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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 22, 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
Robert	C	Sondheim

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

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes No

4. How long have you resided in this district/city? 56 YEARS

5. How long have you resided in King County? 56 YEARS

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

7. If partisan, please indicate party:

CAMPAIGN CONTACTS

Campaign Name: Robert Sondheim for City Council position 1

Address: 2253 Gilman Drive West #401

City/State/Zip: Seattle, Washington 98119

Campaign Phone: 206 283-4808

Campaign Fax: _____

Campaign E-mail: SondheimCampaign@hotmail.com

Campaign Website: Robert Sondheim for Council

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)
Capitol Hill Chamber	2007	current	Board member
Capitol Hill Chamber	1996	1996-2001	President
PPUNC Pike Pine Urban Neighbors Co.	2001	2001-present	Board member

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

Office Title	Year of Run
Seattle City Council	2006

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 SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL POSITION 1 BECAUSE I AM TIRED OF THE INEFFECTIVENESS OF THE CURRENT COUNCIL. WE NEED MORE POLICE PROTECTION, LESS GRAFFITI AND MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. WE NEED MORE ATTENTION GIVEN TO OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, AND ACTIVITIES FOR OUR YOUTH TO GET THEM OFF THE STREETS AND OUT OF GANGS.

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

I AM A SMALL BUSINESS OWNER AND WHEN SOMETHING NEEDS DOING I GET THEM DONE. I HAVE GREAT NEGOTIATING SKILLS AND BECAUSE MY SMALL BUSINESS IS A RESTAURANT (ROSEBUD RESTAURANT ON CAPITOL HILL)

I AM A PEOPLE PERSON - I ENJOYING MEETING PEOPLE AND HEARING WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE. ALSO SOLVING SITUATIONS THAT ARISE ON A DAY TO DAY BASIS.

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.

WHEN I WAS PRESIDENT OF THE CAPITOL HILL CHAMBER I SUCCESSFULLY BROUGHT TOGETHER NEIGHBORHOODS AND THEIR CHAMBERS BY OUT REACH. ALSO AFTER THE W.T.O. SITUATION THE EAST PRECINCT DID SUCH A GREAT JOB OF PROTECTING THE NEIGHBORHOOD, THE CHAMBER HONORED THE EAST PRECINCT AT A DINNER ATTENDED BY THE CHIEF, MAYOR AND ALL OF THE CITY COUNCIL. I FEEL THESE WERE MY GREATEST CONTRIBUTIONS.

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 currently serve on the Board of The Capitol Hill Chamber of Commerce. I serve on the Clean and Safe Committee and Sound Transit Committee. These both have given me a clear understanding of what is needed not only on Capitol Hill but also throughout the rest of the city. We need safe streets, more police protection, less graffiti. Also I understand how Sound Transit works and how communities have little or no say on how Sound Transit makes decisions.

I have the best sourcing Board, my Restaurant, which gets people from all walks of life with various situations and solutions.

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

I am running for Seattle City Council, and I feel the duties are like the legislative branch of any government. To implement the laws that govern this city and oversee the many different organizations that keep this city running. Because I come from owning a small business with a tight budget I plan to see that the city works within its own tight budget.

Also see that the people that make up the city's infrastructure are treated with respect.

**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.

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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**Robert Sondheim
For Seattle City Council**

EXPPERIENCE

1993-Present: Owner of Rosebud Restaurant & Bar (719 E Pike).
Knows first-hand the issues and concerns of small-business owners

Currently serve on boards for Capitol Hill Chamber of Commerce
and P-PUNC (Pike-Pine Urban Neighbors Coalition)

1998-2001: President of Capitol Hill Chamber of Commerce

1992: Consultant for Ken Eikenberry's campaign for Governor

1974-1976: Personal assistant to State Representative Eikenberry
in Olympia in Leadership Suite

1975: Co-Campaign Manager for Leim Tuai City Council, Position 1

Education: Bachelor's of Science, Economics and Political
Science, May 1973, Willamette University

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