

King County Democrats 2010 General Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name	David Frockt
Position sought	State Senate
Residence Legislative, County Council and Congressional district	46 th LD, County Council District 2, 7 th Congressional District
Are you a Democrat? Are you known as a Democrat?	I am a lifelong Democrat. I was an active member of the 36 th District Democrats before my wife & I had children and moved to the 46 th District. I worked for a Democratic Congressman in Washington D.C. and later volunteered on Bill Bradley's presidential campaign. Most recently, I was a speaker for the No on 1033 campaign.
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.

In the early 90s, I worked on Capitol Hill in DC for a Congressman from my hometown of Louisville, KY. He taught me that being a representative meant going to the people you represent to find out what they want from their government and then working to make that happen. It also meant educating, informing and leading them on the big issues of the day. This is my model for public service.

I've spent my legal career standing up to corporations on behalf of clients who got cancer from asbestos in their workplaces. I fought hard against large powerful interests with many resources in those cases. I will bring that same determination to Olympia as the 46th District's State Senator. From renewable energy to small business development to tax modernization, I will be a leader that the 46th District can count on to be thinking outside the box. I am running to take on

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tough complicated problems and I will not shy away from them. I will embrace them and look for solutions, even unconventional ones.

I have been happily married to my wife, Rebecca, for 13 years. We are the proud parents of six year old twins. Before the twins were born, I worked on Bill Bradley's presidential campaign and, later, I was an active member of the 36th District Democrats. I also served on the board of the Puget Soundkeepers Alliance. While the kids were little, I chose to spend time with them and took a break from my civic activities. I became engaged in politics again through Barack Obama's campaign for President and used that energy to speak to groups around the region in support of the No on 1033 campaign, which was soundly defeated. I have been an active donor to Democratic candidates and causes.

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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?
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Stand for Children, SEIU 775, SEIU 925, King County Conservation Voters, Sierra Club, Cascade Bicycle Club, Local 27, MLKCLC, individual unions

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. I am a lifelong Democrat.

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—I am a member of the 46th District Democrats and contribute significantly to both the district organization and local and national Democratic candidates. I was a PCO when I lived in the 36th District.

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?

Seattle needs strong leadership in Olympia. I want to bring effective representation and progressive leadership to the 46th District on issues like the economy, jobs, education and the environment.

My campaign is being managed by Susanna Williams. We have several dedicated volunteers from the district and are actively recruiting a volunteer force to help us reach as many voters as possible. We plan on spending at least 70% of my budget on communicating directly and in a targeted manner to the voters of north Seattle. We will communicate via direct mail, social networking, and a strong field team.

We have an ambitious fundraising goal of about \$300,000. To date I have raised over \$100,000. I am committed to winning this race and plan to invest in my own campaign in addition to soliciting contributions from friends and supporters.

Ultimately, however, this campaign will be won the old-fashioned way—by talking face-to-face with as many voters as possible, listening to their concerns and letting them know that, if they choose to send me to represent them in Olympia, I will take that responsibility very seriously. I have been doorbelling since mid-January and have already knocked on over 2,500 doors. We plan to doorbell every precinct in the 46th District at least once by the primary. I tell people that this will be a three-pairs-of-shoes campaign. I've already worn through my first pair.

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

As I've been talking to voters, three main issues arise again and again: the economy, education, and health care.

As the 46th District's State Senator, I will proactively work to jump start our economy by working with my Senate colleagues to propose small business tax breaks which create real jobs, while aggressively closing tax loopholes and dysfunctional incentives for corporations like Trans-Alta and Big Oil.

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I will work with teachers, parents, and students to make our schools stronger through a combination of increased funding, improved accountability, and unified standards.

I will work with healthcare providers, insurance companies, and patients to move our healthcare system toward a more equitable care model.

In order to address any of these problems, however, we must first address our revenue problem. Washington state needs tax modernization badly. The voters in my district overwhelmingly support an income tax. I will support initiative efforts to that effect while working on revenue reform within the Senate as well.

It will be a tough fight against powerful interests, but this is precisely the kind of fight I want to take on for the people of the 46th and throughout our state. I am running to take on tough complicated problems and look for solutions.

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.

Senator Ken Jacobsen has represented the 46th District since 1982—28 years. In that time, he has developed a reputation for putting forward odd bills that address issues like allowing dogs in bars and human pet-cemeteries, airline seat regulation (over which the state has no jurisdiction), and most recently, the sport of falconing. At the same time, he has voted against progress in our state on big issues like education reform, payday lending protections, and upholding the strong renewable energy goals encompassed by I-937. He favored an approach that would have allowed the University of Washington *unlimited* ability to raise tuition on students going even further than other measures that at least placed some limits on those tuition increases. He favored cutting his own city out of the permitting process on big transportation projects even *within* the city limits. In short, I feel very strongly that it is time for the 46th District to have new leadership in Olympia. As a State Senator, I would represent the people of North Seattle unapologetically and provide leadership on the most critical issues we face as a state. I will not be reactive in advocating for Seattle, I will be proactive. My goal will be to lead in Olympia on the issues that will propel this state into this still new century – development of a clean energy economy, a better small business environment to get job growth going in this state; tax, education, and health care reform.

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 state desperately needs tax reform. It is very clear that our current revenue model isn't working—the boom and bust cycle we ride as a result hurts those who are most vulnerable and hobbles our greater economic progress. I have been disappointed with the lack of political courage demonstrated by our elected leaders in closing tax loopholes and looking for effective tax measures. It seems as if they cower before the power of lobbyists, whether for soda syrup companies or multi-billion dollar oil corporations. I will fully support the proposed income tax initiative, modeled on Oregon's recent successful effort. I will also challenge my colleagues to make courageous revenue choices and lead by example.

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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/?

I support efforts to increase housing density within designated urban villages, done in cooperation with individual communities. Maximizing people's access to transit lines while building in greater density will increase the stock of affordable housing in our community.

Additionally, working with lenders and non-profit community banks to come up with creative home ownership programs will allow more families to have the security of their own home.

What role should government play in the healthcare system?

Washington has recently done some innovative things on coordinated care, through the use of "medical homes". We need to expand these programs to offer coordinated care as a means of bringing costs under control and preventing illness and promoting better treatment of chronic diseases. Prevention and effective disease management also prevents more expensive treatment down the road.

This state should also consider new ways of attracting primary care physicians perhaps by offering to forgive a portion of medical school indebtedness for those new physicians who commit to working in primary care practices in underserved, urban and rural markets.

Additionally, Washington State should strengthen current law on the horrible practice of rescission, where an insurance company goes back and re-examines insurance applications after being asked to pay claims in order to find a way to weasel out of their obligations. Our state law in this area is out of date and needs to be strengthened. This is something I am very interested in doing.

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 am fully supportive of complete civil rights and marriage equality for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered people.

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

Education and training are the keys to improving economic circumstance. I support union training programs, particularly those run by the Building Trades, which prepare people for well-paying union jobs. I also support the work of organizations like the Moontown Foundation, which are thinking creatively about ways to bring green collar training and jobs to traditionally economically disadvantaged places.

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I have read this questionnaire and understand and approve the content and all provided information.		
Printed Name		Date
Signature		