

King County Democrats 2010 General Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name	Phyllis Gutierrez Kenney
Position sought	State Representative
Residence Legislative, County Council and Congressional district	46 th District Position 2
Are you a Democrat? Are you known as a Democrat?	I am a proud Democate
Campaign Information	
Campaign Name	Committee to Re-elect Phyllis Gutierrez Kenney
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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 Bio

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What ratings and endorsements have you received?	
Legislative District Democrats	Received the nomination, official endorsements on the 17 th of June
Union Endorsement	WA State Labor Council; SEIU Local 925; United Staff Nurses Union-UFCW Local 141; American Federation of Teachers; SEIU Healthcare 775NW; Aerospace Machinists District Lodge 751; Washington Building and Construction Trades; Washington Public Employees Association
Municipal League	They are in the process of interviews.
SEAMEC	
Other Endorsements	Washington Conservation Voters; National Women's Political Caucus of Washington; King County Realtors

Which groups do you plan to ask for an endorsement?
Firefighters and other unions; WEA; Planned Parenthood; NARAL; others

Please answer the following questions*		Yes	No	Qualified
1	Do you support the King County Democratic Platform?	xx		
2	Do you support the right of workers (excluding military) to bargain and strike?	xx		
3	Do you support affirmative action?	xx		
4	Do you support freedom of choice in contraception, abortion and sterilization?	xx		
5	Do you support public funding for abortions for poor women?	xx		
6	Do you support school vouchers? Do you support charter schools?		xx	
7	Do you support the Davis-Bacon Act?	xx		
8	Do you support equal rights for women?	xx		
9	Do you support major changes in the way we live to help stop global warming?	xx		
10	Do you support the restoration of voting rights to persons convicted of a felony who have served their sentence?	xx		

Please answer the following questions *		Yes*	No
1	Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgments?		xx
2	Have you ever been found in violation of a Public Disclosure Commission, Federal Election Commission or Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission		xx

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

* 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 PCO FOR OVER 20 YEARS 46TH 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?

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Quality education contributes to the economic well being of the state. Providing access to early learning education through higher education is my top priority.

Accessible and affordable health care is necessary for a decent quality of life for all citizens. Basic Health Plan and Apple Health for Kids is a must.

Creating a safe and livable environment is critical to the welfare of our families. We must work on climate change, clean water and protect our parks and open spaces if we are to protect our families and our communities.

I work hard to create family wage jobs, if we are to move forward from this recession we must put people back to work in good paying jobs.

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

Family wage jobs; quality education; our environment; health care.

I will work to maintain the funding for education, environmental programs, critical services for those in need and seek funding to provide health care coverage, especially for middle and low income families and individuals. I will continue my work to create living wage jobs that will help improve our economy and the lives of our residents.

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.

NA

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?

NO We have a very antiquated tax system in our state and we should towards a state income tax. This would be a more equitable system. Our state depends mainly on sales tax, property tax and business and occupation tax. None of which fair.

"The question of how would you change it?" Is not just a question for the legislature but of the voters as well. Let's pass 1098 as a start.

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

Continue to form a stronger partnership between local, state and federal for funding. We should also have a partnership with private industry to assure that building and construction does not displace low income housing.

We must preserve the Housing Trust Fund.

What role should government play in the healthcare system?

Government plays a big role in the healthcare system. Affordable and accessible health care for all people should be the rule. Not the exception. Health care is a growing problem. For workers trying to get affordable health coverage for their families, seniors dealing with high price of prescription drugs, as well as for small businesses who want to provide affordable health care to their employees. I have supported and co-sponsored legislation to provide programs such as Apple Health for Kids, to ensure that all Washington's children have access to full health coverage including mental and dental health as well as preventative care. Good health will help them be productive learners and improve their lives Extending the Basic Health Plan to underinsurance and low income families; programs for the elderly; mental health parity.

I support the National Health Care Reform Legislation. It is not perfect but it is a step forward, something we can build on.

I would like to see more preventative programs in place. In the long run it saves us money.

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

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parental rights?

EVERYONE should receive equal treatment and rights. I have been a strong supporter for equal rights for same-sex couples and civil rights for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered people and will continue to be a voice for them.

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

Provide educational and training opportunities so they may have the opportunity to work in the high demand jobs.

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

Printed Name	Phyllis Gutierrez Kenney	6-11- 2010 Date
Signature	<i>Phyllis Gutierrez Kenney</i>	