

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
Rich		Gustafson

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

Shoreline City Council - Position #2

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes No

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

31 years

5. How long have you resided in King County?

31 years

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

7. If partisan, please indicate party: _____

CAMPAIGN CONTACTS

Campaign Name: Campaign to re-elect Rich Gustafson

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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)
City Council	Elective	1998 to present	
Shoreline Parks Commissioner	Elective	1990-93	

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

Office Title	Year of Run

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 have been raised in a family that has been committed to public service and giving back to the community. As a result I have also dedicated a part of my life to making our community a better place for our families and citizens. Besides my teaching/administrative career in education I have served on many committees and boards as indicated in my resume'. Some examples are Center for Human Services Board, YMCA Board, Shoreline/Lake Forest Park Cultural Services Advisory Board, Richmond Youth Basketball Association, etc.

Because of the role modeling of my parents and my history in community service I decided 6 years ago to run for the City Council of Shoreline. I felt there were some positive projects/issues that needed to be more aggressively addressed and with strong community support, I ran and was elected. I am running for a third term in order that I may help bring final closure to two of the these capitol projects.

Another main reason that I am running is that I, like my parents, hope to be a positive role model to my two children and to all the students with whom I come in contact. Some day I hope they will get involved and give back to their community.

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

Leadership: I am a proven leader in the City of Shoreline, the Shoreline School District, and within the community and also throughout the state.

Dedication: I work hard and long to complete a task or a project. I am well informed and not afraid of work.

Integrity: I am honest and loyal to my family, my job, and my position on the Shoreline City Council.

Good Listener: People will say that I am a good listener. I am willing to listen to all sides of an issue and to what they may have to say. I believe that I am non-biased and non-judgmental.

Decisive: I am not afraid to make a decision that I truly feel represents the best interests of our community.

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.

Having a successful marriage, a wonderful wife and two outstanding children.

In 1980, as WSU's Alumni President, I established the Washington State University Alumni Leadership Scholarship program. Since 1980 thousands of students have been recipients of these prestigious and worthwhile scholarships. Significant money was needed to be raised in order to offer these scholarships.

I played a significant community leadership role in seeing that Shoreview Park was renovated and that a new Little League baseball field was built. Worked for 5 years to finally receive that Boeing/Mariner Grant of \$75,000. The total project was over \$2 million dollars.

These three accomplishments show my dedication and willingness to work hard to make positive things happen for my family, my community and my state.