

King County Democrats 2009 General Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name	Jan Drago
Position sought	Mayor of Seattle
Residence Legislative, County Council and Congressional district	37 th Legislative District, 8th County Council, 7 th Congressional District
Are you a Democrat? Are you known as a Democrat?	Yes, I am a Democrat.
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. See attached resume.

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What ratings and endorsements have you received?	
Legislative District Democrats	I just entered the race on 5/26 and have not received any organizational endorsements yet.
Union Endorsement	
Municipal League	
SEAMEC	
Other Endorsements	

Which groups do you plan to ask for an endorsement?

I will be asking for endorsements from all of the above organizations.

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? 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?

Are you a member of your local Democratic District Party? I am a member of the 37th District Democrats.

Have you contributed financially to any Democratic Organization? I have contributed to many Democratic organizations and candidates for the past 25 years.

Have you been a Precinct Committee Officer? When/Where? During the past 25 years I have been a PCO in the 36th in the '80's, the 11th in the '90's, and the 37th in this decade. I have been active in Democratic politics all of my adult life.

What are the main messages of your campaign? Seattle needs leadership change to reach our goals and build a better future. We need to restore trust and confidence in city government by restoring the relationship between the Mayor and the neighborhoods, regional, state and federal elected officials. We need to jump start the economy and put our people to work. We need to improve our transportation system by providing more public transit. We need to maintain our social service safety.

What is your campaign plan? The campaign plan has not been completed yet.

How many doors have you knocked on to date, pieces of mail planned, budgeting, staffing? The campaign staff includes a consultant, campaign manger, fund raiser, webmaster, and treasurer and many volunteers.

What is the fundraising goal for your campaign? The goal for the primary is \$200,000.

How much have you raised to date? I just started fund raising and I have raised \$10,000 in 3 days.

Why will you win? I will win because the citizens want to restore the real Seattle Way and want a tested and trusted leader who will listen and work with them in partnership.

What are the single most pressing issues facing your jurisdiction? What actions would you take if elected? We must reinvigorate our economy and put people back to work. Historically small business has led the way in a recovery economy. We must focus on small business development by working with the SBA to provide loan funds and develop a micro lending program. We must work with members of our neighborhood chambers and ethic chambers to help retain, expand existing and develop new businesses. We must engage with our regional partners to ensure the next generation of Boeing planes are built here. Every funded construction project in the City of Seattle should go to bid asap and get construction workers back on the job.

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 am a tested and trusted leader.

If you do not receive the nomination, is there any reason you could not support your Democratic opponent in the general election? No.

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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? Washington's tax structure is not stable and unfair to low and middle income people. It is not stable because 52% of the revenues (the national average is 24%) depend on sales tax so the revenues depend on a robust economy. Only five other states do not have an income tax. It is not unfair to low and middle income people because pay 17% of their income in state taxes while the wealthy pay less than 3%. We need to restructure our state tax system. We need a comprehensive tax package that includes sales tax, income tax and B & O tax. Only then will we have a more stable tax base and a tax system which is more fair.

King County has a ten year plan to end homelessness. What ideas do you have to increase low income and affordable housing/? First, for the City of Seattle the most important thing is to pass the Housing Levy which will be on the November ballot. We must also control utility costs and reform our permitting process.

What role should government play in the healthcare system? Government should develop a universal health care system.

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, marriage and parental rights? I support full rights for GLBT persons and same-sex couples on all of these issues.

What creative solutions can you offer to address the problems of the economically disadvantaged? Economic development and creating living wage jobs is the most important role for government to address the problems of the economically disadvantaged.

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

Printed Name	Jan Drago	Date
Signature	Jan Drago	June 3, 2009