

King County Democrats 2009 General Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name	Al Yuen
Position sought	Seattle Port Commissioner, position #3
Residence Legislative, County Council and Congressional district	48 th Legislative District 8 th Congressional District
Are you a Democrat? Are you known as a Democrat?	Yes
Campaign Information	
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Candidate Background: Community service, education, employment and other relevant experience.
Describe your qualifications, education, employment, community and civic activity, Union affiliation and other relevant experience.

40 years of business experience: General Manager of Hilton Hotel, Sheraton Hotel & chain restaurants companies. Owner/manager of 5 businesses. Presently, Owner/CEO/Broker ABC Investments, Inc. a property investment and sale company for the past 25 years.

Transportation Commissioner and Waterfront Development Advisory Board member and future vision of commercial neighborhood redevelopment committee for the City of Bellevue.

Seattle Sister City President to Taiwan and Mexico for 15 years. Promoting trade, economics and education with our counterpart to our city.

Seattle Chinese Chamber, 3 term President. I have also been in leadership roles in business and community associations for many other organizations.

BS Law Administration, Master in Business Administration.

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What ratings and endorsements have you received?	
Legislative District Democrats	
Union Endorsement	
Municipal League	
SEAMEC	
Other Endorsements	

I started late.

Which groups do you plan to ask for an endorsement?

All

Please answer the following questions*		Yes	No	Qualified
1	Do you support the King County Democratic Platform?	X		
2	Do you support the right of workers (excluding military) to bargain and strike?	X		
3	Do you support affirmative action?	X		
4	Do you support freedom of choice in contraception, abortion and sterilization?	X		
5	Do you support public funding for abortions for poor women?	X		
6	Do you support school vouchers? Do you support charter schools?		X	
7	Do you support the Davis-Bacon Act?	X		
8	Do you support equal rights for women?	X		
9	Do you support major changes in the way we live to help stop global warming?	X		
10	Do you support the restoration of voting rights to persons convicted of a felony who have served their sentence?	X		

Please answer the following questions *		Yes*	No
1	Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgments?		X
2	Have you ever been found in violation of a Public Disclosure Commission, Federal Election Commission or Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission regulation?		X
3	Have you ever been convicted of a felony?		X

* If you answered "Yes" or "Qualified" please explain your answer.

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Are you a member of another political party? If so, which ones? Have you ever supported or given money to a candidate from another party in a partisan race? If so, whom?

No

Are you a member of your local Democratic District Party? Have you contributed financially to any Democratic Organization? Have you been a Precinct Committee Officer? When/Where?

48th District, former 11th District. I have donated to Demo party and candidates.

What are the main messages of your campaign? What is your campaign plan? How many doors have you knocked on to date, pieces of mail planned, budgeting, staffing? What is the fundraising goal for your campaign? How much have you raised to date? Why will you win?

Protecting our environment, we need to protect our air, waterways and soil. Jobs for the skill & apprentice positions for un-skill works at the port. Restore trust & confidence of the port to the people. Improve transportation, mobility, shipping and trade at the port. Citizens' input to Port's decision making. Port need to be a good neighbor.

What are the single most pressing issues facing your jurisdiction? What actions would you take if elected?

Jobs at the Port, accountability and transparency of all public funds.

If you are a candidate in a contested primary race, what record of performance, ability, experience, personal qualities, and positions on issues distinguish you from your opponent(s)? If you do not receive the nomination, is there any reason you could not support your Democratic opponent in the general election? Please explain.

Port Commissioner must have experience and understanding in management, trade and budgeting. This race should not a popularity contest. Wrong policy making decision could cost jobs and million of dollars to our county and state. I have proven experience. I know our trading partners oversea, issues facing the Port. I do not have to spend the first year learning how to create jobs and trade with our trading partner from the Pacific Rim countries.

Do you believe the current structure of taxes and/or fees that generate funds in your area are fair? If not, how would you change it?

Our air & sea port should be a profitable entity and not depend on tax payer to subsidize

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King County has a ten year plan to end homelessness. What ideas do you have to increase low income and affordable housing/?

We need to continue to work on low cost housing. Increase jobs and wages so people can earn a livable wage. Less conversion of apartments to condos. We need city government, developers, property management and social service agencies to work together in finding a solution.

What role should government play in the healthcare system?

We need a national healthcare system. No one should be without healthcare, especially children.

What is your position on civil rights for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered people? What is your position on equal rights for same-sex couples when it comes to benefits, civil unions, marriage and parental rights?

No one should be discriminated upon. As an American, we are all equal and have the same rights.

What creative solutions can you offer to address the problems of the economically disadvantaged?

We need to create jobs with livable wages. Apprenticeship opportunities to those who do not have the skill. Education programs for those wanting to develop special skill. Economically disadvantage will only come to people who refuse to work for a living.

I have read this questionnaire and understand and approve the content and all provided information.

Printed Name	Al Yuen	Date
Signature		June 9, 2009