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2007 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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The Municipal League of King County requests every candidate who participates in the candidate evaluation process to **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 90 years.

A printed version of the questionnaire is available for candidates who prefer to use the traditional format. To obtain a hard copy, please contact the League office. 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 general public at the League 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
 Check here if you DO NOT want your resume posted on the Municipal League website
- Campaign Materials**
Sent by: Email US Mail Fax Not Sending
- Constituent Newsletters and other publications**
Sent by: Email US Mail Fax Not Sending
- Photograph**
Sent by: Email US Mail Fax Not Sending

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

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.**

**We request that you return the Candidate Questionnaire
by June 15, 2007**

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 206-264-1070.

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

2007 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
Tim		Burgess

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

Seattle City Council, Position 7

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes No

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

58 Years

5. How long have you resided in King County?

58 Years

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

7. If partisan, please indicate party:

CAMPAIGN CONTACTS

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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)
Queen Anne Community Council	Elective	1986-1989	Chair (1988-1989)
Seattle Ethics & Elections Comm	Appointee	1989-2001	Elected chair by peers 5 times
Comm Police Response to WTO	Appointee	2000	Chair

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 am running for City Council because I want to give back even more to the city I love, the city I was born in, the city I raised my family in. I have been an active participant in public service in Seattle for the past 40 years. I was a journalist covering City Hall in the late '60s when public corruption was finally uncovered and dislodged after decades. I served as a Seattle police officer and detective in the 1970s, a period of internal reform amidst racial and social upheaval on the streets. I worked for an international humanitarian organization in the 1980s battling against extreme poverty in the developing world. I ran a marketing consulting business downtown for the past 21 years, growing the company to just over 150 employees with offices in Seattle, Atlanta, and London, England. I served as a Council-appointed Commissioner on the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission for 12 years, five of those years as the member-elected chair. I was appointed by the Council to chair the Citizen Review of the Police Response to WTO in early 2000. And, I was the elected chair of the Queen Anne Community Council.

These life experiences have uniquely prepared me to provide strong leadership on the Council. I want to bring my consensus and coalition building skills to the Council. I will be a decisive leader who is strategically focused on what's most important for the common good.

If elected, I will be the only Council member with hands-on public safety experience. My voice is urgently needed in this area where we spend nearly \$500 million each year for police, fire, and court services.

Depending on who wins in the open seat, I will be only the second or third member who has launched a successful business, created jobs, and met a payroll. This is another legitimate voice our Council needs.

I am campaigning full time. Every day I visit with community groups, have one-on-one meetings, call voters and listen to their concerns and dreams about Seattle. When elected, I look forward to being a voice for the people and our neighborhoods and continuing this kind of "staying-in-touch" outreach.

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

I am known by those who have worked with me as someone who listens, carefully gathers facts, makes clear judgments, and values fairness and due process. I am also decisive and straight-forward. I'm able to build coalitions and get folks pointed in the same direction.

I also greatly value public integrity. I've seen and experienced the negative impacts of public corruption here in Seattle and in my work overseas where corruption was rampant in the developing countries in which I worked. My work on the SEEC sealed my convictions on the need for transparent and fair government.

I value hard work and the desire to serve for the greater good. My door will always be open because I value listening carefully to the voice of the people, especially those who don't normally have their voice heard.

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.

In 1975, I managed the election campaign of Joseph Colman who was seeking a position on the K. C. Superior Court. We won the election and today Judge Colman sits on the Washington Court of Appeals where he is a highly respected appellate judge. My organizing and communications skills helped to shape the campaign and influence public opinion. This experience caused me to realize how just one or two people can have significant impact in local government; I guess the seeds of my own pursuit of elective office were planted during Judge Coleman's campaign.

While serving as a Seattle police officer assigned to the office of the Chief of Police in 1974, I successfully revamped the department's press relations policies to allow for more openness and media access to police records and senior commanders. I advocated for open press access and encouraged a climate of respect among police officers for journalists. I also patrolled the streets of our city and helped to protect our neighborhoods and families. My experience as a police officer will be unique on the Council.

I successfully launched a marketing/communications consulting business in 1985 dedicated exclusively to serving nonprofit organizations. I grew this company to just over 150 employees with offices in Seattle, Atlanta, and London, England. My 21 years in business taught me the importance of good employee benefits, treating employees with dignity, and how city services and infrastructure help provide a climate that allows local businesses to thrive.

I served for 12 years on the city's Ethics & Elections Commission. I led the effort in the early '90s to merge the then separate Board of Ethics and the Elections Commission into one entity. I oversaw numerous investigations of misconduct by city employees and election

violations by campaigns or other individuals or groups. I was instrumental in maintaining or increasing the Commission's budget year-after-year and led the Commission's efforts to rewrite the ethics and elections laws, including an increase in penalties for significant violations. On five separate occasions, my peers on the Commission elected me as their chair because they valued my effectiveness as a leader, my integrity and my ability to bring people together and produce effective results.

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.

I served on my neighborhood community council from 1986 to 1989. In 1988, I was elected chair of the council by my neighbors. During my tenure, I led the effort to restore and preserve historic lighting standards along Queen Anne Boulevard and we successfully opposed development of an intermodal terminal at Pier 90-91 that would have caused severe noise and disruption in the community. This experience taught me the importance of listening to all segments of the community, then crafting clear strategic objectives.

In 2000, following the WTO disturbances in Seattle, the City Council named a citizens' commission to review the police department's response to the WTO events. The Council named me as chair of this review group. We interviewed hundreds of individuals and reviewed hundreds of pages of documents. Our final report included 11 findings of fact on police planning, use of non-lethal force, civil disorder countermeasures, and mutual aid and staffing issues. I understand the important of public safety services and how to effectively maximize our limited resources in this area.

In early 2006, I helped co-found Queen Anne Neighbors for Responsible Growth, a grassroots organization dedicated to preserving the historical character and diversity of our neighborhood. Within weeks, we mobilized nearly 2,000 citizens to join with us in opposing a mega-store, big-box retail complex smack in the heart of our neighborhood. I value protecting the historic character and diversity of our neighborhoods, especially during this time of population growth. This experience taught me the importance of hearing from every individual and then crafting strategies and policies that led to consensus.

Joleen and I have three daughters. All of us our proud products of the Seattle Public Schools. We raised our daughters to value public service. Elisabeth is a journalist in Washington, D. C. where she works for a Latin America news service. Kimberly is a corporate promotions specialist with United Way of New York City. Katharine is a junior in college. I look forward to the day when all Seattle parents are comfortable making the same choices we did and value public education.

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

City council members are responsible for representing the people, setting public policy, reviewing the performance of city departments, establishing a budget, and passing ordinances, both civil and criminal.

Representing the people by listening and being attentive to their needs and expectations, setting city policy and approving the budget are the most important of these functions because these actions truly establish the framework for delivery of city services to the citizens of the city.

When elected, I will focus on the fundamentals of city government--public safety, public health, infrastructure such as streets and bridges, and making sure we do not become a city of just the wealthy and childless.

**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.*

**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.

Tim served as a member of the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission from 1989-2001, including five years as chair of the Commission. He was appointed by the City Council as chair of a special citizens' review panel following the WTO conference in late 1999 to review the police response to the disturbances. Tim served as the elected chair of his neighborhood community council and has been a neighborhood activist for nearly 20 years.

Finished!

If at all possible, send your response to the Municipal League electronically as an 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.

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

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