

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
Philip	L	Wilson

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

State Representative 48th District Position 2

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes No

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

19 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: **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)

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 am deeply concerned about the financial direction our country and state are headed and I feel compelled to run to address this issue. It is going to have a great impact on me and my family. When I look at my children in the future and they ask me why I did nothing when I had the opportunity what will I say to them. There are some serious issues that we need to discuss and debate as a people. However, our financial recklessness, both at the state and federal level, is making those other important questions moot. If we collapse our financial system there will serious political destabilization and we will wish for the days when we could talk about 'normal' issues. I believe it is imperative that we not only get our state in good financial shape, but we must also prepare for the day when the federal money no longer flows into it because of the reckless spending at the federal level. We must recognize that there are financial laws and that when we violate them we will suffer the consequences as surely as we are impacted by gravity when jumping off a roof. It seems that the best outcome we can hope for in our current direction is mountains of debt being chained onto our children. This is immoral. We are destroying the nation that was handed to us by the previous generations and I am determined to do all I can to keep us from continuing in that direction as a nation and as a state to prepare for that possibility. Likewise as more and more of our problems are addressed by the government instead of by the historic institutions that have dealt with them throughout history those institutions become weakened and dependant on the government. We must take these issues out of the hands of government and give them back to the other institutions to deal with.

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

Frugality - God has blessed me with plenty throughout my life materially. I have tried to be frugal with what he has been given me and that often means saying "No" to my wants. This is going to be essential for our state going forward. We cannot afford to be extravagant as we have been in the past.

Integrity-I believe God has given rules to live by and they are for my good therefore I seek his wisdom in upholding those. When I have given someone my word I take that commitment very seriously and do everything in my power to uphold my word.

Patience -This is an acquired attribute. Having three children has given me much opportunity to grow this quality. I know it will be crucial when working with people in my district, and the 97 others personalities in the House.

I know I have much to learn and am excited to get started. I also have a willing heart to learn from my mistakes and those made by others

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.

Disaster relief: One area that I have felt blessed to be involved with is disaster relief. Having spent a number of years growing up in the third world I know what a challenge day to day life can be. I have a heart to help those, especially in developing countries when they are struck by disaster. In 2000 my wife and I went to Turkey after their earthquake to help in a relief camp there. I've had the opportunity to go to Aceh, Indonesia four times after the tsunami setting up and helping to run a communications center. I did similar work in Pakistan after their earthquake a few years ago. I worked with some wonderful local people, worked through challenging barriers and formed some enduring friendships while providing much needed communication services. We developed some innovative solutions to problems of providing communications. Similarly in government I will need to bring people together to help effect solutions to serious problems that we face as a state.

Teaching my daughter to read: Several years ago I believed it time to start teaching my daughter to read. I evaluated my options and procured material. We started out learning the sounds each letter made and went on from there to putting those sounds together. Finally we were able to put the syllables together into words. It was hard and difficult work for her and yet she persevered and reached the goal and then she took off. She loves to read and has read through a number of books. It is very satisfying for me to look back on that experience whenever we are facing something difficult together and remind her of the rewards of her previous hard work.

Evaluating the situation, persistence and hard work are all going to be required for Washington State to move into a new chapter of fiscal responsibility and preparedness. Being able to work with and motivate others is going to be essential.

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.

Home schooling my daughter (2009-2010): Several skills that have been worked on over the past year have been time management, organization of material and instruction of course work. I have been the lead instructor for my daughter.

Caring for elderly neighbor (2005-2010): We have, until very recently, had an elderly neighbor who three or four times a year needed to be taken into and returned from the hospital. This has been a great opportunity to minister to him as well as teach my children, by example, our responsibility to care for those that God has placed around us.

Sunday School helper (2005-2010): Since I've had children I've become involved in the programs that they participate in. I've helped out in our church's Sunday School program since my daughter was an infant and have really enjoyed it. Management and organizational skills are honed and tested again and again in this environment. Persuasive skills are also quite helpful.

Developing and shipping software (1987-1994): I worked at Microsoft for 8 years. I worked in testing with a group of people. Over my years there I worked on several versions of Microsoft Word, Excel and Access. I had to learn to work within a team, sharing information with and between other teams. Communication will be a key necessary skill in the legislature

Mission trips (1992 - 2008): Having grown up in Sudan I have a deep care for people throughout the world who haven't had the benefits of the system of government that our founders put in place. I've been on numerous trips to Mexico that ranged from helping a Bible School with a roofing project, building construction and putting in cement floors for those in need. I've been to Papua New Guinea, Lebanon, Syria, Greece, Turkey, Indonesia, Malawi, Zambia, Honduras, Guatemala and Pakistan on projects ranging from building construction, communications infrastructure, solar power installations. I've also made trips here in the US for disaster relief after hurricanes Katrina and Ike.

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

As a representative, I would be responsible for passing a biennial budget and for putting

necessary laws in place. I will be seeking to join the appropriations committee so that I may

have a more direct impact on the budgeting process.