

King County Democrats 2008 General Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name	Cindy Ryu
Position sought	Shoreline City Council Position #5 in 2009
Residence Legislative, County Council and Congressional district	32 ND Legislative District 1 ST County Council District 1 ST Congressional District
Are you a Democrat? Are you known as a Democrat?	Yes Yes
Campaign Information	
Campaign Name	Friends for Cindy Ryu
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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:
<p>I am serving my first term on the Shoreline City Council. I was elected to the position of Mayor of Shoreline in January, 2008, making history as the First Korean American Mayor in USA. I am currently the Democratic PCO for SHL32-0898 and am the WSDCC State Committee Woman from 32nd LDDO (2005-2010). I was the 32nd LDDO Campaign Coordinator for the Kerry-Edwards campaign in 2004.</p> <p>In 2005 I was endorsed by the 32nd LDDO, Washington Conservation Voters, King County Women's Political Caucus, King County Labor Council AFL-CIO, Amalgamated Transit Union Local 587, SEIU Local 775, King County Democratic Central Committee, Washington State Federation of Democratic Women - May Arkwright Hutton Chapter, all of which I am seeking again. I was rated "Outstanding" by the Muni League and Progressive Majority helped me win.</p> <p>In 2003, when I ran against an 8-year incumbent City Councilmember (George Nethercutt's</p>

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brother-in-law), I came within 800 votes of winning. The Muni League rated me "Very Good."

In Campaign 2009, I plan to fund-raise, doorbell, and campaign vigorously.

Past Community and Civic Activity:

Shoreline Chamber of Commerce President (2005-2006)

Various PTA positions (1990-2004)

Richmond Beach Community Association Board Member (2004-2006)

Shoreline Bond Advisory Committee Member (2003-2004)

Korean United Presbyterian Church Sunday School Teacher & Treasurer (1999-2004; member since 1983)

Currently serving in the following capacities:

Shoreline City Council Position #5 (2006-2009); Mayor (2008-2009)

Association of Washington Cities Board Member At-Large, Western Washington (2008-2009)

National League of Cities Transportation Infrastructure and Services Policy Committee Member (2009)

King County Regional Transit Committee Alternate (2009)

Shoreline Chamber of Commerce Treasurer (2008-2009), President (2005-2006)

Shoreline Chamber of Commerce Chapter of Dollars for Scholars President (2007-2009)

International Community Health Services Foundation Board Member (2008-2009)

Washington State Democratic Central Committee Asian Pacific American Caucus Chair (2007-2010)

Occupation:

I was a multi-line licensed insurance agent for 25 years and worked with my husband in a small 3-person office for 18 years. We're still happily married. I have also worked in blueberry and strawberry fields, as a transcriptionist, a nurses' aide, Medicaid Intake, Harborview Admitting Officer, Customer Service, Administrative Support Assistant, and Management Systems Analyst/Records Manager. Currently, my husband and I own and manage two commercial buildings in the 32nd Legislative District.

Education:

I graduated from Centralia High School in Lewis County with Top Ten and Girl Most Likely to Succeed honors, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Microbiology and Immunology with Honors (1980) and a Master of Business Administration degree (1983) from U.W.

Family:

Married to Cody Ryu for 26 years with three children:

Candice is a Teach For America trained teacher, Shorewood High (class of 2003) and UW graduate with a MS in Education from Loyola Marymount.

Christine is at UW School of Engineering Technical Communications, also a Shorewood High graduate.

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Cody H. is an 8th grader at Einstein Middle School after attending 5 years of the High Cap Program at Meridian Elementary, which boasts the first installation of a solar panel system on a public building in Shoreline.

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What ratings and endorsements have you received?	
Legislative District Democrats	Seeking
Union Endorsement	Seeking
Municipal League	2005 Outstanding; 2003 Very Good
SEAMEC	
Other Endorsements	2009 Endorsements to date: Rep. Maralyn Chase, Hon. Donn Charley, Hon. Nancy Rust, Keith Sculley, and many others.

Which groups do you plan to ask for an endorsement?

