

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 |
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| Jerry | | Galland |

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

30th District, State Representative, Position 2

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes No

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

6 years

5. How long have you resided in King County?

50 + 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) |
|---------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------------|
| None | | | |
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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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| Precinct Committee Officer | 2008 |
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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.)

The time is right for me to take the next step in and for my community. I have learned considerable in my life and now believe it is time to lead.

I am interested in the preservation of our rights as citizens. There have been repeated and incessant attacks, some of the largest and worst coming about these past few years, against our liberties.

I have been fighting for the individual rights and liberties of the private citizen for years. Including informed decisions about annexation, the right of property owners to vote on property jurisdictional issues, and holding our elected officials accountable for their actions.

As the Sponsor of Referendum 72, I hold a rare position by being only the 72nd person in the entire 111 year history of the State of Washington to legally question actions taken by our legislature.

I have taken stands others did not have the courage to. When the taxing limitations established by Initiative 960 were ceremoniously struck down, my wife and I (the guy in the Raccoon skin cap) were the only private citizens in the room, with the exception of Tim Eyman, sponsor of I-960 and a group of 'special invited guests'

I have perceptions that others do not and persuasion abilities that can accomplish change.

Becoming a representative of the residents in the 30th district will allow their voice to be heard in Olympia. This is an oath that I would be honored to take.

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

Ten years ago, we built a house, but not by hiring an architect and contractor. My wife found a house that was 'perfect', except for a few changes. I drew up the plans, received approval from King County, and started construction on a 2300 square foot home with two car, two story garage. From foundation to ridge cap, I was chief engineer, carpenter, plumber, electrician, tile installer, painter; a regular jack-of all trades. My wife has little trade knowledge but became an excellent assistant.

I continued to hold down my full time 40-hour week job and, working weekends and evenings, we completed and moved into our new home 14 months after breaking ground. And, yes, we are still married.

We contracted out only four skills; drywall, siding, insulation and roofing; and assisted in the design of custom made cabinets and countertops, interviewing dozens of crafts-people before setting on the right teams for our project.

Over 99% of the home owners in the United States buy existing houses. And of the less than 1% who 'build' their own, well over 99% just write the check to a contractor. Less than 1/10th of one percent of the home owners in America have any concept what it takes to actually do the hard work of literally building a home.

I have the courage of conviction to major projects. I have the tenacity to remain steadfast in achieving goals. I can work with many different personalities to accomplish the goal.

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.

- My wife and I have maintained a warm and durable marriage. Married in 1982, we still treasure and respect each other In these days where infidelity and divorce seem to be the considered mainstream. Stability is important to both of us, we have only moved three times, each time to an established community where we easily and quickly felt comfortable.

We pay off our credit cards every month, own our automobiles without loans and pay extra principle every month on our mortgage. We are responsible, hard working, law abiding citizens who watch out for our neighbors and care about our community.

Making the declaration to run for public office as a servant of the 30th district citizens is just another way to show that I am active and interested in how well our community and state can continue to survive and prosper, if we can instill the same personal accountability, responsibility and integrity in the State House of Representatives.

- I am extremely proud of the house we built, and the knowledge we both took into the project and came out of it with. As indicated above, this required working close to others, some which had different views and methods, to accomplish a clearly defined outcome. And we were able to exceed expectations.

3. 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.

In 2007, the city of Federal Way decided that it wanted to annex what became known as the East Federal Way Potential Annexation Area. Culminating from years of planning on enlarging the city, informational meetings were held in the PAA prior to the election. Residents were told of more police, but no community stations like the King County Sherriff has. More zoning changes and conformity to restrictive city ordinances, but no improvements like sidewalks, paving gravel roads or life-guards to our public lakes.

And, the city estimated that tax revenues fell well short of the over \$2.5 million required each year to provide 'city comparable services' to the annexed area.

With less than 8 weeks to the election, I spearheaded the effort to bring a more balanced view to the irreversible annexation decision. I researched records and asked pointed and specific questions of city officials, exposed the extensive taxing system the city employed to get every penny legally possible from the residents. I created and maintained an informational interactive internet site. We also organized volunteers placing signs.

The voters, with each revelation, became aware of what their communities would become and did not like it, voting 66% NO to the annexation effort. This compares markedly with the 60% YES vote right next door in Auburn, on the same day, with that city adding 10,020 residents by annexation.

From that experience, I have actively maintained contacts within the City of Federal Way government.

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

-Represent the people of the 30th District to ensure that their concerns are heard in our state capitol. Communicate and listen to the hard working taxpaying citizens of my district, see if there are solutions that I, in my capacity as their State Representative, and we, collectively the legislative body of the state, can accomplish. If so and justified, then I am compelled to discuss their concerns with my colleagues and attempt to write responsible law to provide remedy.

-Uphold the Washington State Constitution. Uphold the responsibilities and duties of a duly elected official.

-Budget, budget, budget.

The State of Washington must be accountable to do the same thing each and every private household does. We must constrain spending and live within our budget.

Bloating spending and raising taxes is not fiscally responsible. Failure to stop over-taxing our citizens will result soon create an untold of debt that we will never be able to remedy.

We must be prepared to say no to additional spending and remain strong enough to reduce our existing spending.