

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
Jay	R	Rodne

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

State Representative, 5th Legislative District, Position No. 1

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes No

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

11 Years

5. How long have you resided in King County?

11 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)
State Representative	Elective	Jan. 2004-present	-Assistant Floor Leader, 2005-2007 -Ranking Minority Member, House Judiciary Committee, 2007-present
Snoqualmie City Council	Elective	Jan. 2002-Jan. 2004	Chair, Public Safety Committee (2002-2004)
Sunshine Committee	Appointive	4/07 -- present	N/A
AG's Eminent Domain Task Force	Appointive	4/07 – 4/09	N/A
WA Sentencing Guidelines Comm.	Appointive	5/05 – 4/08	N/A
Statute Law Committee	Appointive	5/07 – present	N/A

Office of Civil Legal Aid Oversight Committee	Appointive	5/05 – present	N/A
Office of Public Defense Advisory Committee	Appointive	5/05 – 9/09	N/A

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.)

For the past six years, I have had the honor of representing the people of the 5th Legislative District in the Washington House of Representatives. During my time in the Legislature, I believe that I have made significant contributions to my District, to Washington State, and to the priorities and values that I believe in: our K12 public education system, responsible fiscal policies, economic revitalization, and responsible stewardship of our environment.

Although I believe that I have made important contributions to help better our quality of life here in Washington, there is still much more that needs to be done. We are in the midst of the worst recession since the 1930s. I am deeply concerned that as a result of unchecked and unsustainable spending, our state is headed down a path of fiscal crisis that threatens our economic well-being and the ability of future generations of Washingtonians to enjoy the quality of life that we have enjoyed. I believe that it is imperative that we correct our course now by enacting prudent fiscal and budget reforms to avoid the path of California and other debt-ridden states.

My colleagues on the other side of the aisle, whom I respect and maintain close friendships with, enjoy near super majorities in the House and Senate along with occupying the Governor's mansion. However, I believe that the health and well-being of our democracy is ill-served by one-party, super majority control over the entire governmental process. The strength and vitality of our democracy depends on the presence of a vibrant and committed loyal opposition to provide an alternative voice and policy agenda, always with the goal of working collaboratively towards consensus and responsible and sustainable policies that will move our state forward.

In sum, I am running for re-election because I deeply believe that Washington must take a different course, one that will put us back on the path to fiscal reform and economic sustainability. I believe I can continue to make significant contributions to rational public discourse in the legislature in a transparent, open, and accountable manner.

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

I believe in integrity, humility and ensuring that my actions and deeds are consistent with my words and stated values. In Olympia, and in life generally, one's integrity is of paramount importance. A lack of trust fundamentally impairs a relationship.

I also believe in courage and standing true to one's convictions in the face of adversity and challenge. Experiencing combat as a young officer in the U.S. Marine Corps and being responsible for human life in that context taught me invaluable lessons about leadership, courage, and the vital importance of the intangible aspects of character in overcoming adversity.

So much of what we do in the legislature depends on trust, mutual respect, and the ability to compromise and have a sense of humor. In a nutshell, it is all about building personal relationships and being able to work collaboratively with others, even to the point where it's okay to let others have the credit. At the end of the day, what matters to me is whether I have been consistent with my values and fulfilled the expectations and duties of my office with integrity, dignity, and respect for my colleagues. These are the values that try to live my life by and these are the values that I truly appreciate in others.

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. During the 2009 legislative session, I had the honor of introducing a comprehensive sports concussion bill that was the first of its kind in the entire Nation. The bill, which was signed into law in May 2009, was named the "Zachery Lystedt Law" in honor of my constituent, Zachery Lystedt, who sustained a severe concussion during a middle-school football game in 2006 which tragically left him permanently disabled. The Zachery Lystedt Law requires training on concussion management for coaches of all youth sports (not just football), and includes a non-discretionary mandate that requires coaches to remove athletes from play or practice if the athlete is suspected of having sustained a concussion. The athlete cannot return to play or practice until cleared by a health care provider licensed in the management and treatment of concussions. As a result of our efforts here in Washington, many states across the Nation are using the Zachery Lystedt Law as a template to enact similar legislation in their respective states. This law will save lives and it is a fitting tribute to the courage and strength of Zachery and his family.

