

## 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
Mark	D.	Hargrove

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

**State House of Representatives, 47<sup>th</sup> District, Position 1**

3. Are you the incumbent?       Yes       No

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

**23 years**

5. How long have you resided in King County?

**23 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)
Precinct Committee Officer	Elective	2006 - Present	

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

Office Title	Year of Run
State House of Representatives, 47 <sup>th</sup> District, Position 1	2008

## 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.)

Sandy, my wife of 31 years, and I have lived in Covington for 22 years, educating our daughters in the Kent public schools. My wife and daughters all teach or coach at Auburn High School. We attend church in Black Diamond. And I commute to work in Renton. As such we are connected to our neighbors throughout the 47<sup>th</sup> legislative district.

I am by nature an easy-going, turn the other cheek type of person. It is this nature that makes me able to work well with anyone. But when I see others I care about being mistreated, I am inspired to stand up for them. My friends and neighbors are being poorly represented. They are frustrated with the reckless spending and taxing in Olympia. And our representative is part of the problem. They are busy raising their families and unable to run for office themselves. But I am willing to step up to the challenge for them. It is my connection to and affection for my neighbors in the 47<sup>th</sup> district that have brought me to my decision to run for the State House of Representatives.

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

**As an Eagle Scout, Air Force Academy graduate and Air Force pilot, integrity has been drilled into me throughout my life. I will not compromise my principles for the sake of expediency or being a team player.**

**As a Boeing instructor pilot, I have spent months living in various cultures around the world. I have a better grasp of the cultural backgrounds of those different from myself than most Americans. And I have been able to work together with all sorts of people to achieve positive results.**

**I have flown multi-million dollar airplanes, full of hundreds of passengers, between unfamiliar third world airports or the busiest international airports, in all sorts of weather, with newly trained pilots and air traffic controllers both with weak English skills. There is a certain amount of stress and quick decision making required in these situations.**

**As a math instructor at the Air Force Academy Prep School, I learned first hand what it is like to teach high school level mathematics to students of various levels of understanding.**

**As a Christian, I genuinely try to treat others as I would like to be treated. I can disagree with others on the most serious matters and still be friends.**

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 am most proud of my family. We are close knit, and even though my daughters are adults, we still spend a lot of time with them and their husbands. They are all involved in this campaign. I share credit with my wife in making the right decisions as our girls were growing up so that they matured into model citizens.**

**Many times over my Boeing career I have had my student pilots tell me that the training I provided them was the best and most enjoyable they have received during their careers. I think I have an ability to meet people where they are and bring them to a new understanding and enjoy the experience.**

**I am proud to be an Air Force Academy graduate. The academic, athletic, and military training I received there was difficult to complete and prepared me well for so many challenges I have faced throughout my life.**

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 several years in the mid 90's, my wife and I organized a hot dinner for 100-150 people every Wednesday evening at our church. We were able to feed everyone for \$5 per family and always break even. This involved careful planning and budgeting, organizing a volunteer crew each week and the stress of getting everyone fed and to their activities on time. We've used these same skills for other meals for large crowds over the years.**

**For several years in the early 90's, my wife and I led a youth group of Kentwood High School students. Again this involved a lot of team building, planning, organizing and budgeting for weekly meetings, weekend outings and weeklong camps in Canada.**

**As a founding member of AMPA ( the Boeing instructor pilot's union), I know first hand the motivation for and the challenges of forming a union and the process of repeated contract negotiations. Additionally, as the secretary/treasurer for the past seven years, I understand the importance of meticulously caring for our finances and proper reporting of our finances to the government.**

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

**Duties of this office include drafting legislation, voting on legislation, committee meetings, and meeting and communicating with lobbyists, constituents and fellow legislators. Because there are so many people and events competing for a legislator's time, it will be easy to fill each day and never get anything worthwhile accomplished.**

**The people of my district are frustrated that the government is doing all sorts of "stuff", but not addressing the issues that are our priorities. I am committed to reigning in out of control spending and the taxing that follows. I am also passionate about making sure education dollars are not wasted on unnecessary bureaucracy, there is more local control of education decisions and parent involvement is greatly increased.**