

# King County Democrats 2010 General Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name	Scott White
Position sought	State Senate, 46 <sup>th</sup> LD
Residence Legislative, County Council and Congressional district	46 <sup>th</sup> LD 1 <sup>st</sup> District, MKCC 7 <sup>th</sup> CD
Are you a Democrat? Are you known as a Democrat?	Yes Yes
Campaign Information	
Campaign Name	People for Scott White
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Campaign Email address	<a href="mailto:Scott.white46@comcast.net">Scott.white46@comcast.net</a>
Manager	Self (may hire manage later in the campaign season if challenged)
Campaign mailing address	PO Box 21201 Seattle, WA 98111
Campaign phone number	206-310-7970
Campaign FAX	na

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.

**Professional** – Over 17 years of experience in state and local government working on many of the most challenging and complex issues that face our state and region. Extensive experience writing, negotiating and facilitating the passage of legislation. I have managed multi-Million dollar budgets and negotiated multi-Billion dollar budgets. I have written, negotiated, or otherwise helped to pass a variety of legislation related to budgets, land use, growth management, labor contracts, project labor agreements, economic development, inter-local agreements, civil rights and human services.

**Community Organizing** – Served as Chair of the 46th District Democrats for five years (2003–2005). Lead organization through a period of unprecedented growth. Honored as WA State Democrats “Chair of the Year” (2004) and King County Democrats “Democrat of the Year” (2003) for my work organizing the grassroots. Served as Co-Chair of the King County Democrats Legislative Action Committee (2006–2008) where I co-organized, trained and lead hundreds of grassroots Democrats as citizen lobbyists to our State Legislature. Appointed by Governor Gregoire to Board of Humanities Washington. Serve on United Way of King County Public Policy Committee.

**Incumbent**—First elected in 2008. Successful first term advocating for progressive policies.

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What ratings and endorsements have you received?	
Legislative District Democrats	Pending (nomination in May/endorsement in June); 46 <sup>th</sup> LD anticipated.
Union Endorsement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WA State Labor Council</li> <li>• UFCW Local 21</li> <li>• SEIU 775NW</li> <li>• Aerospace Machinists 751</li> <li>• Washington Federation of State Employees, AFSCME</li> <li>• Joint Council of Teamsters, No. 28</li> <li>• Washington State Council of County and City Employees, AFSCME</li> <li>• and others anticipated</li> </ul>
Municipal League	Pending (Too early)
SEAMEC	Pending (Too early)
Other Endorsements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Washington Conservation Voters</li> <li>• NARAL-Pro-Choice Washington</li> </ul>

Which groups do you plan to ask for an endorsement?	
46th District Democrats King County Democrats Sierra Club	Individual Labor Unions Newspaper editorial boards others

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

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

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During 2008, my opponent (or his proxies) filed numerous PDC and ethics complaints against my campaign. Most complaints dismissed. However, PDC ruled campaign broke rules because of some late filings, accounting of primary/general election funds, use of gov't FAX machine, and problems with synching personal phone with work computer. Most complaints dismissed; paid \$200 fine. Since then, volunteer treasurer replaced with professional treasurer. (Case #09-049 & #09-083)

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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?

I am a proud member of the Democratic Party. I am not a member of any other political party.  
I don't recall making a donation to a Republican, but I would not rule it out under certain circumstances, i.e. a moderate Republican running unopposed (no Democrat in the race).

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.  
Yes, I am a regular contributor to the 46th Dist Democrats, King County Democrats and WA State Democrats.  
Yes: I am the PCO for pct 46-2290, 2004-present  
I was the PCO for pct 46-2361, 1998-2004

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?

We need progressive Democratic majorities in our state legislature to effectively address the many difficult policy issues facing our state. In 2008, my campaign doorbelled over 22,000 homes and raised over \$175,000. For 2010, my campaign plan is to continue doorbelling and raising financial support for our progressive message of community values. My fundraising goal for 2010 is \$175,000. My campaign will win because we are the best organized campaign and have the most grassroots support. No opponent as of April 2010.

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

**K-12 Education** – Fully funding public schools, adequate salaries for public school teachers and employees.  
**Protect the Environment** – Fighting global warming, cleaning up Puget Sound.  
**Transportation Solutions** – Increasing mass transit options (bus and light rail) to get people out of cars.  
**Health Care** – Making health care accessible for everyone... especially children.  
**Higher Education** – Maintain accessibility by ensuring increased financial aid is available to low- and middle-income students and retaining full complement of faculty/staff so classes are not reduced.  
**Economy / Jobs** – Support responsible policies and programs that help create living wage jobs.

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.

I have a strong record of successfully bringing people together to find resolution to our region's most complex and challenging issues. I have extensive experience in community organizing, grassroots advocacy, and as a senior professional in state and local government. I expect to win the primary, but would consider endorsing another Democrat who: A) is qualified, and B) runs a clean campaign.

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 regressive tax structure in our state. I would support additional progressive tax reforms, including a progressive Income Tax. I support, and lobbied for the Working Families Tax Credit passed by the State Legislature in 2008. During my first term as a legislator, I have supported the closure of tax loopholes, as well as increases in the B&O tax and "sin taxes" as a way to increase revenues.

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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/?

Every day, there are approximately 22,000 homeless people in Washington State, including 8,000 homeless right here in King County. In a country and a region as prosperous as ours, we should be able to do a better job of solving this problem and ending homelessness. As both a grassroots activist and a legislator, I have supported and lobbied for more funding for the Housing Trust Fund. I co-sponsored legislation (HB 3177) that increased fees on banks to fund affordable housing. Further, I will continue to support additional financing tools that would help the purchase and or construction of low income and affordable housing.

What role should government play in the healthcare system?

Government should take the lead to help our society move towards a single payer system. Until we can reach that goal, government must provide a safety net for the *uninsured* and *underinsured*. There are 600,000+ *uninsured*, and thousands more *underinsured*, in Washington State. I believe that President Obama's Health Care Reform Act is an important step in the right direction to provide care to everyone.

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 strongly support equal rights for all. During my first legislative session I co-sponsored HB 1727 and voted for SB 5688, which expands the rights and responsibilities of state registered domestic partners. Prior to being elected, I wrote and worked to pass civil rights legislation for King County as both a senior staffer and activist.

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

The Legislature should ensure living wages and training opportunities to help improve the skills and pay of workers. While some may argue that wages and training programs "cost too much", I believe that such investments can have very high rates of return in terms of the short-, mid- and long-term benefits to society. Further, the State of Washington should consider how social equity and justice is impacted by routine policy, budget and operational management decisions. The State of WA should consider following the lead of King County in considering the Social Equity and Justice effort.

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

Printed Name	Scott white	Date
Signature	 * Submitted Electronically	May 2010