

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
Tracey	J.	Eide

2. Office sought (include office, jurisdiction, position/district number): State senate, 30th Legislative District

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes

4. How long have you resided in this district/city? I have lived in the 30th District over 25 years.

5. How long have you resided in King County?
I am a life-long resident of south King County.

6. Is the office sought partisan or nonpartisan? Partisan

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)
Washington State Senate	Elected	1999- present	Majority Floor Leader
Washington State House of Representatives	Elected	1993-94	Assistant Majority Whip
Federal Way Human Services Commission	Appointed	1993-98	Chair 1997-98

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

Office Title	Year of Run
Washington House of Representatives	1994

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 born and raised in South King County, and have spent over two decades serving our community as a PTA volunteer, city commission member, State Representative and three-term Senator. I have fought to protect workers, kids, seniors, and families.

I have worked hard in Olympia to deliver real results for the 30th District and for *all* people in Washington. For example, I was proud to have voted for domestic partnership legislation because I believe discrimination of any kind is wrong and have always stood my ground on this issue. I supported simple majority votes for school levies and levy equalization because kids in less advantaged areas should have the same access to educational opportunities as those in wealthy communities. I'm a fiscal conservative and political moderate, working to make positive, common sense changes for us all. I have secured funding for local economic development, worked to make health care more affordable for small businesses, and supported tax incentives for new and expanding industries.

My work with firefighters and law enforcement has earned me their endorsement and the respect of every major public safety organization. In fact, I was recently made an honorary fire chief by the Washington Fire Chiefs Association. I work to make our roads, schools, businesses, environment and neighborhoods safer.

I am privileged to serve as the Majority Floor Leader in the Washington Senate and desire to continue leading in an effective, independent manner continuing to make Washington a better place to live and work for everyone.

I plan to continue my work as a hands-on leader to improve education, small business enhancements, transportation, traffic safety, our environment and protecting those traditionally disenfranchised.

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

Throughout my career and as a longtime PTA and community volunteer I have sought to unite people around common values and a positive vision for our communities and families. I am a leader and honored to represent my constituents while serving all people in Washington. I listen to every point of view and take pride on keeping my door open to *all* organizations and *all* people.

These are extremely difficult economic times, not seen since the Great Depression. Washington needs strong and positive leaders to guide our state through this challenging period who understand that concerns over the economy aren't ideological concerns—they are fundamental priorities of people across the state and deserve inclusive, innovative leadership.

I am a principled leader who makes difficult choices and stand behind my values and commitments. For example, during the 2010 legislative session I voted for politically unpopular choices such as suspending I-960 and voting for tax increases. I have the courage to do so because I understand this tax revenue is needed to maintain critical government infrastructure such as Washington's education system; health care services; unemployment benefits and re-training programs; services for those in greatest need such as seniors, children, and the disabled; environmental protections; law enforcement and first responders.

In the darkest hours of the economic storm I made the tough decisions and did not abandon our children, seniors and those with greatest need.

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.

These are my three proudest accomplishments, all with state-wide impact, while serving as a Senator:

1. Car crashes are the leading cause of death for Washington teenagers. In 2000 I authored the Intermediate Driver's License (IDL) bill that passed into law. With implementation of the IDL fatal teen crashes and those involving crippling injuries have been reduced by almost 50 percent for Washington teen drivers completing the program.

2. I prime-sponsored the Simple Majority measure every year I have been in the Legislature. In 2007 the Legislature passed the Simple Majority and was then approved by a vote of the people. This changed our State's Constitution making it possible for voters to approve school levies by a 50 percent plus one vote, instead of a 60 percent supermajority.

In the February, 2010, elections 66 school district levies passed across Washington due to the Simple Majority becoming part of the State Constitution. These levies raised \$1.7 billion, benefiting over 300,000 children.

3. Over 50 studies cite the dangers of driving while talking on a cell phone or texting while driving. I am very pleased to have sponsored SB 6345 during the 2010 session that makes it a primary offense to drive while talking on a hand-held phone or to text and drive. The bill passed the Legislature, was signed into law by the Governor and takes effect June 10, 2010.

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 serve as the Senate Majority Floor Leader. My Senate Committees include: Economic Development, Trade & Innovation; EDTI International Relations Subcommittee; Rules; Transportation.

Other committees and organizations include:

Federal Way Symphony, Honorary Board member
Historical Society of Federal Way, member
Co-chair, King County Finance Task Force
Legislative Committee on Economic Development and International Relations
Advisory Board of the Federal Way Education & Communities in Schools Foundation
Board of Directors of "Red Star HS"
Federal Way Advancing Leadership Youth Advisory Board
Member of the Washington State School Safety Advisory Committee
Joint Select Committee on Secondary Education
Joint Select Committee on Education Restructuring
Alternate member of the Quality Education Council established in 2009 to determine how to implement and fund the state's new definition of Basic Education.
Former Member, Legislative Transportation Committee
Former Member, Washington State Recycling Task Force
Former Co-chair, Commute Trip Reduction Task Force
PTA and dedicated school volunteer for over a decade

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

The mission of the Washington State Senate is to exercise legislative powers granted by the State Constitution; to represent and provide leadership for the people of the state of Washington; to enact laws and oversee their administration; and to provide for the public well-being while protecting and maintaining the rights of the individual.

The most important are:

- Leadership—taking on tough, immediate and long term policy issues that confront our state
- Provide for the public well-being— never turning our backs on the vulnerable, the young and old, those in need of government support
- Maintain the rights of the individual—providing a counterbalance to ideological and other efforts to restrict individual rights and liberties, whether reproductive freedom, the right to live and work in safe, supporting communities, the right to clean air and water.