

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
Nancy	E.	Wyatt

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

House of Representatives, Position 1, 47th Legislative District

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes No

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

12 years

5. How long have you resided in King County?

26 years

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

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

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.)

Currently as the President & COO of the Auburn Area Chamber of Commerce, and previously as the President/CEO of the Covington Chamber of Commerce, I advocate on behalf of businesses (small, medium and large) to local, county, state and national leaders, to create a better climate for our businesses to survive and thrive. After all these years, and not having the business voice be heard, I am stepping up to give our entrepreneurs a voice in the state legislature.

With my experience and expertise in working with a wide variety of people, businesses, and non-profit organizations, I will bring a well-reasoned and well-rounded approach to the needs of the state and of my district.

In my role as a community leader, I have had to make those tough decisions to better my organization and the cities I serve. I will bring that same balanced leadership to the state legislature.

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

Throughout all the leadership skill training that I have received, the most effective trait I have developed is the art of listening. Being able to take in all the information necessary before making a decision; hearing all sides of a challenge then making an informed decision is what I bring to the table. Being able to work with a diverse group of individuals and come to a positive solution for the challenge(s) we are faced with.

Integrity and honesty are other traits that I bring to the office. Personal accountability and forthrightness for accomplishing the task at hand.

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 the times when I take a contentious situation, where tempers are flared, and I am able to bring calm to the room, and be able to bring people together to get a problem solved with reasonableness. There have been many moments when I have been able to turn around someone's negative attitude, and bring them to the table and become an active participant in the process.

An example is when I worked with a downtown business owner that was upset over what he perceived as a threat to his business. I was able to sit down with him and work through the situation, much of which was rumor and innuendo, and get him in touch with the correct individuals, so that he could get the most up-to-date information on processes and procedures for him and his business. Most of what I did that day was listening to his fears/worries, and helping him get the information he needed.

Another accomplishment I am most proud of is taking a failing non-profit organization in charge of a community event, and getting them back onto sound financial footing, and getting more volunteers to participate in the process.

I feel one of my greatest assets is being a "connector" of people to accomplish the many tasks at hand.

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.

Currently I am involved as a Board Member in the Rotary Club of Auburn, where we raise funds for our community for such things as High School scholarships; barrier-free playgrounds, and helping to fund children's charities.

I am also currently the Vice Chair for the Washington Chamber of Commerce Executives, where we connect chamber professionals to information and resources they need to succeed through education, coordination and facilitation.

As a community leader in the Auburn area, I have served as a Table Captain for our various non-profit agencies for their fundraising events for each of the last four years; such as ACAP, Auburn Food Bank, Valley Cities Counseling & Consultation, KSARC, Auburn Youth Resources, Communities in Schools of Auburn and Auburn Citizens for Schools.

From 2002-2006 I attended and graduated from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Institute for Organization Management, where we learned all aspects of running a non-profit organization, from financial management to volunteer training.

In 2000-2001, I attended and graduated from the Leadership Institute of South Puget Sound, which is a 9-month program of leadership skill development and regional issue awareness.

In the fall of 2009 and spring of 2010, I attended and graduated from the first ever Jennifer Dunn Leadership Institute where we learned leadership skill development, policy/issues training, fundraising skills and dealing with the media.

From 2003-2005, I was involved in the Covington Days event, first as manager of the parade (2003), then as Chair and Co-Chair of the actual event (2004-2005).

I served as PTA President at Grass Lake Elementary for two years (1998-2000).

I was a charter member of the Rotary Club of Covington (2005-2006)

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

To set state budget priorities; to engage in the process of public policy.

The most important duty is setting the state budget and budgeting properly to fund the most critical aspects of state government (school funding which is the paramount duty based on our state constitution), public safety, and providing a safety net for our most vulnerable citizens.

One of the key competencies to establishing priorities is the ability to look at both the pros and cons of each issue. My 20+ years of business experience has honed this skill. The state needs legislators who are even-keeled and do take the time to analyze all unintended consequences before deciding on policy. This is my core strength.