

## 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		Isaacs

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

**45<sup>th</sup> District Position 2, State Representative.**

3. Are you the incumbent?       Yes       No

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

**Since November 1997**

5. How long have you resided in King County?

**Since 1981**

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)

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 was born, raised and educated in Jamaica. During the 1970's, I witnessed the transition from a Free Enterprise Democracy to Democratic Socialism. The then Government made clear their intent to take over the more productive and profitable sectors of the economy primarily through taxes and regulations.**

**Once the commitment to Democratic Socialism was made public the islands economy collapsed. Private Sector confidence disappeared and new and ongoing investments ceased. Compounding the issue was Prime Minister Michael Manley's minions praising the freedoms and great services, health care, education etc available to all Cubans which they stated Jamaicans lacked. Nothing could have been farther from the truth and it was clear the government's objective was purely political.**

**With my Jamaican experience in mind, I was led to run for office as I recognize current trends pursuing paths contrary to that which has made this country great. Specifically, taxes are raised and regulations increased while Washingtonians face job losses, foreclosures, mounting credit card and dwindling retirement accounts.**

**We must return to Constitutional values and adhere to fiscal responsibility in a decisive disciplined manner. We must energize the Private Sector by reducing taxes and regulations to stimulate employment and investment. Confidence must be restored by way of legislation which creates an atmosphere of predictability and certainty in the future for those willing to take risks.**

**Bold balanced measures are necessary and I possess the will and experience necessary to, along with others, pursue the course to vibrant growth and prosperity.**

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

**Firstly, honesty and integrity. I recognize that only decisions made openly and transparently will endure. A man's word is the basis upon which character rests. The right decision based on truth though seemingly self injurious at times ultimately will endure to the good.**

**Secondly, being trustworthy and reliable. I unreservedly acknowledge that one must do to others as one would have done to one's self. I therefore would serve, if elected, to the best of my ability all those in my District despite the fact that not all will see eye to eye with my decisions. My commitment is to do that which is right and true not to benefit party or any single group but what is best for the people of this State.**

**Thirdly, responsibility, passion and determination. I am unwaveringly committed to pursuing a path which conforms to the principles outlined in the Constitution so as to enable Washingtonians to once again fulfill their highest and best individual objectives.**

**Finally, open mindedness and humility. I am willing to consider additional and or opposing viewpoints as long as they are founded in truth and sound principle. I also recognize the need to seek good counsel and advice.**

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.

**Following high school I went to work in my father's import distribution business in Kingston.**

**My Dad was my professor and the free enterprise system my classroom. I was made to open crates stock shelves and do the most menial of tasks.**

**At age twenty one my Dad sent me to England to act on his behalf with manufacturers whom we represented. Though filled with fear in an alien environment I knew I had an awesome responsibility to act in a manner which would enhance our image rather than demean it and that objective was achieved.**

**I dealt directly with Company directors and those in the export departments acquainting them with the idiosyncrasies of doing business in Jamaica. In short I was an ambassador of my Dad's and that experience over a four week period helped to shape and mold the man I am today.**

**Three years later my Dad retired and left me in charge and the business grew every year until I moved to the United States.**

**I could write a book on my political experiences in Jamaica but that's another story.**

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.

**The experiences I have had in the world of commerce though minute by US standards were nonetheless significant.**

**In my early twenties as mentioned previously I travelled to several Counties in Europe and secured contracts for the exclusive distribution for a variety of merchandise. My most significant achievement was securing the exclusive distribution rights for the sale of Sharp Corporation calculators in Jamaica.**

**I was a member of the Kingston Jaycees prior to leaving Jamaica for the US.**

**I was elected as a Precinct Committee Officer in 2006 and served as a Board member of the North Rose hill Neighborhood Association for a short while. I have also been both a youth and adult soccer coach and served as an Elder at the Bellewood Presbyterian Church in Bellevue.**

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

**A State Representative or Legislator is one entrusted to create and enact laws. The importance of the office speaks for itself.**

**It is my carefully considered opinion that laws which benefit the society as a whole are those which must be enacted. Unfortunately, there are some lawmakers more oriented to benefitting special interests at times when the best interests of the society as a whole may not be served. I emphatically disagree with such a stance.**

**In short therefore the most important duties are to serve the best interests of the citizens by aiding them to achieve their highest and best potential and not hamper them by the burden of over taxation and or restricting regulations.**