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?			See * below
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		

* If you answered "No" or "Qualified" please explain your answer.

6. Our 3 children are attending or graduated from public schools in Washington State. One daughter, who entered teaching through Teach for America, taught in the Los Angeles Unified School District for 2 years. They were the most difficult 2 years of her life, and she saw much mismanagement and weaknesses in that public system. She now teaches in a charter school within LA Unified boundaries, and I am learning of the advantages and disadvantages of a charter school in that context.

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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.

Are you a member of another political party? NO 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? YES Have you contributed financially to any Democratic Organization? YES Have you been a Precinct Committee Officer? YES When/Where? Currently SHL-32-0898 PCO

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 Messages: "Mayor Cindy Ryu

- Has shown effective leadership
- Expanded Shoreline representation regionally and nationally
- Believes in planning ahead for growth while protecting our neighborhoods and the environment
- Does her homework and asks the tough questions on your behalf
- Makes sure basics are taken care of
- Works hard for a responsive and welcoming City open to public input"

Campaign Plan: Outreach one on one. Fund raise from many diverse groups in Shoreline and greater Puget Sound area through small and big fundraisers. Outreach to young voters, bring them aboard as volunteers and for real experience training.

In 2005 I door-belled over 4,000 households. I plan on doorbelling 6,000 households this year. Campaign pieces: I plan on a doorbelling piece or two, a mailing for the primary and 2-3 mailings before the General Election. Fundraising goal is \$40,000. I have raised nearly \$3,000 to date. I will win because of the broad and grassroots support I have been part of and helped build over the past 6 years, my willingness to reach out, listen, and respond to the people of Shoreline, willingness to do my homework, and my track record as an effective City Councilmember and Mayor.

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

Pressing are Shoreline's Land Use issues as we face redevelopment in this built-out environment where we expect 30% to be rebuilt over the next 20 years. In the face of strong developer interests and pressures over the last 5-6 years, I have been advocating for open public processes with early participation by all stakeholders so that we may acknowledge

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and define problems early and any solutions are as community-interest based and as sustainable for the people, environment, and financially.

We have been able to make headways in our progressive agenda; it is just as important to elect/re-elect other progressively minded individuals to the other 3 City Council positions.

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 do not have a declared opponent but there are 3 other candidates besides the 3 of 4 incumbents that have filed with the PDC for the 4 positions so I expect an opponent at least in the November 3rd election.

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. I would seek more equitable methods of taxation.

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

A previous Shoreline City Council had given a tax incentive to "low income" housing at the 100% of median income level. I have advocated for 70% of median income to make it more affordable to lower income households and succeeded with 80%. I am advocating for certainties in our land use codes so that we reduce the parcel-by-parcel deliberations and uncertainties we have had to endure over the past several years and instead incentivize higher density, etc. with environmentally sustainable and affordable housing units. During my first term, we adopted the Housing Strategy and are working on implementing elements of it.

What role should government play in the healthcare system?

The healthcare system should be a balance between encouraging innovation and providing service to the public. The private sector is limited by the need to answer to owners and shareholders, so the government must play a critical role in R&D, education of our scientists, and equitable distribution of services to the needy regardless of the ability to pay. Contrary to assumptions, structured and administered properly, the government can also be a very efficient deliverer of services.

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?

Civil rights for everyone, including sexual orientation or classification, ethnic, cultural, or economic classes is fundamental to protection of our democracy. We cannot tolerate

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violation of a subset class of people and expect to be personally exempt from such violations. I endorse equal rights for same-sex couples in benefits, civil unions, marriage and parental rights.

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

I have personally benefited from availability and access to public education. It truly is an equalizer by teaching people how to fish AND providing the fishing pole. We must defend public education from pre-kindergarten to beyond 12th grade. In this age of globalization, new technology and new ways of doing business, I am looking forward to improvements to our public education system, especially much more relevant and nimble workforce training programs that engages our most important resource, the human capital.

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

Printed Name	Cindy Ryu	Date
Signature	<i>Cindy Ryu</i>	2/3/09