

Candidate Name	Sherril Huff
Position sought	King County Elections Director
Residence Legislative, County Council and Congressional district	LD 37, CD 7
Are you a Democrat? Are you known as a Democrat?	Yes, Yes.
Campaign Information	
Campaign Name	<input type="checkbox"/> Committee to Elect Sherril Huff
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Candidate Background: Community service, education, employment and other relevant experience.

My entire professional career has been to give back to my community as a dedicated public servant and active participant in charitable giving. I've held office as Kitsap County Auditor, a Bremerton City Council member, and served in numerous leadership positions in my professional life prior to coming to King County Elections.

In giving back to my community in the last two decades, I've acquired meaningful skills that translate to skills relevant to the work as Elections Director. Here are a few of the volunteer and civic experiences that have shaped me the most:

I served as a mentor at Clearcreek Elementary School and assisted students at school. These children were either at risk youth with troubled home experiences, or had behavior and/or physical disabilities. The skills I developed taught me the value of investing in individuals to help them become meaningful members of their community. The lessons learned here are ones that I bring to my work at King County Elections in fostering leaders that give back to their community through their work.

I've served as Chair and Team leader of YMCA Partners with Youth Campaign that benefited young mothers and created programs for building stronger families in the community. It recognized the important role every person has in the community to build a strong life and contribute to their neighborhoods in a meaningful and significant way.

I was membership co-chair and helped create the Naval Museum of Undersea Technology. The Kitsap area has a long history with the naval industry. Our chief goal was to develop a museum where generations could visit and acknowledge the important contributions the military community has in the region. This was legacy building and established roots that would last a lifetime.

I was honored with the Chief Hvas Thunderbird award for Outstanding Community Service by the Bremerton Chamber of Commerce for giving exceptional service and business support to the community. At the time, I was one of just a few number of women to have received this prestigious community award.

As the mother of four and grandmother of two one of my most significant contributions is raising children who are part of a community and have a commitment to giving back in meaningful ways to develop a whole community.

What ratings and endorsements have you received?	
Legislative District Democrats	
Union Endorsement	Interviews forthcoming
Municipal League	Interview forthcoming
SEAMEC	
Other Endorsements	Numerous public officials, civic leaders and others

Which groups do you plan to ask for an endorsement?

I am actively seeking support from union, conservation, civic, political and other organizations.

Please answer the following questions*		Yes	No
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		x

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

I am not a member of any political party right now, holding a non-partisan position.

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?

I have been a member of local Democratic Party organizations and held office as a Democrat.

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?

The primary message of my campaign is that I have the experience, record of reform, and commitment to excellence needed to manage this large, complex office.

We are planning 2 mailers, and I am not knocking on doors given the timeline of the campaign and countywide office.

I will win because I alone have the professional resume and track record required to build upon the progress we have made since 2005 to improve accountability and make the successful transition to all mail balloting. I am working very hard on this campaign—taking nothing for granted in seeking endorsements and support throughout the county.

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

The most pressing issues are completing the conversion to vote by mail, introducing new technologies that will improve ballot tracking and tabulation, and continuing the hundreds of reforms we have set in motion over the past few years.

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.

My opponents are either extremely partisan or do not have a track record for conducting successful elections. I am the candidate with the most experience conducting elections both as an appointed elections director and as an elected, two-term county auditor. I have managed the office through more than 350 reforms and have successfully reformed a once-beleaguered office in to a nationally respected office. This office is too important to trust to anyone but a seasoned veteran election official With support of 35 auditors across the state of Washington, there is no other candidate as qualified as me.

This is a winner take all election for a non-partisan position.

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

There are many ideas for tax reform under discussion, and I do believe that there are fundamental inequities in our tax structure. But the Elections Director plays no role in these discussions.

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

I've worked in the past to increase and improve affordable housing in Kitsap County. I support a balance of incentives, mandates, and other programs.

As it pertains directly to elections, I have gone to great lengths to ensure people with non-traditional addresses are afforded the same rights as all citizens in making sure they have the right to vote. I have been engaged with the King County Commission on Homelessness and will continue to ensure people affected by homelessness are provided means to cast a ballot and make their vote heard. Last fall I sent dozens of shelters posters and business card sized information reminding people who are homeless how they can make sure their mail ballot is counted. I'll continue this work as elected director and ensure all qualified citizens are able to vote.

What role should government play in the healthcare system?

Government plays a critical role in oversight, policy direction, and accountability. Like many, I would like to see a major overhaul of health care to improve access and affordability.

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 full and equal rights for all people.

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

A critical first step is to encourage voting and participation in the political process. Voting is the foundation to a true democracy and as the chief elections official for King County it is my duty to ensure everyone, regardless of their economic ability or disability, is afforded the right to elect people to office and hold them accountable to address critical concerns like the state of our economy, homelessness, poverty, and the issues that affect people's lives.

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

Printed Name	Sherril Huff	Date: 12/31/08
Signature		