2. In 2003, my U.S. Marine reserve unit was activated as tensions in the Persian Gulf mounted. I was second in command of a 1200-Marine battalion with responsibility of ensuring that we all worked together as a cohesive team and that we all made it home safely. My unit was deployed to Kuwait in February 2003, about 1 month prior to the beginning of the ground war. My unit was tasked with providing logistical support to various Marine aviation and ground units and when the ground campaign commenced, we pushed forward into Iraq. I personally encountered many Iraqi civilians who treated us as liberators and who thanked us for giving them the chance to live life in freedom. This was a watershed event for me in underscoring the importance of sacrifice in the promotion and safeguarding of liberty.

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.

- Washington State Bar Association (admitted 12/97).
- Elected to the Washington House of Representatives in 2004, 2006, 2008.
- Appointed to the Washington State Office of Public Defense Advisory Committee (2005-2009).
- Member, Washington Sentencing Guidelines Commission (2005-2008).
- Member, Washington Office of Civil Legal Aid Oversight Committee (2005-present).
- Elected to the Snoqualmie, WA City Council (2001-2004).
- Member, Association of Washington Cities (2001-2004).
- Adjunct Faculty Member, Civil Procedure, Highline Community College (2001-2002).
- Appointed to the Washington State Bar Association's Pro Bono and Court Improvement Committees (2000-2002).
- Volunteer Attorney, King County Bar Association's Neighborhood Legal Clinic Program (since 1999).
- Member, King County Bar Association, American Bar Association, American Judicature Society, Issaquah Chamber of Commerce, Snoqualmie Valley Rotary.
- Selected as a 2001 "Rising Star" by the editors and readers of *Washington Law & Politics* (December 2001 edition).
- Appointed to the Washington State Bar Association's Task Force on Judicial Selection (2006).
- Appointed to the Washington Attorney General's Task Force on Open Government (2007).
- Appointed to the Washington Attorney General's Task Force on Eminent Domain (2007).
- Recipient, Association of Washington Business (AWB) Cornerstone Award for legislative excellence (2004-09).
- Board Member, Encompass (children's services organization located in North Bend, WA) (2006-present).
- Board Member, Cabin Creek Cultural Center (treatment and wellness center for tribal youth) (2009-present)

Publications

- Chapter 54, "Securities Regulation of Real Estate Transactions," *Washington Real Property Deskbook*, 3d ed. (Wash. State Bar Ass'n Supp. 2001).
- Chapter 55, "Washington Limited Partnerships," *Washington Real Property Deskbook*, 3d ed. (Wash. State Bar Ass'n Supp. 2001).
- *Making Good on Gideon's Promise*, WSBA Bar Journal, September 2005 (co-authored with Rep. Patricia Lantz, D-26th Dist.)
- *Justice in Jeopardy: A View from the House*, WSBA Bar Journal, November 2009 (co-authored with Rep. Jamie Pedersen, D-43rd Dist.)

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

The duties of my office are very diverse. Of paramount importance is the ability to work collaboratively with colleagues towards a consensus for the betterment of the people of the State of Washington. Key to this process are the intangible aspects of character, such as integrity, humility, courage, perseverance, and, hopefully, a sense of humor.

Serving in the Legislature requires that one be invested in the community that he or she aspires to serve. Having deep roots in one's community is critical to being an effective advocate on behalf of your constituents in Olympia. Equally important is listening skills and being accessible to people. One has to be a very keen listener; much of the task of being a legislator is listening to your constituents and stakeholders and seeking their input as you formulate positions on the issues. Fundamentally, being a representative means being a person of service to others.