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## 2011 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

The Municipal League of King County requests every candidate who participates in the candidate evaluation process **submit background information prior to his/her interview with a candidate evaluation committee.** The questionnaire is the basis of the League's research and interview process. The League's ratings are non-partisan; they are based on standards of Involvement, Effectiveness, Character, and Knowledge, all of which have been developed and refined over the past 100 years.

A copy of this questionnaire will be provided to Candidate Evaluation Committee members to help them prepare for your interview. Candidate responses, except the confidential section, will be available to the public on the League's website.

The Municipal League requests the following materials from candidates. Please check to make certain you have sent in your:

**Candidate Questionnaire**  
Sent by:  Email  US Mail  Fax  Not Sending

**Resume (education, employment, and professional activities)**  
Sent by:  Email  US Mail  Fax  Not Sending

**Campaign Materials**  
Sent by:  Email  US Mail  Fax  Not Sending

<http://www.katemartinforschoolboard.com>

**Constituent Newsletters and other publications**  
Sent by:  Email  US Mail  Fax  Not Sending

<http://www.theseattlejournal.com>

**Photograph**  
Sent by:  Email  US Mail  Fax  Not Sending

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**Note: Electronically submitted questionnaires are strongly preferred.** All materials can be emailed to [cec@munileague.org](mailto:cec@munileague.org). They can be processed and made available on-line far more rapidly than handwritten or typed submissions.

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For non-electronic submissions, please print clearly and legibly and return the application **as soon as possible in order to allow the committee the greatest amount of time to prepare a complete report on your skills and experience.**

If you have not yet been contacted to schedule an interview, or if you have questions about the candidate evaluation program, please contact the League office at 206-622-8333.

If you have a disability and require accommodation to participate in the candidate evaluation process, please contact the CEC Coordinator at the League office.

A League volunteer Candidate Investigator is waiting to receive your questionnaire to begin his or her work. Please complete and return the questionnaire to the League office at your earliest convenience.

**Please have your materials to us no later than June 10th, 2011.**

Email the completed questionnaire and other materials to:

## 2011 Candidate Questionnaire

### SECTION I

#### BASIC CANDIDATE INFORMATION

1. Name as it will appear on the ballot

First Name	Middle Initial or Nickname	Last Name
Kate		Martin

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

**Seattle School Board Director District 2**

3. Are you the incumbent?       Yes      x No

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

**32 years**

5. How long have you resided in King County?

**32 years**

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

7. If partisan, please indicate party:

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#### CAMPAIGN CONTACTS

Campaign Website:      <http://www.katemartinforschoolboard.com>

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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)
Seattle Pedestrian Master Plan Advisory Group	Appointive	2007-2009	Member
Piper's Creek Advisory Council	Appointive	2007-2009	Acting Chair
Neighborhood Matching Fund Citywide Review Team	Appointive	2005-2007	Member
Greenwood Community Council	Elected	2008-2009	President

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

Office Title	Year of Run
NA	

## 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 have had two businesses over the last 20 years. Each has offered me a significant number of business experiences. One is the planning, design and construction consulting business I still have, <http://www.katemartindesign.com>. The other is a commercial fountain business which I had from 1995 – 2000, Watermark Bronze Fountains.**

**In addition to that I have been raising my children with my husband for the last 20 years which has been immensely rewarding and educational.**

**And finally, for the last 15 years I have become increasingly involved in my community.**

**Last year, I quietly launched an on-line magazine, <http://www.theseattlejournal.com> to take my community involvement and insights into a format where I could share information more readily.**

**Running for school board is the culmination of all of these experiences into a role where I can work with a team to positively impact the public education of Seattle's children.**

**I have a clear vision and a clear understanding of Seattle Public Schools after studying national, state and local education policy for the last 6 years. I am ready to put that to work.**

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

**I have vision and I'm able to pragmatically think outside the box about the big picture and the details.**

**I do my homework. I plan, I analyze and then I collaborate to implement effective solutions.**

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.

**My family is the accomplishment that I am most proud of followed by my professional development in my career.**

**In terms of my community work, these are the three accomplishments of which I am most proud.**

**I developed Greening Greenwood. I worked with neighborhood teens for 5 years on neighborhood business district beautification projects and an annual neighborhood event in Greenwood. I raised money so that the kids could earn stipends while doing the work and contributing to the neighborhood. Almost all of the kids were able to use me as a reference for their first jobs. They all still come to my home and touch base with me regularly.**

**I designed a campus renovation plan for St. John School and implemented multiple parts of it with volunteers and professional donations and discounts. We created a new south landscape and gathering area on the south side of the school and a new courtyard on the north side of the school. It brought tears to the eyes of the principal and teachers when we dedicated the spaces.**

**I wrote a Large Neighborhood Matching Fund Project that I am currently volunteering with that is devising a process to help people who don't have sidewalks in Greenwood to organize with their neighbors to plan, permit, fund and implement "walkable streetscapes" including street edges, drainage, plantings, parking and sidewalks in the sidewalk-less areas of my neighborhood.**

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.

**Working with the Seattle Pedestrian Master Plan Advisory Group for almost 2 years, I collaborated with the other 24 members of the team as well as electeds, consultants and multiple agencies to craft a vision and plan for implementation to make Seattle more walkable. 2007- 2009**

**See above community contributions.**

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

**Superintendent Oversight  
Budget Oversight  
Development and Stewardship of Effective Education Policy  
Represent Constituents**



## Finished!

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If at all possible, send your response to the Municipal League electronically as an email attachment, or insert it into an e-mail message (cec@munileague.org). Mail and fax numbers are listed below. If the League has not contacted you to schedule an interview, please call the League office at your earliest convenience.

Don't forget to send the following to the Municipal League: a resume, a photo, campaign literature, and, if you are an incumbent, constituent newsletters and other materials. Please use the check-off list on the cover sheet of this packet to indicate which items you have sent.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND GOOD LUCK IN YOUR CAMPAIGN!

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