

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
ROGER		GOODMAN

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

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 45TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT, POSITION #1

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes No

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

13 YEARS

5. How long have you resided in King County?

13 YEARS

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

7. If partisan, please indicate party: **DEMOCRATIC 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)
STATE REPRESENTATIVE 45TH DISTRICT, POS. 1	elective	2007 - present	House Judiciary Committee, Vice- Chair
KING COUNTY ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD	appointive	2002 - present	Legislative Committee Chair for Mental Health and Substance Abuse

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

Office Title	Year of Run
n/a	

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 running for re-election to the State House to build further on my legislative record of improving public safety, bolstering public education and promoting government efficiency, particularly in the courts and the justice system. I also want to return to the Legislature to support my colleagues' ongoing efforts to protect the environment, to expand health care and to promote economic security for working families.

In my first two terms I led the Legislature to pass more than four dozen bills dealing with a wide range of policy problems, including landmark measures to reduce domestic violence, to hold drunk drivers more accountable and to expand early childhood education. There is much more work to be done and I hope to continue my legislative assignments for another term. In fact, in preparation for the 2011 session, I am currently reconvening the Domestic Violence Workgroup and the Impaired Driving Workgroup, with whom I worked last year to put together important public safety bills; and I also serve as one of two state legislators on the Early Learning Technical Workgroup, which is now working intensively to design the future statewide system of early learning programs for all pre-schoolers.

I bring to the legislature a broad range of professional and government experience, a lifelong commitment to public service and a record of bringing people together to get results. My family is well-settled in the 45th District, with grandparents and great-grandparents just blocks away from our home. As I support and help raise my family here on the Eastside, I remain committed to my local community and I want to keep working to preserve our quality of life.

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

I am a straight talker who eschews politics-as-usual and I work to bridge differences in a respectful and inclusive fashion, helping to identify common interests around which parties can strengthen relationships and build trust.

I believe civility is essential to productive discourse and that we should spare the people's time and money from needless bickering and partisan sniping. I use a common-sense approach to serve the citizens of my district, listening carefully and focusing on the basic issues that matter to them.

I consider public service to be an honor and a privilege. I continually serve as a resource for constituents, whether it is a legislative matter or a local or personal issue that needs attention.

I also have a healthy sense of humor and I never take myself too seriously!

I understand that my family comes first and this allows me to balance the needs of my professional work, legislative demands and the responsibilities of personal and domestic life.

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.

As one of only a few legislators with any interest or expertise in criminal justice issues, I have carved out somewhat of a legislative niche in that area. I have chosen to address two chronic social problems that cause the most harm in our communities: domestic violence and drunk driving. During the 2009 legislative interim I convened workgroups on these issues in preparation for the 2010 session. The all-volunteer workgroups received no state funding yet attracted a highly-motivated group of stakeholders who are leaders in their respective fields.

The Domestic Violence Workgroup included a broad spectrum of participants, including law enforcement and prosecutors, judges, victims and their advocates, city and county officials, scholars, clergy and treatment providers. Working intensively for many months, we were able to complete the most comprehensive revision of Washington state's domestic violence laws in the last 30 years, and the resulting legislation, House Bill 2777, passed the Legislature unanimously and was signed into law by the Governor. Courts and the police now have new tools to better identify perpetrators of domestic violence and to hold them more accountable, and to help victims and their children better, as well.

The Impaired Driving Workgroup brought together Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the Washington State Patrol, judges, prosecutors and defense attorneys and other public officials to help fashion Washington's new Ignition Interlock program, which requires known drunk drivers to install alcohol detection technology on their vehicles. The Legislature has enacted a number of my DUI bills in the last two sessions, which have been estimated to prevent at least two dozen alcohol-related traffic deaths and serious injuries in Washington in the last two years. The federal government has also taken notice, selecting me as the first Washington legislator to receive the NHTSA "Safety Champion Award."

The successful model of convening large workgroups during the legislative interim periods has reinforced many lessons that I've learned in my professional career. By using a collaborative, problem-solving approach I can help adverse parties to find common ground. Working hard to bring all stakeholders together ahead of time allows for the proposals we craft to sail through the legislative process. Looking back on these legislative successes, I have reaffirmed my belief that leadership is not so much about stepping out ahead of everyone to "plant the flag," but rather about bringing people together, listening carefully and counting on others' expertise and great ideas to help move us forward.

In order to collaborate successfully in the legislative process, I've found that listening to my colleagues is just as important as listening to my constituents. Sometimes, and perhaps too often, we do not have the luxury of time to convene legislative workgroups in advance of a session. This was the case during the 2010 legislative session, when I had to legislate "on-the-fly" to help secure Washington's future early learning programs. Facing opposition from the Governor and from leaders in the Senate, I introduced the "Ready for School Act" of 2010, House Bill 2731, a measure to incorporate pre-kindergarten programs into Washington's system of Basic Education. Although the House passed the bill it was clear the measure would need to be amended to survive the legislative process. Until the end I continued to meet face-to-face with the Governor and with opponents and skeptics in the Senate to reach a meaningful compromise. On the very last day of the legislative session, in the midst of the most difficult budget environment in more than 80 years, we were able to agree on a plan whereby the opportunity for pre-school will be guaranteed, starting in the 2018 school year, to any three- or four-year-old whose family cannot afford it.

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.

Locally I serve on the Board of Directors for Hopelink, the primary social service provider on the Eastside.

In Kirkland I have served on the boards of the neighborhood associations where we have lived, including in our current neighborhood of Norkirk in Kirkland (until 2005) and also for two years as President of the Lakeview Neighborhood Association (from 2000 to 2002).

Since moving to the Eastside I have regularly and frequently volunteered at the Eastside Legal Clinic in Bellevue, providing free legal advice and referrals to disadvantaged clients who cannot afford standard legal services or who are intimidated by the legal system.

Through my work for the King County Bar Association (2001 - 2008), and during my tenure on the King County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative Board (2002 - present), I have tirelessly fought for policies and practices that improve the life conditions of the less fortunate, particularly for those caught in the grip of mental illness and drug addiction.

I continue to serve on the boards of other organizations dedicated to improving the life chances of the less advantaged in our community, including the Marie Institute, which promotes and funds innovative therapies for people suffering from borderline personality disorder; and the Post-Prison Education Project, which is providing opportunities for higher education for qualified individuals being released from prison. I am also a charter board member of the Rainier Institute, a non-partisan think tank dedicated to stimulating debate over vexing policy problems in our community, including affordable health care, maintaining educational quality and improving the administration of justice.

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

A state legislator must listen carefully to the constituents in the district and must serve them in a prompt and even-handed fashion. This often takes the form of casework dealing with personal or neighborhood problems or helping constituents battle with bureaucracy. Regular correspondence with constituents and attendance at community meetings is also an important part of staying in touch and “feeling the pulse” of the district.

A legislator also serves constituents through direct policymaking work during the legislative sessions, seeking to amend state statutes or direct state funding in such a way as to create conditions that will preserve and enhance our quality of life. I pay closest attention to the issues that my constituents care the most about: investing wisely in education; keeping neighborhoods, public spaces and homes safe and secure; access to good quality, affordable health care; and helping to relieve the stress and inconvenience associated with traffic congestion and the explosive population growth in our area.

A legislator can also play an important role as an agent of change, not only for the district but for the whole state, by ignoring convention and remaining unafraid of controversy, and by articulating a vision of the future that reflects the values of how we want to live our lives.