

King County Democrats 2010 General Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name	Tony Provine
Position sought	State Senator – 46 th Legislative District
Residence Legislative, County Council and Congressional district	46 th State Legislative District Metropolitan King County Council – District 1 7 th Congressional District of Washington
Are you a Democrat? Are you known as a Democrat?	Yes Yes
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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 was drawn to public service and political activism during the Civil Rights and Vietnam War era. That vocation led me to earn an M.A. Degree in Government and Politics and to hold positions in federal, state and county government agencies in the Washington DC area. As Assistant Chief of Investigations & Licensing for the Fairfax County Department of Consumer Protection, I oversaw a broad spectrum of public programs. I moved to California and, after 12 years of managing nonprofit organizations there, I moved to Washington to start a business in King County which I sold in 2006. I am currently employed as a Wine Steward for QFC and am a member of United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, Local 21.

Community Service: Appointed as a Member of the Seattle/King County Advisory Council for Aging & Disability Services. Also serve on the Board of the Ravenna-Bryant Community Association, the Northeast District Council of Neighborhoods, and as representative to the City Neighborhood Council. Recently served as a Board Trustee for the Friends of the Seattle Public Library, as a Presenter for the Center for Nonprofit Success, and as a Delegate for the Mayor's Youth and Family Initiative.

Please visit my LinkedIn site for more information: <http://www.linkedin.com/pub/tony-provine/9/573/635>

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

Which groups do you plan to ask for an endorsement?
46 th District Democrats, King County Council

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

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

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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?

No and 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?

I am a member of the 46th District Democrats and Precinct Committee Officer for Precinct #46-2260. I have contributed financially to Washington State Democrats and to the campaigns of many Democratic candidates in Washington, California, and Maryland, as well as national democratic campaigns.

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?

My message is that I will be an effective leader in the Washington State Legislature and represent my district tirelessly. I will uphold and promote our democratic principles and core values while seeking to protect our most vulnerable residents and improve the quality of life for everyone in our State.

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

The most pressing issue facing our district and the State is the budget crisis resulting from the worse economic recession facing this State since the Great Depression. We need to explore new sources of revenue as well as eliminate some tax exemptions and recoup funds from other programs in order to provide health care and assistance to our most vulnerable residents and the funding necessary for quality education for our children. Restoring economic stability, creating jobs, and protecting our people and natural resources are my goals.

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.

Through my government, nonprofit and business experiences, as well as my active and ongoing volunteer experiences for neighborhood community groups and my service to Seattle and King County boards and advisory councils, I am able to apply more knowledge and insight from varied perspectives. I am actively involved in advocacy efforts on local and state issues and previously directed legislative activities on health care issues for a California nonprofit.

If I did not receive the nomination, I would wholeheartedly support the Democratic nominee.

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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?

I believe that the B&O tax system in this State is badly flawed and should be overhauled and replaced with a system that more fairly taxes net business profits, rather than gross income and that also eliminates many of the tax exemptions the State has granted. Small businesses would benefit under a revised, fair and reasonable business tax, while the State would receive substantial increased revenues from the elimination and sunseting of tax exemptions.

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

The County and other jurisdictions (City of Seattle, etc.) should require that developers include some proportion of low income and affordable housing in all new projects as part of the plan approval process. Other alternatives could include financial incentives to property owners who create more low income housing units. Additionally, jurisdictions should develop more transitional housing to provide both temporary shelters and subsidized housing for disadvantaged and homeless people. Resources should also be focused on providing coordinated care management with human service agencies and nonprofit groups to address physical and mental health issues.

What role should government play in the healthcare system?

Government should ensure that everyone, regardless of economic ability or pre-existing condition, can obtain health care within their community or region. Government can and should play a role in lowering health care costs by enacting real health care reform.

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?

All people, regardless of sexual preference or appearance, deserve to be treated fairly and deserve to have the same rights and liberties. Same-sex couples should be treated the same as opposite-sex couples and have the same marriage and parental rights and benefits.

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

Creating more opportunities for those economically disadvantaged will require creating more livable wage jobs and providing assistance to the growing number of people living in poverty. Offering incentives to employers who add employees and/or exacting penalties from those who utilize foreign labor operations may help. Partnering with private and nonprofit organizations to reinforce the safety net of social programs that many economically disadvantaged rely on would also help. A Washington State Service Corps Program, similar to AmeriCorps, that utilizes State colleges and universities and offers tuition dollar credits, course work, and internships in exchange for dedicated service from students could yield great benefits.

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

Printed Name	Tony Provine	Date
Signature	<i>Tony Provine</i>	11/3/11