

## 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
Jillian	Jill	England

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

**36<sup>th</sup> District Legislature Position 2**

3. Are you the incumbent?       Yes       No

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

**10 + years, since 1998**

5. How long have you resided in King County?

**10 + years, since 1995**

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

7. If partisan, please indicate party:

#### 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)
Never held public office			

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.)

**I'm very passionate about our country and our state. I'm fiscally conservative and believe that high taxes take away the incentive for people to create productive businesses and grow the economy.**

**I believe that the legislature should not hide and then push pension fund obligations off into the future, thus making the problem worse. We need to find ways to reduce our obligation through early payouts or similar programs and fully fund the remainder of the amounts we owe.**

**The sales tax is a regressive tax in that it hurts low income people by taxing them at the higher percentage of their earnings. However, an income tax with a sales tax would be a disaster to local small businesses. We could follow Oregon's model and have no state sales tax and an income tax but even with an income tax the state would run into a problem with revenues as you can see in Oregon's budget problems today. The only way to fix our budget problems is to find ways to cut the budget and to do it now rather than later when the problem will be worse.**

**Besides the declaration of independence and the constitution I believe in three pillars of society;**

- **A true civil government where laws and justice are equally applied and not extreme.**
- **A true social life where a stable family with kids is the building block for the next generation.**
- **A true religion where people can admit their faults be humble in the face of creation and regardless of who they are can strive to be better people tomorrow.**

**These ideas are not my own I take them from Martin Luther (of the reformation) and they are as applicable today as they were 800 years ago.**

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

**I am a software designer and my analysis and implementation skills are very good.**

**I'm more than willing to admit mistakes and look for and accept better ideas from others.**

**I'm a private pilot and that has taught me to make decisive designs and take decisive action to avoid serious consequences.**

**I'm not afraid to take calculated chances. Typically in software development there are safe and then there are risky projects, you want to work on the risky projects because that is where there is the most reward, for the developer, for the manager, and for the company.**

**I'm not a natural leader so I am always looking for new leadership ideas and methods. My leadership training will never be complete.**

**I believe I make friends easily, even with people that have polar opposite political view points. Ultimately any problem is not about the root cause or finger pointing it's about leadership and cooperation in the solution.**

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.

**I installed as lead engineer a Unix based internet news server in support of Microsoft's Windows server 2000 release in 1999/2000. It saved the beta program for that product and kept the software release on schedule. After that I parlayed my 6 month contract into a 1 year contract by making myself useful in other areas of the beta software program as a developer thus paving the way for my current career in .Net development when before I was strictly a Unix environment developer.**

**While unemployed in 2001 I spent my time in statistical research on photographs of Mars. I made contacts with other researchers and found some very interesting geographical changes that had not been identified by other scientists. Together with Efrain Palermo and a real planetary geologist we created a paper and presentation of the papers findings to the Mars society at Stanford University in California. The research was later confirmed by scientists specializing in Mars geology.**

**In 1989 for the Department of Agriculture HOPS lab in Yakima I created an accounting system based on journaling software I designed in collage. I worked with changing specifications and needs to produce a system that ran billing at the lab through 2001. I upgraded it once to a Unix based box in 1991. To get this second contract I moved the software in advance to Unix and upgraded it at my own expense anticipating the need for the new system. I believe it saved the state quite a bit of money vs. other software development options.**

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.

**In 2002 I was assistant treasurer of a private club in Seattle. Duties included keeping the books and attending monthly administrative meeting.**

**In 2008 I became PCO for my precinct (2517) for the republican party. Attend meetings etc.**

**In 2001 I volunteered my time and effort and studying Martian geological anomalies because there was work to be done. This was done without compensation. The work was presented to and published by the Mars society. My statistical analysis work on this paper was its corner stone.**

**A long time ago in High school I participated in the Key club, a high school club sponsored by the Kiwanis club of Lakewood. I believe this taught me valuable civic skills that I took for granted at the time yet still use every day.**

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

- 1. Voting for/against bills**
- 2. Communication with residents in the 36<sup>th</sup> District.**
- 3. Collaboration with Legislature to create bills that solve real problems.**

**Imagine that these form a pyramid with voting at the top and communication and collaboration at the two lower vertices.**

**Casting a ballot is the easiest. The most difficult is collaboration with other legislatures and listening, not just talking to constituents back home.**

**Peer collaboration is done in committee meetings and hearings where changes to the law are debate often in an open forum with members of the public testifying for or against a change.**

**My purpose in Olympia would be not to disrupt the politics as usual but to persuade and collaborate with others to get things fixed and keep the things that are working from being broken.**