

KING COUNTY DEMOCRATS

2012 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE – CONGRESS, SENATE, LEGISLATURE

Candidate Name	Jim Flynn
Position sought	Representative 11th Legislative District Position 1
Residence Legislative, County Council and Congressional district	11th Legislative District 5th King County Council District 9th Congressional District
Do you publicly declare to be a Democrat?	Yes
Campaign Information	
Campaign Name	Campaign to Elect Jim Flynn
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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.

Qualifications: Vietnam Era Veteran USCG, Problem Solving Team Member, Businessman – President Tukwila Electric, Inc 1986-1993, Community Activist, PCO RNT 11-0502, 11LD Dem Delegate to KCDCC, KCDCC Hospitality Member, Former Candidate Renton City Council.

Education-Employment: Completion of apprenticeship SEJATC, Master Electricians License, Engineering and Technology classes at Community College level. Certification Advanced Electronics, Certification from Business School, Career Union Electrician.

Community & Civic: Coach in Renton Youth Programs; Volunteer with LELO, Seattle; Board member of Social and Human Concerns Commission St Stephen Martyr, Renton; Participant in Sound Alliance, part of IAF; Founding Member of Benson Hill Communities Progress Group, the only NGO formed

to facilitate annexation to the City of Renton, Member - 1st Save Lindbergh Pool campaign.

Union Affiliation: 44 years IBEW Local 46 with intermittent temporary dual membership in IAM Lodge 79 and IUOE 386. Served as Shop Steward, Temporary Foreman, Safety Committee, Contract Negotiating Teams

What ratings and endorsements have you received?	
Democratic Organizations	Expect to receive endorsements
Labor	Expect to receive endorsements
Municipal League	TBD – GOOD for my 2009 Renton City Council campaign
Other Endorsements (LGBT, Women, Chambers, Ethnic, Environmental, etc.)	Expect to receive endorsements

Which groups do you plan to ask for an endorsement?

Individuals, Former and Active Political Entities, Labor Unions, KCDCC, 11th LD Dem Org, YDWA

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 government funding of family planning services, including abortion and contraception?	X		
4	Do you support super majorities (i.e. 2/3 majorities) for revenue increases at the legislative level?		X	
5	Do you support area standards of wages and benefits?	X		
6	Do you support a woman’s right to choose?	X		
7	Do you support Federal and State regulation of greenhouse gases?	X		
8	Do you support a constitutional amendment to overturn <i>Citizens United</i> ?	X		
9	Do you support marriage equality?	X		
10	Do you support re-enactment of the Glass-Steagall Act?	X		
11	Do you support Charter Schools and/or School Vouchers?		X	
12	Do you support equal pay for women?	X		

* If you answered “Yes” or “Qualified” please explain your answer:

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:

Have you ever been a member of any other political party?

No, democratic party since 1971

Have you ever supported or given money to a candidate from another party in a partisan race? If so, whom and when?

No

Are you a member of your local Democratic District Organization? Have you been a Precinct Committee Officer or held a Party position? When/Where?

Yes, 11th LD Democratic Organization Served various positions on Exec Board, PCO since 2006. PCO of RNT 11-0502

Have you contributed financially to any Democratic Organization?

In WA: WSDCC, KCDCC, 11th LD Dem. Org.

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

1. There is a confluence of new technologies and the infrastructure to support them that will produce jobs in the new green economy. The State must look towards renewable energy, the smart grid. hydrogen fuel cells and electric transport, especially high speed rail to support

jobs in biotech, transportation and military if we will keep up with other countries in the global economy. The new opportunities for business seem to be Pacific Rim centered giving Washington a unique advantage for attracting new business and keeping existing business.

2. Washington must be first in education, health care, transportation and livability. School Districts are faced with cutbacks in teachers and increased class size, health care programs for the disabled and low income and recently unemployed are being terminated. Washington is not making any substantial new investment in High Speed Rail or All Electric Vehicle technology. There has been a decrease in Law Enforcement, Highway Maintenance, jobs and things that improve livability in communities.

3. The Legislature has been in gridlock regarding revenue allocation. Repeal I-1053. Review all tax exemptions. The legislature must work together so resolve the tax revenue problem. It should be the responsibility of every legislator to educate their constituents of the basic structure of our tax system and why we are realizing such volatility. Then it should be the responsibility of the legislature to adapt a new taxation system eliminating sales and B&O taxes and installing a state income tax.

With respect to how you plan on getting your message to voters:

- How many doors have you and/or your volunteers knocked to date? Do you have a goal, and, if so, what is it?**
- How much money have you raised to date, and from approximately how many donors?**
- What is your fundraising goal, and how do you plan to reach that goal?**

We plan to start our doorbelling campaign mid-March. I plan to contact 15825 targeted voters
 So far I have raised nearly \$5000 from eleven contributors
 I plan to raise \$35,000 for the 2012 campaign.

