

2003 Candidate Questionnaire

SECTION I

BASIC CANDIDATE INFORMATION

1. Name as it will appear on the ballot

First Name	Middle Initial or Nick Name	Last Name
Pam		Roach

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

King County Council, District 9

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes No

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

26 years

5. How long have you resided in King County?

27 years

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

7. If partisan, please indicate party: **R**

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POLITICAL BACKGROUND

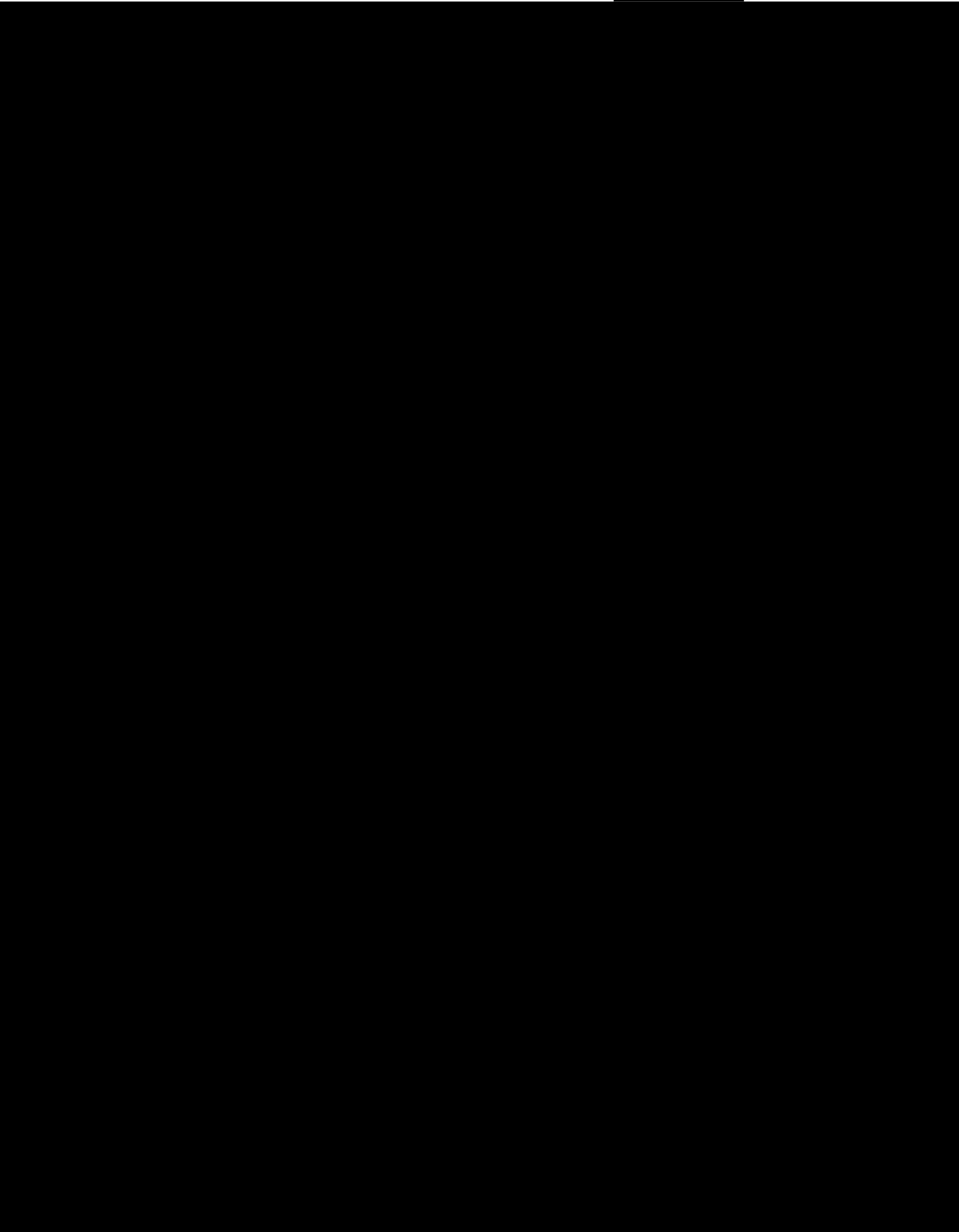
1. Beginning with the most recent position, please list public offices which you have held. Include positions on appointive Boards or Commissions.

Public Office	Elective or Appointive?	Dates Held	Leadership Role (if any)
State Senator	elected	1990, 1994, 1998, 2002	Asst. Majority Whip, Chairs: Children and Family Services Committee; Law and Justice Committee; Governmental Operations and Elections
Sentencing Guidelines Commission	appointed	1994 to present	
Family Policy Council	appointed	1991 to 1993	
Economic Development and Finance Authority	appointed	1994 to present	

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



Office Title	Year of Run
US Congress	1992
Governor	1996
King County Council, Dist 13	2001



SECTION III

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 a 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 the position of Councilmember in King County Council District 9 because I want to help solve the most pressing issues facing the residents of our district and because I feel I am the most qualified to get the job done.

1. Transportation congestion problems: I want to help bring transportation dollars to our area.

2. Delivery of services: Citizens feel county services are concentrated in areas other than the southend. They deserve and expect their fair share of the tax dollars they pay.

3. Unnecessary property tax increases: Citizens face up to 30% in tax increases a year and are alarmed wondering how they will keep up with the uncontrollable cost to the family budget.

4 Having worked as an aide to King County Councilman Kent Pullen for his 14 years on the council, and having served as State Senator representing large portions of the 9th Council District in the State Senate for 13 years, I know the issues and have the experience necessary to state that of all the candidates running, I am the most qualified to serve. I know the people of the entire district. I know the issues in the entire district and I know the will of the people on those issues.

