

King County Democrats 2010 General Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name	Tatsuko Go Hollo
Position sought	Washington State House of Representatives interim appointment
Residence Legislative, County Council and Congressional district	46 th Legislative District, County Council District 1, 7 th Congressional District
Are you a Democrat? Are you known as a Democrat?	Yes.
Campaign Information	
Campaign Name	Tatsuko Go Hollo (no official campaign)
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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.

I have served as an advocate for social justice and community empowerment all my adult life. My work, volunteer and educational experiences have given me a strong background in many of the most pressing issues our legislature must deal with.

After receiving my BA from the University of Colorado in 2006, I served in AmeriCorps for two years, working with homeless and low-income families. I also worked with the mental health community for over five years, including indigent clients seeking alternative sentencing options. After moving to Seattle, I worked on the Civic Engagement Project with the League of Women Voters of Washington to encourage community conversations about budget and tax policies. As a graduate student I worked with United Way of King County as an advocate for Working Connections Child Care and Disability Lifeline. I received my Master of Social Work Degree from the University of Washington in June 2011.

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Since then, I have been working with the Economic Opportunity Institute, researching social issues for progressive policy reform. Current projects include a report about economic status of women, a brief about the importance of a strong minimum wage, and a brief entailing the rise in poverty since the recession. I am part of the Seattle Care Council, which increases awareness about the work of caregivers and seeks to change policies for improved work standards and better pathways to citizenship. I am also engaged with a coalition (convened by EOI) to develop long-term tax reform options and a member of the League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County.

What ratings and endorsements have you received?	
Legislative District Democrats	N/A
Union Endorsement	N/A
Municipal League	N/A
SEAMEC	N/A
Other Endorsements	N/A

Which groups do you plan to ask for an endorsement?

46th District PCOs

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

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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? 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, I am a member of the 46th District Democrats and have contributed financially.

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?

I am a passionate advocate who is committed to ensuring that the voices of our communities are the primary impetus for policy reform.

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

Individuals and families are experiencing the long-lasting effects of the recession. The safety net has been all but cut away, and people have little to no options for support. Unemployment persists and many are seeing their hours cut, making them ineligible to receive workplace benefits. As public jobs continue to plummet, classroom sizes are growing and government agencies are less effective. If appointed, I would work to protect what remains of the social safety net, but also ensure that, despite the budget crisis, there is still energy around the potential for long-term reforms.

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.

My history of community service shows that I am dedicated to working with people and empowering them to achieve the stability they seek. As a social worker, I firmly believe that communities can identify their own needs. As a public servant, I can be a vehicle for establishing collaborative relationships in policy-making to ensure those needs are met.

If I am not appointed, there is no reason why I would not support the person who is appointed.

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 tax system is regressive and unfair. I am part of a coalition that is working to develop long-term tax reform options. Ultimately, I believe a progressive income tax is a necessary reform, in addition to elimination of tax exemptions that provide no economic benefit to our communities.

King County has a ten year plan to end homelessness. What ideas do you have to increase low income

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and affordable housing/?

The Housing Trust Fund has been successfully dedicating funds to building and maintaining low-income housing. However, HTF funding has seen significant reductions in recent years. I believe it is imperative to reinvest in this fund to continue to aid efforts toward reducing homelessness. Furthermore, providing working families with a living wage, workplace benefits and supports such as childcare subsidies reduces the need for low-income housing. If families are able to gain economic stability, this makes low-income housing more available for those experiencing chronic homelessness or other long-term barriers.

What role should government play in the healthcare system?

Healthcare should be affordable and accessible for all persons. It is apparent that private systems have been unable to meet those standards. Washington's Basic Health Plan serves as a structure for a public system, yet continues to be a primary target for budget reductions. The Basic Health Plan should expand eligibility in order to meet the standards of affordability and accessibility.

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 are for all people. Same-sex couples should have equal rights and equal access to benefits, civil unions, marriage and parental rights.

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

Change should come from within communities. It is essential to work directly with community members to fully understand the needs of the economically disadvantaged. I believe these individuals and families know what changes they would like to see and how to best solve the problems they are experiencing. As a public servant, I believe it is my responsibility to work directly with the community to develop policy solutions that best suit the needs of those affected.

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

Printed Name	Tatsuko Go Hollo	Date
Signature	<i>Tatsuko Go Hollo</i>	11/08/11