

King County Democrats 2009 General Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name	Brad Larssen
Position sought	Kirkland City Council, Position 3
Residence Legislative, County Council and Congressional district	45 th LD County Council Dist. 6 CD 1 st
Are you a Democrat? Are you known as a Democrat?	Yes Yes
Campaign Information	
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Candidate Background: Community service, education, employment and other relevant experience.

Serving in my 5th term as a Vice-Chair of the 45th LD Democrats. Long-time community, Democratic and union activist throughout the region and Olympia. Many years experience as a union organizer, officer, trustee and delegate. Worked together with community and labor groups throughout the area. Many years experience and service on executive boards and committees in both Democratic and labor organizations, including current KC Dems and LD Legislative Action Committees. Led and participated in actions and rallies throughout the area and in Olympia.

B.A. in History, Univ. of Illinois. Univ. of Arkansas Law School, completed first year basic law program. Renton Technical College: Carpenters Apprenticeship, certifications, and supervision courses. Boeing Planning School, training in manufacturing engineering, management, delegation. WSLC Labor Candidate School graduate.

Union Carpenter for over 25 years. Union Organizer for several years. Past Union Laborer and aerospace manufacturing engineer and planner (SPEEA).

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Delegate to Democratic caucuses and conventions since 1988.

Experienced with budgets, timelines, deadlines, and accountability.

Worked on a great number of private and public works projects of all sizes.

A founding member of Washington State Democrats Labor Caucus.

Worked with a great number of legislators, city and county officials, labor groups and community organizations throughout Western Washington, advocating for working families and community and progressive issues.

Describe your qualifications, education, employment, community and civic activity, Union affiliation and other relevant experience.

See answer above.

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What ratings and endorsements have you received? I just filed Friday. I am filling out questionnaires and scheduling endorsement interviews daily. I received numerous group endorsements in 2007, including KC Dems, 6 LDs, & numerous civic, labor & progressive groups.	
Legislative District Democrats	
Union Endorsement	
Municipal League	
SEAMEC	
Other Endorsements	

Which groups do you plan to ask for an endorsement? KC Dems, 45 th & 48 th & 32 nd .LDs, civic & labor & environmental & progressive groups.

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		X

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	regulation?		
3	Have you ever been convicted of a felony?		X

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

Are you a member of another political party? **NO** If so, which ones? Have you ever supported or given money to a candidate from another party in a partisan race? **NO** If so, whom? **NONE**

Are you a member of your local Democratic District Party? **YES** Have you contributed financially to any Democratic Organization? **YES** Have you been a Precinct Committee Officer? When/Where? **YES**
I am a Vice Chair of 45th LD. This is my 5th term as a Vice Chair. I have held other LD offices, and serve on 45th & KC Dems LAC. I contribute to LD, County & State party organizations. I have served many terms as PCO in KIR 45-2923.

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?
Main messages: Protect & enhance Kirkland's character. Protect & preserve Kirkland's natural beauty & the environment. Give citizens a voice in decisions that affect their lives and community. Advocate for open, transparent government. Support economic development that is appropriate for Kirkland and brings family wage jobs./ We plan an aggressive grass-roots campaign, with volunteers, doorbelling, and mailings. We have an experienced candidate & team, significant volunteer interest, and training./ 20,000-30,000 perhaps more, depending how much vested interest money is raised by the opposition./ We have just filed, and already have pledges of money and volunteers. I can cover start-up expenses. / We will win because our message is to uphold widely held community values and citizens interests. The candidate and team have a long record and credibility on these issues. Our team is motivated and experienced at outreach, doorbelling and campaigns. Our candidate is the most widely qualified and experienced.

What are the single most pressing issues facing your jurisdiction?
There is a constant struggle between suitable development and over-development. The citizens want to keep Kirkland's quality of life and unique character. We have an annexation vote in November in which current citizens have no vote. We have a budget deficit due to shrinking sales tax revenues and declining property values.
What actions would you take if elected?
First, insure open, transparent government, with adequate opportunity for citizen input. Deal with a

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budget deficit without cuts to essential public safety police and fire services. Promote a sustainable budget based on current revenue realities. Keep quality of life and community values a priority.

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)?

I have served over a decade as a party officer, activist and PCO. I have many years experience as an officer, trustee, delegate & organizer in labor and party organizations. I understand budgets, timelines, deadlines, & accountability. I am well known in Kirkland, the LD, King County, and Olympia. This is considerably more experience than the other candidates.

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

This is a non-partisan race.

Do you believe the current structure of taxes and/or fees that generate funds in your area are fair? **NO** If not, how would you change it?

City revenue sources are determined by state legislation. I believe a task force of city and county officials should meet with our legislators to try to find better solutions for funding.

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

Because housing is so expensive in this area, government must participate in providing low income and affordable housing opportunities. Because the need is great and the cost is high, all ideas need to be considered. We need to continue to improve in providing transit-oriented housing opportunities and solutions.

What role should government play in the healthcare system?

Government is currently providing a variety of health care services and plans for many who cannot afford health insurance. Our current system leaves many uninsured. This creates an enormous and expensive burden on our emergency services. Government must work hard to provide a plan to economically and efficiently ensure coverage for every individual.

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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 rights and equal rights for everybody.

What creative solutions can you offer to address the problems of the economically disadvantaged? I support equal opportunity in education, training, and employment. Public financial help with education and training is important and necessary. So are public programs and incentives, including financial help with child care and other family services. Union membership and apprenticeship programs are an important key to providing family wage jobs and career opportunities for many.

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

Printed Name	BRAD LARSEN	Date
Signature		June 7, 2009