

## 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
<b>Marcie</b>		<b>Maxwell</b>

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

**State Representative, 41<sup>st</sup> District, Position 1**

3. Are you the incumbent?            **X Yes**             No

4. How long have you resided in this district/city?    **Since 1993.**

5. How long have you resided in King County?    **My life time – I was born and raised in Seattle.**

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

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

#### CAMPAIGN CONTACTS

Campaign Name:            **Citizens for Marcie Maxwell**

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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)
<b>State Representative, 41<sup>st</sup> District</b>  <b>Serving the communities of Bellevue, Beaux Arts, Issaquah, Mercer Island, Newcastle, Renton, and unincorporated King County.</b>	<b>Elected, two year term.</b>	<b>2009 - 2010</b>	<b>- Vice Chair, Education Committee - Vice Chair, Community Development, Economic Development &amp; Trade Committee - Special Appointment to Quality Education Council (QEC)</b>
<b>School Board Director, Renton School District</b>  <b>Served 100,000 constituents including 14,000 students in Renton, Fairwood, Skyway/SE Seattle, Newcastle, and South Bellevue.</b>	<b>Elected twice, four year terms.</b>	<b>2001 - 2009</b>	<b>Board President, Board Vice President, Board Legislative Representative. And, elected three times by King County School Board peers to serve as their representative to the WA State School Directors Legislative Committee.</b>

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

<b>Office Title</b>	<b>Year of Run</b>
N/A	

## 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 proud to have lived in this Puget Sound region for my life time. I've experienced the area's tremendous growth, prosperous and difficult economic times, changing demographics and needs, and Washington State's participation in global economics and trade. I care deeply about current and future opportunities for the people of our state, I cherish our surroundings, and I'm committed to shaping a better world for future generations.**

**In my roles as a business owner, legislator, school board director, community leader, neighbor, and mom, I've continued to grow my knowledge and interests in many issues facing local communities, our state, and our country. My greatest passion is for children and education. Investing in and improving Washington's K-12 public schools framed with quality early education and higher education opportunities is the great equalizer for children from all economic and ethnic backgrounds, and will prepare the creative and skilled workforce that Washington's businesses need. Education reduces state government costs as people make healthier decisions and the high drop out rate that leads to corrections system costs is lessened. Education does not stand alone though, and I know the importance of legislative considerations in public safety, the environment, physical and mental health, civil rights, economic development, services for vulnerable citizens, capital investments, taxation, etc.**

**I have worked tirelessly in the legislature during two extremely challenging years. I've been honored to serve and have great respect for the office, for fellow elected leaders I serve with, and for the citizens I represent. I am prepared to give even more of my time and effort on behalf of my 41<sup>st</sup> District.**

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

**I bring commitment, integrity, passion, and action in leadership for nearly three decades. I have brought people together in my experiences as a small business owner, corporate manager, parent leader, board member for several non-profit organizations, civic volunteer, local campaign organizer, and elected official. My passions have been about building successful communities and our quality of life – a region where people, businesses, and organizations will choose to live, work, learn, and play.**

**I set goals and work hard to achieve them, am considered a good listener with an open mind and an open heart, am genuine and honest, use common sense, and have solid negotiating and problem solving skills. I've been asked to step up to leadership and management positions in many business and civic organizations, and have done so willingly and successfully. I am a proven champion for children and public schools, for neighborhoods and communities, in support of good jobs and successful businesses, and for fairness and inclusiveness.**

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.

