

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
Leslie	R	Klein

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

WA State Senate, 36th District

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes No

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

18 years

5. How long have you resided in King County?

18 years

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

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

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)
Ballard District Council	Appointed	Jan 2010 to present	
PCO	Elected	Jan 2008 to present	

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

Office Title	Year of Run
State Legislature, 36 th District, Position 2	2008
State Legislature, 36 th District, Position 1	2000

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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.)

I am running for office for three reasons:

1. **To work on and support balancing the state budget and restoring a budget surplus as existed prior to 2006, the last year the state had a two party system in place.** My strategy is to fully fund social programs for children, the working poor, the mentally challenged and the elderly including the state employees for these programs. Then everything else in the state budget is subject to cuts and elimination. My goal is to with the other senate members craft a sustainable budget.
2. **To create real jobs, not “fake or saved one’s” in this state, especially for small businesses.**
3. **To show the “flag” for Republicans in my district.**

Involvement: Member Ballard District Council – 36th District Republicans
Committee Member Ballard Seafood festival
Volunteer Nordic Heritage Museum
United States Air force – Retired after 20 years service.

The first three activities keep me closely in touch with events and actions that effect my community, Ballard. The Air Force experience taught me how bureaucracies function.

Effectiveness: I spent the last 6 years of my career as a project officer in charge of space support programs. As such, I had the job of creating budgets for my programs and ensuring that my programs stayed on schedule and under budget. I learned how to coordinate the efforts of scientists, contractors, engineers and other specialists to move my projects to completion.

Character: I view myself as a leader.

Knowledge: Like all aspects of life, change is a constant. I love change and know how to learn and adapt to changing challenges.

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

I am a problem solver and problem fixer. My kindergarten report card said “Leslie is a bulldog in pursuing efforts he is interested in.” This has been a characteristic of mine throughout my life. During my 20 years in the Air force, I always achieved goals I set for myself. I spent the last eight years of my career as a project office in charge of twenty or so specialists. My job was to work with people at all levels to accomplish my projects. I know how bureaucracies work and how to accomplish efforts within a bureaucracy.

My focus for my four years in office are:

- 1. Balance the state budget.**
- 2. Promote job creation, especially small business job creations.**

I believe using my focus skills that I will succeed in these efforts.

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.

While in the Air Force, I saved the government over \$3 Million by simply enforcing an existing contract. The officer I replaced failed to read the program contract, while I did.

Writing and publishing a book on New Age Spirituality, “Spirituality in a Materialistic World”

Getting elected as a delegate to the Republican State Convention

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.

I think I have already said all that needs to be said on this topic

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

State Senate, Propose, Review and Pass legislation affecting the state of Washington.

My most important duty will be to sponsor and vote for bills and RCW code changes that lead to balancing the state budget and promoting small business growth.