

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
Peggy		Levesque

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

31st District Washington State House of Representatives Position 1

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes No

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

35 YEARS

5. How long have you resided in King County?

I live in the 31st District in Pierce County

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

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

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)
Mayor Town of South Prairie	Elective	January 2006 to present. 2 nd term	CEO for the Town
South Prairie Council Member	Elective	November 1997 to December 2005. 2 terms	Town Legislator

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.)

To put it plainly, I am not a politician by nature. It wasn't political ambitions that made me run for office.

But I've always been driven by the desire to help those around me who needed a lift when times were tough. When I saw that the kids in our community needed more encouragement to read, write and enjoy school, I went to work in our local school district. When I saw that my mother needed someone to take full time care of her, I became her full time caregiver.

That experience led me working with SEIU Local 775, where I helped organize one of the largest unions in our state. The people I met and the experiences I had in this position only increased my desire to serve the community that had given so much to me and my family.

I am a community member with my ear tuned to the needs of the community. I am passionate about finding solutions to problems and helping people get ahead in life. My desire to give back led me to my first run for public office, and I'm proud to say that I served for eight years on the South Prairie Town Council. I later ran for Mayor, and am currently serving in my second term as Mayor of South Prairie.

When I first ran for Mayor the town was in a political crisis, there was a desperate need for someone who cared about the community to stand up and fight.

Now, I intend to bring that same drive that to the State Legislature.

I am running for The State House of Representatives because I see the problems that people are facing in their daily lives and we need solutions. We need solutions now for our selves and for the future. We don't want to pass down to our children and grandchildren an America with less

Less hope and Possibilities

Lower paying jobs or no job at all

Less access to health care, where the job remains unfinished

Less access to Higher education

Less likelihood of becoming a home owner

We all want to have the opportunity for a good life for ourselves and for our children, not necessarily anything fancy, a roof over our heads free from the fear of foreclosure, living wage jobs, accessible, affordable, quality health care, a good education system and an affordable college education for those who want to pursue it.

These are hard times and they call for tough decisions, those decisions need to be made with an eye to what is best for most of Washington's Citizens

I am willing to collaborate and seek practical solutions for the problems that we are facing. We don't need more polarity, with politicians demanding that things be done their way. We need people who are more willing to listen than to shout, more willing to cooperate than demand their own way. But we need someone to fight for us when a battle is necessary. We need more people in office that really care about the needs of others. I am that person. For me it's not political it's personal.

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

I am a listener and a collaborator. I look for practical solutions and for any unintended results of those solutions. I feel that in order to make good decisions you must seek out those that will be effected by those decisions and focus on their issues and input.

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.

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.

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