**- As a founding board member of the Renton Community Foundation, I was one of a handful of planners then a founding board member to initiate the vision, mission, and policies for this foundation which has grown from one fund of \$30,000 to now over 50 funds with several million dollars supporting a variety of community needs and providing services to donors throughout Renton and beyond. As the volunteer Donor Development Chairman, I designed and marketed a unique Greeting Kit program that has brought in over 1,500 individual donations to Foundation funds, and is now Renton's most popular way to give in honor or remembrance of someone special. My husband and I also personally started the RCF Maxwell Fund for Youth & Families, the first donor-advised family fund within RCF. We have actively donated to and granted from the fund as well as set up an estate plan – our leadership with this initial family fund has attracted several other families to do the same.**

**- My wonderful husband of 34 years had been diagnosed with cancer at 57 years old just a few months prior to the 2010 legislative session. His condition worsened and he passed away on February 28<sup>th</sup> of this year during the session. I worked hard to be physically and mentally present, day and night, with both my family and my legislative responsibilities. Through this difficult time in my personal life, I continued strong efforts on important policy and budget decisions for my legislative district and our state, and missed just six votes during the entire session.**

- During the 2009 and 2010 legislative sessions, my role as an education leader in the legislature grew quickly and has become highly effective. As a most active sponsor of HB 2261 in 2009, I organized my freshman colleagues to step up together as a strong voice and vote with our priority of basic education reform and funding. I was invited to the Speaker's roundtable on this issue, was the sole House member who met with the Senate stakeholder group weekly, met with the Governor, stakeholders, and our freshman gathered weekly to plan our next strategies. The work and passage of this bill were successful even with the challenge of the state budget shortfall and with hesitation from some stakeholder groups. In 2010, the budget shortfall continued to be challenging, and I was a strong and active voice for the follow on basic education bill, HB 2776 – believing that we must continue our promise to improve and fund education. I worked directly with education leaders in the House, Senate, and directly with the Governor again as well as several stakeholder groups to accomplish this bill passage. As the result of my passion and work, I earned an appointment as one of only two House Democrats on the Quality Education Council (the basic education implementation and oversight council).

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.

## 41st District State Representative

Working for 41st District citizens, communities, and businesses in Bellevue, Beaux Arts, Issaquah, Mercer Island, Newcastle, Renton, and unincorporated King County

### **Marcie's Legislative Committees:**

Education, Vice Chairman

Education Appropriations for K-12, Early Learning & Higher Education, member

Community Development, Economic Development & Trade, Vice Chairman

Capital Budget, member

Quality Education Council - QEC member

Joint Select Committee on Education Accountability, member

Bellevue College - 2009 Honor Roll recipient for legislative leadership work on behalf of the college

Renton Business & Professional Women - honored as 2009 Woman of Achievement

## Community Leadership

### **2004 Renton Citizen of the Year**

### **2001 Renton Outstanding Citizen**

### **Renton Chamber of Commerce**

Chairman of the Board 2000

Past Board Member

Past Chairman, Community Development & Education Committee

Legislation & Transportation Committee

2005 & 2004 first ever Total Resource Campaign Chairman

Outstanding Business Citizen Award

### **Renton School District**

Elected to two terms on Renton School Board - 2001 to 2009

Leadership for 14,000 students and over 100,000 citizens

Serve entire school district area in Renton, Newcastle, South Bellevue, Fairwood, and Skyway

**Education leadership work for all Renton district inclusive of students who speak 87 languages, 46% low income, 40% mobility rate, special education needs, and highly capable programs**

2004 Board President

2003 & 2008 Board Vice President

Budget Advisory & Audit Committees

Diversity Advisory Committee

WA Assn of School Administrators' 2007 Outstanding Community Leadership Award

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### **Washington State School Directors' Association**

Elected three terms by King County school board peers to WSSDA State Legislative Committee  
National School Boards Association member

### **Renton Community Foundation**

Founding Board Member  
Past Development Committee Chairman  
Created "Greetings" Card Kits  
Co-founder of RCF Maxwell Fund for Youth & Families

### **Rotary Club of Renton**

2007/2008 President  
Rotary District 5030 Presidential Citation  
Paul Harris Fellow (2)

### **Kennydale Neighborhood Association**

Founding Board Member  
Elected three terms as President of the Board

### **Highlands Task Force**

Task force member for Highlands residential and business district improvement plan

