

# Seattle / King County Building Trades Council Candidate Questionnaire

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Past or present union affiliation (if any): none

Current occupation and work background:

Seattle City Councilmember, 1998-present

Publisher, YES! Magazine, 1995-1997

Director, Community and Environment Department, Metrocenter YMCA, 1985-1995

Principal, Alcor Community Oriented Development, 1981-1985

Legislative Outreach Director, Solar Lobby, 1979-1981

Lecturer, University of Botswana and Swaziland, 1977-1979

Projects Director, Public Interest Research Group in Michigan, 1973-1977

Elected Member, Ingham County Board of Commissioners, 1972-1976

Educational background:

B.A., History, Michigan State University, 1968

M.A. Political Science, Michigan State University, 1971

Party affiliation (if any): Councilmember position is nonpartisan, I am an active Democrat and PCO for my precinct

Office you are seeking: Seattle City Council, Position 2

Incumbent and challenger(s) for that position: I am the incumbent.

Have you run for political office before? Yes

If so, were you elected? Yes, twice as member of the Ingham County, Michigan, Board of Commissioners and three times as a member of the Seattle City Council.

Explain your motivation for running for public office:

I have a deep commitment to public service and participating in the work of developing a better community.

Money raised to date: \$60,000

Campaign budget: \$180,000

How much time are you committing to the campaign per week? 20 hours

Target number of doorstep voter contacts: not yet set

Doors knocked to date: none

Target number of volunteers: 50-100

Number of current volunteers: 35

Key endorsements: In my 2005 campaign, I was endorsed by the King County Labor Council along with SEIU 775NW, SEIU 6, IFPTE 17, ATU 587, IBEW 77, ILWU 19, SEIU 925, PSIE 1239, IUOE 609, SEIU 1199NW, and IUOE 302, among many other endorsements. So far this year, IFPTE has endorsed me, and I am seeking endorsements from other labor organizations.

Please give your views on the following issues that are very important to the Seattle / King County Building Trades (Use additional pages if necessary).
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Do you support a Project Labor Agreement for Viaduct Replacement Project?

Yes. As a Councilmember, I have supported the PLA's for the City Hall and Justice Center, and will support others in the future.

Do you support a Project Labor Agreement for the Sound Transit 2 construction project?

Yes. As a member of the Sound Transit Board, I refused to approve a contract that would have turned over one of Sound Transit's routes to a contractor that did not employ members of ATU 587, and have always supported PLA's for Sound Transit work.

Davis/Bacon (Prevailing Wage Protection):

I support continuation of the Davis-Bacon Act protection for workers.

"Right to Work" legislation:

I oppose "Right to Work" legislation

The "Underground Economy" in construction:

I see it as problematic, since workers are often exploited both on hours and wages; they are also unlikely to be covered under Worker's Compensation.

Apprenticeship Utilization:

I strongly support apprenticeship utilization, and have fought to retain apprentice slots in Seattle Departments such as Seattle Public Utilities and Seattle City Light.

Do you support stronger worker protection laws at the Port of Seattle?

I probably would, although I am not familiar with the Port's current regulations. I have been an active supporter of the efforts to create a union trucking fleet instead of allowing the companies to maintain the current practice of 'independent contractors'.

Increased funding for contractor compliance?

Yes

What role should the government play in healthcare?

I personally support single payer health care on the national level. As a City Councilmember I have worked to expand the City's support for community health clinics and other health programs.

Do you support expanding and Utilizing Responsible Contractor/Bidder language?

Yes, and I recently wrote a letter expressing support for inclusion of this language in the RFP for city security guards, at the request of SEIU.

Signature



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