

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
Katrina		Asay

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

State Representative, District 30, Position 2

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes No

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

25 years

5. How long have you resided in King County?

25 years

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

7. If partisan, please indicate party: **Republican**

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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)
Mayor	Elective	3/2008 – present	CEO of City of Milton
Councilmember	Elective	4/1995 – 3/2008	Mayor Pro Tem for two years

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.)

As mayor of the City of Milton for the past 6 ½ years, I have seen the impact that the State has on the City's ability to survive. In order for the Cities to be healthy financially, the State must be healthy. Over the past few years, the State has increasingly swept money from funds dedicated to Cities and that the Cities rely on to survive. The State must get its spending under control before any of the other priorities such as education and public safety can be funded appropriately.

I fear for my grandchildren and the debt they will be paying if the spending in Olympia does not get under control. The priorities of government must be restored soon if we are to become a stable state once again.

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

I find that that my ability to quickly filter large amounts of information to assess what needs to be done with what resources are available has served me well in running our city. I'm able to retain detail when it's important in order to make the right decision. I am not afraid to make a decision utilizing that information even if I know it will not please everybody. If it's the right thing to do, and the public will benefit, as a public servant, I have been willing to "take the heat" without concern for my own popularity. I believe that's the essence of the public trust, to use sound judgment with the facts and resources available for the public good. That's why the people entrusted me with the responsibility of elected office, and I feel I owe this to the electorate.

Secondly, I can be tenacious in working an issue to completion. During the legislature of 2009 I ran a bill for my City. I was able to get the Fire Chiefs Assoc., the Fire Commissioners Assoc., the Fire Fighters Assoc. and the Assoc. of Washington Cities all to sign on in support. I was told that was the first time in recent history to have them all on the same page. Even then, it took plenty of time and energy to see the bill through to passage of both house and senate and signed by the governor. I know what kind of energy and perseverance is necessary to get things accomplished in Olympia and believe that I can be effective there.

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.

When I first became Mayor, The City of Milton was nearly bankrupt. I had to make the difficult decision to lay-off 25% of our staff to balance the budget. Since that time we have stayed fiscally conservative and now have approximately 35% of our annual budget in savings to help us through these difficult times. So far we have not had to touch our reserves, neither have we had to lay off other employees; however we have not replaced a police officer that retired. Earlier we downsized our planning department and contracted with a neighboring City for that service. I am proud that the staff, council and I have been able to work together over the past few years to bring back the financial stability to our City.

The project that I am most proud of is the building of our Veterans Memorial in our City. The VFW's and I worked for a year to plan and secure the financing (all donations) for a beautiful memorial so that our veterans, those living and those that have passed could have a place to be remembered and honored. We were able to raise approximately \$200,000 in contributions and like-kind contributions. The memorial was built in about eight months and we had our first Memorial Day remembrance and dedication of the Memorial there on Memorial Day, May 28, 2007. This Memorial ended up winning a national honor and was recognized by the US Congress.

The important part, however was not the awards, but the unification of our communities, tribes and businesses to see this project through. Every year as we gather to remember, the community turns out and it has truly been a place of remembrance, healing and bringing people together.

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.

For the past 6 ½ years as Mayor of the City of Milton, I have been learning skills in dealing with people. Every day issues come up that must be resolved, even if the answer is “no”. Often new policy must be researched, written and passed and I would need to administrate the councils policies. Also there is a lot of negotiating with employees, citizens and other entities to come up with solutions to issues that makes everyone a winner, if possible or at least does the least harm.

I have learned how to run meetings effectively and to make sure that everyone is heard and respected.

For the past 7 years I have been on many regional committees (see resume) that have helped me grasp a basic understanding of some of the major issues in our region such as: transportation, Growth Management, Ending Homelessness and Affordable Housing to mention a few.

I have also been involved and a Board Member of the Fife Milton Chamber of Commerce. This has helped me better understand the plight of businesses in our state. I have also been a member and am a past President of Fife-Milton Rotary.

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

The most important duty of a State Representative is to represent the district effectively and make decisions today that will make the 30th District a better place to be 20 years from now as well as taking care of today’s needs.