If you are running against another Democrat –

Why should the County or LD organizations support you over your opponent? (hint: make this about you, not your opponent)

Jay Inslee has proposed a new jobs program that focuses on new technology in biotech, transportation and military. The plan places special emphasis on the infrastructure to support it, including renewable energy, hydrogen fuel cells, the smart grid and the internet technology to connect all in a symbiotic relationship. I have spent my entire career as part of a problem solving team with time spent on electrical generation, serving utilities and distribution. The time was concurrent with work in the transportation industry with both aviation and marine transportation. I started my career after serving seven years in the U.S. Department of Transportation with the US Coast Guard. My experience, and my ability to construct pragmatic decisions, makes me the ideal candidate to serve on the Community and Economic Development & Housing Committee. Jobs are part of the picture so my experience in the Building and Construction industry is especially significant with the building cycle starting the upward slope..

What are the top three *most* pressing issues facing your jurisdiction? How would you address these issues if elected?

Jobs are the most pressing issue facing the 11th LD. Building and Construction workers have been experiencing thirty percent or more unemployment for three years. Small businesses dissolve regularly, entire commercial complexes in the 11th are boarded up. Health care programs for the disabled and unemployed without insurance are being cut. Renton School District plans to eliminate nineteen K-4 teachers and increase class size substantially. Other school districts are facing a similar dilemma. There are some possible solutions to help mitigate the problems. First, attract new business and help grow existing businesses. Next, rescind I-1053 and get the Legislature out of gridlock. Review tax exemptions and cancel those that do not promote economic development. When elected, I will take a leadership role in educating voters about Washington’s tax system, and working towards eliminating sales and B&O taxes and implementing an Income Tax.

***If you are running against another Democrat –*
If your opponent makes it out of the primary, and you do not, is there any reason you would not be supportive of their candidacy?**

If a winning opposing candidate has the endorsement of a the 11th LD Dem Org, KCDCC, or WSDCC I would support their candidacy.

Explain your positions on affordable housing, low income housing, density, and ending homelessness in your community.

Very low income, low income and moderate income housing are part of the affordable housing category under RCW 82.46.075. The provision of housing is a fundamental governmental function. Providing affordable housing is a joint function of municipalities and the County who use real-estate excise and sales taxes and the state legislature which authorizes revenue bonds for the purpose. Sometimes density increases are necessary to adjust the profitability of the housing project. One solution to homelessness in the community has been at our fingertips for years. That solution has been working successfully, providing migrant workers housing in agricultural communities. It has been suggested by community leaders and NGOs for years with no results. It will take a coordinated effort that can only be organized by the State Legislature and include King County, municipalities and the Port of Seattle. None of these groups have made any synchronized effort in the past. The solution is to remodel some of the thousands of unused marine shipping containers in the Duwamish river area of the 11th LD. The cost of remodel is less than one-third the cost of

regular building remodel. The image is use of containers for athlete housing during the 2010



Winter Olympics in BC.

How do you believe the government could help improve the health care delivery system in our country and state?

The government can make affordable Health Care available to all. Health Care providers can lower their costs by increasing availability of Alternative Health Care providers like Naturopathic and Acupuncture. Health Insurance providers could also eliminate the requirement that Alternative Practitioners be referred by Primary Care Physicians.

Will you be a champion for civil rights for all people, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability?

Yes, I would also include 'regardless of age'.

What specific changes in the tax system do you believe are needed?

Rescind i-1053. We must eliminate Washington's regressive system of Sales and B&O taxes and establish a simple, balanced income tax system that will remain stable with large shifts in the economy.

What do you believe can be done to cure our State’s budget problems, and fully fund the multiple progressive programs (e.g.: Basic Health, Home Health Care Worker Advanced Training, Apple Health for Kids, Early Childhood Education), along with other programs (e.g., basic education, higher education, public safety)? Please include *how* you would be effective in enacting your proposed solution.

With tax increase off the table the first thing that must be done is to repeal any tax exemptions that do not improve economic development. Any new tax exemption must have a specific sunset clause and regular review with authority to repeal if there is not positive economic impact. I will take a leadership role in promoting the idea of eliminating sales and B&O tax and establishing an income tax.

What elements of education reform do you support, not support, and how would you work to improve education in Washington State?

The Governor’s plan to create six laboratory schools to help elevate the level of the bottom performing schools may work.
 The Governor’s plan to create two new categories of teacher efficiency makes the problem of teacher evaluation more convoluted and unfair. It seems to me we are placing the responsibility of student learning levels on educators rather than on a collaborative effort of students, teachers, family and community.
 First, teachers have gone through a process that requires a basic level of proficiency to be hired in the first place. The people should review then trust that process. Regular evaluations are a tool that works, ideally. However, administrators doing the evaluation would rather be completing other deadline projects and the evaluations fall into the last minute category for them. The evaluation is based on how the evaluator feels about the subject on the day of the evaluation rather than data over a long period. There should only be one category for a teacher, QUALIFIED.

I have read this questionnaire and understand and approve the content and all provided information.		
Printed Name	James J Flynn	Date: 02/16/2012
Signature		