

## 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
Raymond	R	Bunk

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

**State Senate, 31<sup>st</sup> LD**

3. Are you the incumbent?       Yes       No

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

**5 years**

5. How long have you resided in King County?

**I reside in Pierce County**

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

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

#### 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)
Fire Commissioner for East Pierce Fire & Rescue			

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

Office Title	Year of Run

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## 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'm running for the State Senate to continue serving my community, and to bring much needed civility to Olympia. I care deeply about job creation in our community, and believe we must do more to help our small, family owned businesses expand and create jobs for our citizens. I believe that in these tough economic times, we must work to keep taxes low, and to invest taxpayer dollars wisely, and in a manner that helps working families. And I'm running because we need to continue strengthening public education in our state.**

**The 31<sup>st</sup> District deserves better leadership than what we are getting from Pam Roach. Pam has been around for a long time, and her reputation is well known. Once again this year, Pam was in the headlines, but not for helping create jobs or strengthening schools in our district. Instead, Pam made headlines by being kicked out of her own party's caucus, and told that she should be seeking anger management counseling. She's made headlines for the berating of staff members in Olympia, not for working on keeping taxes low. Pam didn't even bother to show up for the first days of the Special Session in Olympia this year, where the very future of our state budget was debated. Her controversies have cost the state over \$50,000 of our hard earned tax dollars.**

**And most importantly to me, Pam has voted against full funding of public education, basic health and other measures that are essential to the future of our district.**

**Those aren't my values, and they aren't the values of our community. We deserve better leadership. We deserve better than Pam Roach.**

**I've made a career out of resolving conflicts, and bringing people of different background and viewpoints together in order to solve problems. That is the mentality I will bring to Olympia.**

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

**I have spent my life in public and civil service. I have served my community as a volunteer EMT, a firefighter, a Police Officer and a reservist in the Air Force serving in Iraq in 2007. After returning from Iraq, my daughter Adriana and I formed a Puget Sound chapter of the “Kick for Nick” program, which raises money to send sporting equipment to the children of Iraq and Afghanistan.**

**I also serve as an elected Fire Commissioner for East Pierce Fire & Rescue, and I serve on the Civil Service and Design Commissions for the City of Bonney Lake.**

**I believe that I will bring the level of dedication to the State Senate that I have in every other aspect of my life. I want to get to Olympia and work with others restoring the civility that I work hard for in our resident’s lives.**

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.

**When I was 18 years old, my mother suffered a heart attack on the day of my high school graduation. It was due to the fantastic response and skills of our local EMT workers that she was able to survive. Just weeks later, I joined the EMT myself, something of which I’m very proud. I wanted to give others the same tremendous care that my mother had received.**

**I later enlisted in the Armed Forces, and served in the Air Force for four years. Serving in the military teaches one more lessons than I can list in a questionnaire, but if there is one skill that I developed in this role that I believe will help make me an effective State Senator, it is the ability to resolve conflict. I did a tour of duty in Iraq in 2007, and 90% of a day in Iraq is resolving conflict – between soldiers and citizens, etc. I’m proud of my service, and believe it will make me a better Legislator.**

**Lastly, my daughter and I formed the Puget Sound Chapter of the “Kick for Nick” program upon my return from the Middle East. “Kick for Nick” raises funds for the kids of Iraq and Afghanistan, and sends them sporting equipment.**

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.

- **Greater Pierce County Community Network, Legislative/Education Chair, 2006 – 2009, Pierce County, WA**
- **Assisted with the implementation of a law protecting children from Domestic Violence**
- **Pierce County Meth Action Team, Member, 2006 - 2009, Pierce County, WA**
- **Assisted in the creation of the “Saving Kids From Dangerous Drugs Act” with local Washington Representative and later testified in front of the Washington State Senate and House Committees in support of Bill.**
- **Kick for Nick - Puget Sound Chapter, Co-Chair, 2007 – Present, Pierce County, WA**
- **Washington State Youth Academy, Mentor, 2008 – Present, Bremerton, WA,**
- **City of Bonney Lake Design Commission, Commissioner, 2008 – Present, Bonney Lake, WA**
- **City of Bonney Lake Civil Service Commission, Commissioner, 2009 – Present, Bonney Lake, WA**
- **Selected and appointed by City Mayor to serve on both committees.**
- **Performed roles for City as required by State Law.**

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

**Above all else, I believe the primary duty of a legislator is to work across party lines, bringing people of different opinions and viewpoints together in order to solve problems. While I am a devout Democrat, I believe above all else that Olympia needs to put the routine partisan bickering and ranking behind them so they can tackle the numerous challenges we are facing as a state. Secondly, I believe a primary duty of a State Senator is to keep an open door to all constituents, regardless of background or political affiliation.**