### **PTA Council**

Past Renton Area PTA Council President - leadership network for 20 local PTA units  
Past President at Hazen High PTSA  
Past President at Maplewood Heights Elementary PTA  
Past Washington State PTA Region 9 Service Delivery Team  
Hazen PTSA Golden Acorn Award  
National PTA Life Membership Award 2000  
Washington State PTA Outstanding Service Award 1995  
Washington State PTA Outstanding Advocate Award 2008

### **Citizens for Renton Schools**

Levy and bond election citizens' campaign committees

### **Blue Ribbon Council**

Local Renton leadership think tank council member  
Participate in local partnership to support city economic development  
Puget Sound Prosperity Partnership regional connection

### **Communities In Schools**

Renton Advisory Council member  
Past board member  
40 Developmental Assets Community Advisory Committee

### **Seattle King County Association of Realtors**

2002 SKCAR Community Service Award  
Governmental Affairs Committee member

### **Newcastle Chamber of Commerce**, Long time business member

### **Volunteers for Issaquah Schools**

Levy and bond election citizens' campaign Realtor Representative

**People for Our Public Schools** - Simple Majority for School Levies  
Statewide steering committee  
Introduced ballot measure to Realtors' association who became major statewide sponsor

**League of Women Voters of Washington** , Member

**Bellevue Chamber of Commerce**, Member

**Mercer Island Chamber of Commerce**, Member

**Issaquah Chamber of Commerce**, Member

**Seattle Chinese Chamber of Commerce**, Member

**CityClub Seattle**, Member

**Greater Seattle Business Association**, Member

## Employment History

### **Associate Broker, EcoBroker, Certified Residential Specialist, Realtor**

Marcie Maxwell & Lisa Lam, Windermere Realtor Team (self employed business owner)

1989 to present

Over 2,600 client transactions closed and over \$550 million in sales

Top 1% achievement in company, region, and nationwide

CRS designation, earned by only 4% of real estate agents in the nation

Known amongst peers and clients for action, integrity, and results

Forum XXII selected member "Eastside Realtors Making A Difference"

2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 Seattle Magazine's Five Star Best In Client Satisfaction awards

### **Assistant Vice President, Branch Manager, Puget Sound Area Manager**

Benj Franklin Savings Bank (now merged with Bank of America) 1973 - 1989

Lead manager in Seattle/Bellevue/Tacoma area of Northwest branch network

Financial services knowledge and skills

Residential real estate lending, construction lending, and personal lending Retail deposit and retirement products, customer service and confidentiality

Human resources and budget management

Action plans and sales team achievement

Employee of the Year, Top Loan Producer, and Branch of the Year Awards

## Education & Personal

Rainier Beach High School -Seattle Public School District, all K-12

Highline College - Business, Marketing, Real Estate

Lifetime Learning - coursework in leadership, management, financial services, real estate, marketing, human resources, customer service, legal topics, and community needs over three decades

Former Registered Securities Representative licensee  
Former Life & Annuity Insurance licensee  
Former Certified Consumer Credit Executive designation  
Former banking instructor for the Institute of Financial Education

Married for 33 years to Steve Maxwell, retired King County Sheriff's Deputy & DARE Officer

Children: Denise, 29, Central WA University & Oregon Health Sciences University, Registered Dietitian, and Mike, 26, CWU & Renton Technical College, ASE Certified Service Technician & Broadband Installer

Parents: all have lived in the 41st District - Marcie's on Mercer Island & Steve's in East Renton

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

**Legislative duties start with being accessible to constituents in my 41<sup>st</sup> District and knowing the interests and priorities of this region. I have invested substantial time to be available and in touch with many citizens, organizations, businesses, and local elected leaders in all of my district communities of Bellevue, Issaquah, Mercer Island, Newcastle, Renton, and unincorporated King County. In Olympia, I am their voice and vote for responsible policy and budget analysis and decisions.**