

## 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
Jack	J	Michalek

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

**State Senate 33 District Position 1**

3. Are you the incumbent?       Yes       No

4. How long have you resided in this district/city? 40 years

5. How long have you resided in King County? 40 Years

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)
N/A			
N/A			
N/A			

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

Office Title	Year of Run
<b>Port of Seattle Port Commission</b>	1995 est.

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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.)

**Since last fall, I have been watching the decline of our state's economy and have felt that our state has lost sight of its priorities. Government does have obligations and those obligations are spelled out in Washington State's constitution and laws. Our government needs to stop trying to do everything for everyone and instead focus on those obligations. It needs to live within its means just like everyday taxpayers do. Expenditures must be cut. We have no other choice. The size of government and the scope of its influence over the lives of citizens must be reduced. It stifles initiative. For example, the same budget problems that faced the Legislature this year will still be there next year if we don't reduce the size of government and get spending under control. Until the economy improves, many wishes and even some needs will have to be postponed.**

**The need for jobs is on every citizen's mind yet there seems to be no increase in the jobs created in this state. In order to grow and economy and create new jobs, Washington must be more responsive and friendlier to the needs of small business. With taxes such as workmen's compensation increasing as much as 35% and unemployment insurance taxes increasing up to 500%, how can small business be expected to survive, let alone provide additional employment? Lower and fewer taxes will allow the economy to grow and create jobs.**

**There is never enough money for education and there never will be until our system is made more efficient and functional to allow more money to reach the classroom. We can't continue to pour more money into the current system when there are no measurable signs of improvement as a result of this constant flow of more and more money. We must find a way to break through the administrative and organizational bottlenecks. The system must look within itself to find the economies necessary to provide the kind of education we all want for all of our children. The Constitution requires it.**

**I have been a businessman all my life. I know how to balance a budget and create jobs. I know my experience can help our state and I want to work to get our state back on the path of prosperity so it can once again meet the needs of its citizens.**

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

**Those who know me say that I get along with anyone and everyone and have boundless energy. I never sacrifice my principles but I know how to compromise and I'm good at it. Both sides will always feel they have accomplished the best possible result in any given situation. I truly listen to others and can persuade them to listen to me.**

**I am an entrepreneur and have had great success in creating jobs and opportunities for others to succeed. While owning and running my own business, I contributed to the economic development of the State of Washington and was Knighted by the Country of Luxembourg for contributions to its economic development. I know how to search for and seize opportunities that will produce more jobs and make the economy prosper.**

**I am a very positive person. I am a two-time cancer survivor and feel blessed for every day of my life. I want to bring my optimism, experience and energy to Olympia and put it to work to make life better for the citizens of Washington.**

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.

**As an entrepreneur, I created my own business, one of the first privately owned airline service companies in existence. When the industry was deregulated, I recognized an opportunity to provide jobs for hundreds of families and create economic opportunity for Washington. As my business grew and expanded internationally, I was able to assist international carriers to come to Washington and, as a result, the home countries of these carriers benefited just as Washington did. I was Knighted by the Country of Luxembourg for contributions to its economic development.**

**While owning and operating my businesses, I was in constant contact, and often negotiations, with the governments of other countries and with various agencies of my own government. I have always had a good rapport with these other entities and negotiations were always pleasant and successful.**

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 two time cancer survivor I am a regular volunteer at Highline Medical Center at the Highline Cancer Clinic. I meet with both men and women. However, I am the first male volunteer at the cancer clinic and I very often spend a great deal of my time speaking to men who sometimes have a problem expressing their concerns. I speak from experience and that is encouraging to those men. My talks with them assist them in asking the important questions about their cancer and coming to grips with the diagnosis, the treatment and the life changes that come with it. I believe that my presence at the cancer clinic and the conversations I have with the patients is very important to those patients and I believe I am providing a valuable service to the cancer clinic. In addition, the experience of working with these patients gives me a great deal of satisfaction knowing that I am helping them and the staff at the clinic.**

**My two greatest joys in life, besides my wife of 48 years and two wonderful grown children, are my grandsons. I am very close to both of them and am an active participant in their lives. The oldest is 21 and is finishing his Associates Degree at Shoreline C.C. to become a Certified Mechanic for Honda. My other Grandson is 17 and will be going into the 12th grade next year. He has just completed his first year at Green River C.C. He plans on finishing his Associates Degree next year and will also graduate from high school at the same time. He plans on moving on to a 4 year University. Both of my grandsons have 3.5 GPA or above and are a joy to their parents as well as to me and my wife. Yes, I am a very proud father and grandfather.**

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

**I believe my most important duties as a Senator from the 33 District will be:**

- **CREATING JOBS.** Unemployment will not improve as long as small business suffers. We need to create jobs by working with, not against, the private sector by providing tax relief to small business. We must do all possible to help the economy to grow.
- **SUPPORTING EDUCATION.** I want to fully fund our public schools and reduce class sizes. The Washington State Constitution and our state laws spell out our obligations and we need to meet those obligations.
- **REINSTATE I-960 AND OPEN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE STATE UNIONS.** State spending is out of control. We cannot continue to burden citizens and businesses with additional taxes. These things are necessary to make spending cuts and produce a pragmatic, effective budget.