested by the recent Judge Erlick decision as the constitutionally correct approach to adequate and accountable school funding. This is the investment we must make that provides the highest level of social and economic returns.**

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

**I consider the most important characteristics to be patience, fortitude, humor and humility.**

**Our constitutional legislative process is both complicated and dynamic, composed of a broad diversity of personalities and opinions. Patience to understand the process and the personalities in the process is essential to initiate, realize and sustain real change for the better. It is important to go slow in building trust with fellow legislators in order to get to the desired outcome faster.**

**Of equal weight is the fortitude to challenge the dead hand of the status quo, political correctness and entrenched special interests in order to advocate for understanding and change that benefits real people. One must also not shrink from providing new information to constituents on policy issues even when it goes against prevailing conventional public perceptions.**

**To balance the stresses of both patience and fortitude one needs a good sense of humor. Differences in opinion on philosophy need not make people less civil to each other personally. Angry individuals are quickly sidelined in our process. Equally, ungrounded idealism is also quickly discounted and dismissed as irrelevant.**

**Public service is by definition a 'temporary job'. The humility to accept that many have gone before and many will come after is necessary to effectively serve. Any sense of personal 'entitlement' to public service is incompatible with the public trust that you are looking out for their best interests.**

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.

**Over the last 6 years as a leading member of the Washington Learns Committee and Basic Education Finance Task Force seeking to reform our state's K12 education academic performance and public school funding, I have worked with education leaders and practitioners from every corner of the state. We, together, worked hard to develop a strong body of research and knowledge to define what reforms would best serve the children of our state. In a bipartisan manner we asked questions, worked to understand interests, overcome mistrust and improve understanding among all the exceptional number of shareholder groups. Our bipartisan group of legislators worked together to successfully pass HB 2261 and HB 2776 and enact the foundation reforms we see as essential. Did the final work product that passed the legislature meet all our initial expectations ... no. Did it significantly create a much improved benchmark for the future education of state's children ...yes.**

**Before my mother passed away at 19 it was her wish that all her children (four boys, I'm the oldest) complete high school and then complete college. I was tasked to oversee that request. It took me seven and one-half years to finally get that undergraduate degree (going to school and working). Shortly thereafter so had all of my younger brothers. The commitment and sacrifice to successfully achieve something to better oneself and for a reason greater than oneself was the defining learning event of my life. Now in later life I look back on the traumas, travails and roadblocks during that period and truly see them as insignificant compared to the benefits of the rich life of family and friends I have been blessed with.**

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.

**As a business management consultant I have had the opportunity to encourage and empower the entrepreneurship of businessmen and women and see them successfully realize their goals on numerous occasions. There is no substitute for 'doing your homework' on the front end to investigate personalities, interests and resources in order to find the common ground for a successful deal. Whether developing a new idea, crafting a business plan raising capital, sorting out regulatory requirements or hiring the right people to be successful; it's always rewarding to see those entrepreneurs (and those that working for them) succeed.**

**Over the time of my public service I have engaged in a number of community organizations, such as Encompass (early childhood learning and parent training), Washington National Park Fund (private sector support of our state's national parks) and the chambers of commerce (supporting local community events) in the district.**

**Over the last several years I have refocused my efforts more toward helping individuals get connected to the long list of local community organizations or resolving their direct constituent service issues with state agencies. I believe that a successful individual connection to the community or resolved constituent issue is the strongest grassroots experience to encourage others to engage in community participation and then encourage the next person to do so.**

**For example within the district;**

- 1) Assist a single mother with two daughters with her application to a local community college to increase her income earning potential because she believed that would be a good example to her children.**
- 2) Helping the parents of a severely autistic child receive the appropriate care, and entitled reimbursement for that care, so both they and the child could have the best possible quality of life.**
- 3) Assist a community organization work with the Dept. of Fish & Wildlife to assure that a section of a local river is adequately managed to encourage safety and environmentally respected during the summer recreation season.**
- 4) Helping a small community organization grow a program to fly WWII veterans back to the WWII Memorial in Washington DC to honor their service and sacrifice to our nation.**

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

**The most important duty is to listen to the concerns of your district constituents and sort out what you can, or can't, do to help address their concerns and fix their problems. This requires that their priorities be put before your own, no matter how strongly you may feel about yours. Sometimes it's just straightening out lost paperwork. Sometimes it's finding an alternative problem-solving approach that may work better. Sometimes it's just showing up for a cup of coffee when no one else will. And sometimes it's developing a law that has statewide impact that resolves the problem for many. The most powerful office in the land should remain 'citizen'.**

**The constitutional oath to office is an exceptional responsibility of public trust and personal commitment. Honoring that oath is to not compromise your professional integrity or the integrity of the institution. The ability to accomplish anything of real consequence is defined by the willingness of your fellow legislators to seek your perspective and trust your word. Does it always work out that way ... no. Every legislator's judgment when conflicted is their own personal character test.**

**To the best of one's ability provide an honest assessment of the facts on an issue, (i.e. without special interest PR spinning) so the public can determine if government is acting in a responsive, accountable, transparent and cost-effective manner, so they can participate**

**according to their interests.**