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

Integrity, tenacity, empathy, and the ability to work well with others are important personal characteristics that I have and that are necessary to perform the job of Councilmember.

INTEGRITY: I am truthful and guard the truth even if it means personal discomfort. I stand up for Constitutional principles that I am sworn to uphold. I am consistent in the way I approach ideas as well as in the way I approach the legislative process.

TENACITY: In order to accomplish long term objectives one must have old fashioned "stick-to-it-ive-ness." Fortitude and desire to accomplish good things are important if an elected official is going to be successful in the responsibilities that they are given. I have always been tenacious

EMPATHY: I have the ability to put myself in the shoes of a constituent or colleague. This helps in being more responsive and being able to work solutions with others. It is easier for people to trust a person with whom they may not agree with in philosophically, but who at least listens and understands.

WORK WELL WITH OTHERS: Having successfully chaired many committees and worked to put groundbreaking legislation on the governor's desk is, in part, a product of being willing and able to work with others.

3. Please describe in sufficient detail, one to three accomplishments or contributions of which you are most proud. These examples should illustrate effective 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.

I will describe three accomplishments though not in any particular order of importance.

First, is the very recent matter of finding a site for convicted sex offender housing in King County. The three potential sites initially announced by DSHS were all in residential areas. I publically stated that we should have an industrial site selected though DSHS said they had looked and not found an industrial site. I worked with the department over the legislative session. I stated, "Where there is a will, there was a way." We poured over maps in my office. I introduced legislation designed to keep pressure up, and I attended public meetings restating the proper goal. Earlier this month I was given credit by the department and the local paper for getting an industrial site on the selection list.

Second, as Chair of the Senate Law and Justice Committee, in a 60 day legislative session, I led the effort that reformed our drunk driving laws. I put together a package of bills, arranged for bill sponsors, led the media campaign, and was there for the bill signings. We passed a .08 before the federal mandate and after over a decade of standoffs with the restaurant and liquor industries. There were seven pieces of significant legislation that passed in 1997.

Third, I called and held the first community meeting regarding the possible closure of Lake Tapps. Working with Puget Sound Energy, elected officials at all levels of government, property owners, and with state and federal agencies, the Lake Tapps Task Force has become a model for solving similar problems across the nation.

4. Please list or describe your 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.

State Senator, elected 1990,1994,1998,2002

Senate Committee Chairmanships: Governmental Operations and Elections (currently), and formerly chair of the Children and Family Services Committee, '91-'92 and the Law and Justice Committee, '97-'98

Senate Leadership: Asst. Majority Whip, '93-'94

**Member: Sentencing Guidelines Commission (current);
 Joint Select Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs (current);
 Economic Development and Finance Authority (current);
 Highway 164 Corridor Study Group (current);
 Highway 167 Action Group (current);
 Governor's Juvenile Justice Task Force (under three governor's);
 Family Policy Council '92-'96;
 State Building code Council '91-96;
 Statute Law Committee '97-'00;
 Steward, AFL-CIO American Postal Workers, '83**

**Community: Auburn Food Bank Board of Directors (current);
 The Lake Tapps Task Force (founding member) (current);
 past: Soos Creek Action Response, Board Member (we stopped a solid waste incinerator from being sited in our community) '88-'90;
 Multi-Service Center Board of Directors '00-'03
 Community leader who put together two assemblies at Auburn High School on STD**

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

The most important duty is CASTING A VOTE for the people you represent. The vote should be on a measure that is constitutional and it should be what the people you represent would want.

It is also important to respond to a constituent's requests and concerns. The legislator is oftentimes the "GO-BETWEEN" between citizen and government. Sometimes the legislator is an ADVOCATE, sometimes a LAWMAKER, sometimes a SOUNDING BOARD, at all times a REPRESENTATIVE of the PEOPLE.

To be sure you are on track you must keep communication lines open by attending public meetings, sending out questionnaires, and publishing your home phone. I answer the phone myself at least once a day in Olympia, just to talk with a citizen and try to keep perspective.

**EDUCATION BACKGROUND SUMMARY
FOR PUBLICATION IN CANDIDATE EVALUATION REPORT**

The Municipal League's Candidate Evaluation Report is distributed to voters in print and/or on our website. It includes a summary of the candidate's education. Please summarize your education in 120 characters (letters, punctuation, and space all combined). The League will delete material that exceeds the space limit by beginning with the last entry. Suggested order is (degree) (subject) (school) (year, if desired).

Note: *If this question is left blank the League will not include education information in your candidate profile.*

B.A., history, BYU; teaching certificate; post graduate

**CIVIC INVOLVEMENT SUMMARY
FOR PUBLICATION IN CANDIDATE EVALUATION REPORT**

The Municipal League's Candidate Evaluation Report also includes a summary of each candidate's civic involvement. Please summarize your civic involvement in the space below. We will make every attempt to include the information in the Candidate Evaluation Report as submitted. Due to space restrictions in the Report, your response is limited to 500 characters (letters, punctuation, and spaces all combined). It is important that you list your involvement beginning with the most important and ending with the least important. If you exceed the length of response permitted, or if the League should find it necessary to shorten responses for publication purposes, deletions will be made beginning with the last item listed.

Note: *This information will appear verbatim on the League's Candidate Evaluation Report. If this question is left blank, the Municipal League will not include information on your civic involvement in the Report.*

Check here if you would like the Municipal League to copy the first 500 characters from Question 4 to paste into this section.

I want to use that information, but need to remove a few things from the more crowded sections. I will fax by separate communication. Thanks Pam

Finished!

If at all possible, send your response to the Municipal League electronically as an attachment, or insert it into an e-mail message (rebecca@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.

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

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