

King County Democrats 2009 General Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name	Bobby Forch
Position sought	Seattle City Council
Residence Legislative, County Council and Congressional district	Position 8
Are you a Democrat? Are you known as a Democrat?	Yes
Campaign Information	
Campaign Name	People For Bobby Forch
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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.

I am a Strategic Advisor in the Major Projects Division of the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT). In that role, I advise SDOT staff on business outreach and contracting for such projects as the King Street Station, the Viaduct and Mercer Street.

I was recently on the board of the Northwest Children's Fund. I live with my wife Edith and my son in the Central District of Seattle.

I started my career as a Teacher and received a BA in Education from Central Washington University

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

Which groups do you plan to ask for an endorsement?

All district democrats, labor groups, environmental groups, business groups, and outstanding ratings from SEAMEC and the Municipal League.

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

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

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?

Yes, Yes, No

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?

I am running to create jobs and help small businesses.

In these tough economic times, our city needs to work harder to ensure our small businesses thrive. Our neighborhoods depend on a vibrant small business community to create jobs and improve the quality of life for our city.

As a Council Member, I will use my experience to shape policies that lead to smarter development of the City's infrastructure, increased job opportunities for more people and delivery of fair, efficient contracting that benefits taxpayers.

I also believe the City must do more to help young people thrive here. I intends to promote policies that curb youth violence, improve educational outcomes and generate career opportunities.

Our campaign goal is to raise \$100,000 by the primary. We are working to create a broad based list of supporters including business, labor, environmentalists, democrats and regular citizens to support our campaign. I have raised \$10K in my first week of fundraising.

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

In this economic climate, the most pressing issue is jobs and the economy. We have to ensure that we give everyone a chance to work. We need someone on the city council who will champion small businesses all over the city. Small businesses are the biggest job creator. I will be a champion for every small business in every part of the city.

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

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the nomination, is there any reason you could not support your Democratic opponent in the general election? Please explain.

I have over 20 years of experience in city government. That said, we all know that government can be wasteful. I am a strategic advisor for SDOT working with small businesses to streamline processes and cut red tape within the Department of Transportation. Currently, I am the only candidate in this race pushing for a small business division in the city's office of economic development.

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?

I would like to see a more progressive tax system for our state. It is clear that too much of the tax burden is falling on homeowners and small businesses. I would immediately get rid of the employer tax on businesses and work with regional leaders to push for a more progressive tax system in Olympia.

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

I strongly support the Housing levy and the current city plan to end homelessness. However, we have more work to do with thousands of new people coming into our city. We need to get major housing projects up and running quicker. These projects need to include affordable housing units so working people can still live within our city limits.

What role should government play in the healthcare system?

We should enact a national health care system like so many other countries in the world.

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?

I support civil unions and the laws enacted in Olympia. I strongly support gay marriage.

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

My whole campaign is about job creation. We are in a tough spot economically and it is hurting many people. If I'm elected, I will take my experience working local businesses to get our economy moving again. I also believe it is imperative that we create a small business division within city government so our neighborhood businesses have one place they can go to interface with city government.

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

Printed Name		Date
Signature		