

King County Democrats 2009 General Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name	Nick Licata
Position sought	Seattle City Council Member
Residence Legislative, County Council and Congressional district	46 th District, 4 th County Council district, 7 th Congressional District
Are you a Democrat? Are you known as a Democrat?	Yes, and I have been active for past 35 years, during a large part of that time I was a PCO and former district officer
Campaign Information	
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Candidate Background: Community service, education, employment and other relevant experience.
<p>Describe your qualifications, education, employment, community and civic activity, Union affiliation and other relevant experience.</p> <p>Qualifications: Have served over 11 years on the City Council, and have served as President of the Council for one term.</p> <p>Education: M.A. in Sociology from U.W.</p> <p>Employment: Seattle City Council Member, was an insurance broker for 15 years previously</p> <p>Community and Civic Activity: I have held these positions in the past:</p>

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President of the Metropolitan Democratic Club, Board Chairman of the 911 Media Arts Center, ACLU Board Member, President of Evergreen Land Trust, Chair of CHECC, Director of WashPIRG, Bi-weekly Commentator on KPLU, founder of the Seattle Sun community newspaper,

Union Affiliation:

None, but have been endorsed by the King County Labor Committee in all three of my past elections, plus many individual unions.

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What ratings and endorsements have you received?	
Legislative District Democrats	In my past election I received endorsements from all Legislative Districts
Union Endorsement	endorsed by the King County Labor Council, COPE Committee, in my last two elections
Municipal League	Very Good - last election
SEAMEC	A- last election
Other Endorsements	Metropolitan Democratic Club- last election

Which groups do you plan to ask for an endorsement?

Democratic, union, environmental, social service, minority ethnic, gender, sexual preference groups and business groups

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

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

*2. I self reported to the PDC that I had asked citizens who had contacted my office concerning pedestrian issues that they should contact their legislators to support legislation to allow local governments the option of installing speed cameras. I received a \$50 fine.

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?

Member of 46th District. Yes I have contributed to Democratic Organizations. Yes I was a p.c.o. in the 43rd about 20 years ago.

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?

Main message is to support policies that are made openly, distribute public resources efficiently and for the greater common good. My plan is to emphasize a grassroots door to door campaign. No doors knocked on to date. A single 500 piece mailing has been done. I plan on raising as much as needed to win. In the past that was just under \$100,000, in a contested race I will raise considerably more. I raised over \$30,000 to date. I will win because I will be the best organized, the most recognizable candidate and with the largest amount of supporters.

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

The current recession is the most important issue because it affects all others. I plan on looking at how we currently spend our public money so that the needs of those most in need are not compromised.

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.

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I will stand on my record and on my extensive writings explaining why I voted the way I did. City races are non-partisan.

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?

The current tax structure has some built in faults, such as the sales tax falling heavier on the lower income groups. When possible I have suggested that taxes be based more on the basis on the ability to pay and on taxing those who most benefit from any capital improvements.

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

I have worked with various housing groups to support the idea and the practice of putting more housing into land trusts so that housing no longer becomes a commodity subject to the ebb and tide of the market.

What role should government play in the healthcare system?

The government should support a single payer universal health care system and I have successfully had the Council pass such a resolution.

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 a long time supporter of GLBTcivil rights and believe they should be extended to all forms of marital rights and benefits.

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

I will continue to support programs and services that most directly meet their needs through evaluating how to best support our bus system, educational system and provide for housing for those in transition.

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

Printed Name	Nick Licata	Date: 3/17/09
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