

## 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
Shawn	G.	McEvoy

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

**Kin County Council 8th District**

3. Are you the incumbent?       Yes      X No

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

**52 years**

5. How long have you resided in King County?

**52 years**

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

7. If partisan, please indicate 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)
Normandy Park City Council	appointed	2002	
Normandy Park City Council	elective	2003-present	Mayor- 2006-2010

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 was encouraged to run by citizens who feel there is a disconnect between King County leadership and the needs and values of those living in suburban cities and unincorporated King County.

Over the last several decades as a community leader and Mayor, I have had to work extensively with King County in key areas such as: Emergency Management; Growth Management and Land Use; Public Health; Metro Transit; Salmon Recovery; Human Services; District Courts; Economic Development; Surface and Storm Water Management; and Roads and Bridges, to name just a few. King County has supplied our city and myself with important information, updates and strategies such as: annual growth reports; human service reports; county-wide planning policy reports; affordable housing and buildable land reports; a solid waste plan; and a strategic plan, so I am up to date on these issues and ready to work on them when elected.

I have attended countless forums, town hall meetings, workshops and other gatherings to better understand the intricacies and challenges that lie ahead for citizens of the county. Being aware of the more than 30 regional and 15 local services provided by King County give a broad appreciation of the responsibility of King County government.

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

Throughout the course of my life, I have been involved in leadership roles. Early on from my youth involvement in Boy Scouts, Jr. High, High school and later as a longtime community leader, city councilmember and Mayor, I have always been much appreciated and thrust into ever larger roles. The main thing I have learned is that leaders are effective when they advance collective not personal purposes.

I've been told that I possess those learned or skill based qualities such as sound judgment, intelligence, competence, skills in dealing with people, ability to manage and set priorities, capacities to motivate, the ability of assertiveness, adaptability and flexibility of approach. In addition to these skills are my courage, confidence, need to achieve, my physical vitality and stamina, the capacity to win trust and a willingness to accept responsibility.

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.

One of the accomplishments I'm very proud of is the leadership that I, as a member of the steering committee, played in developing, achieving consensus, and then implementing the Salmon Recovery Plan for threatened Chinook Salmon in the Watershed Resource Inventory Area 9 region(WRIA9).

This daunting task involved working with many parties with divergent interests that included nine suburban cities, City of Seattle, King County, Army Corps of Engineers, Boeing, Plum Creek Timber, and Master Builders Association of Snohomish and King Counties.

This Master plan is a model for other groups to emulate. We received an award from the Puget Sound Regional Council for our excellent efforts on this project.

Another accomplishment that I'm very proud of is the revitalization of our declining Normandy Park community and our Community Club. Within a few years of my involvement our Community Club building and grounds were repaired, member participation had increased, and a greater sense of civic pride was evident. Our community was thriving again.

As a community we came together to restore salmon habitat on Miller and Walker Creeks, which resulted in a National Award from Trout Unlimited. Our community was later featured on the cover of the National Fish and Wildlife's Foundation Salmon Restoration Narratives 6 year progress report.

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.

I have an ability to develop a responsible budget. As Mayor of Normandy Park for the past four years, and councilmember since 2002, careful budgeting of limited resources has been fundamental to the success story of our city. City revenues have been historically limited by the fact that this area is almost entirely residential, with only a small business district and little opportunity for sales tax revenues.

The car tabs initiative and other fiscal pressures have been challenging, but community spirit and a dedication to quality government through my leadership have yielded impressive results. We recently received a clean audit from State Auditors, and have been awarded an excellent bond rating.

We were listed first in Southwest King County to receive Federal Stimulus Funds for our four million dollar 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South Redevelopment Project, have received funds for repairing/upgrading Sylvester Bridge, and recently have successfully passed a proposition creating a Parks District that will ease the impact of this year's revenue constraints while providing for our parks and upgrades/repairs to a local public pool. While all of our cities are grappling with budget cuts, Normandy Park is showing, through prudent financial management, that our area can be less severely affected than others.

One of my first goals as Mayor was to improve community outreach. The revitalization of our quarterly newsletter(the "City Scene"), establishing a monthly city update(the "Park Bench"), and making these available by e-mail subscription, have opened the channels of communication. The revitalization of communication lets the citizens know "what, when and where", is going on with their city government. Because of this, public concerns have been fewer and far between.

This year, the City Council and City staff conducted a year-long "Visioning Process" with booths at community events that offered citizens the opportunity to engage in exercises and surveys about how City resources are being spent, and where improvements could be realized. It was wonderful opportunity to get feedback, and overall citizens were satisfied with the services and government of Normandy Park.

While there is always the wish for lower taxes, divisive issues such as the Critical Areas Ordinance, the Metropolitan Parks District Levy, storm water utility fees and the Growth Management Act have all been addressed in a positive and constructive fashion with good results.

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

The King County Council is the determining body for policy, budget, and services and is empowered to levy taxes and appropriate revenues. The County Council adopt laws, set policy and hold final approval over the County budget.

I believe it is the mission of King County Government to provide regional leadership along with fiscal responsibility while providing high quality core services for a healthy, safe and vibrant region.