

King County Democrats 2009 General Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name	Fred Jarrett
Position sought	King County Executive
Residence Legislative, County Council and Congressional district	41 st Legislative District Council District 6 Congressional District 8
Are you a Democrat? Are you known as a Democrat?	Yes
Campaign Information	
Campaign Name	Jarrett for King County Executive
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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 worked for almost 30 years as a private sector business manager, served as a school board member, mayor, state legislator, Chair of the Metro Transit Committee and Chair of the Joint Regional Planning Committee that created Sound Transit. I have an MBA from Seattle University.

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What ratings and endorsements have you received?	
Legislative District Democrats	My County Executive campaign is just getting underway - I will begin aggressively seeking formal endorsements after the legislative session. In my 2008 senate race I received many important endorsements including the 41st District Democrats.
Union Endorsement	In my 2008 senate campaign I was endorsed by Washington Education Association, Washington State Council of Firefighters, Joint Council of Teamsters No. 28, Renton Firefighters Local 86, Local 17 IFPTE, Sheet Metal Workers Local 66, Washington State Nurses Association, Washington State Patrol Troopers Association, Washington Public Employees Association, United Food and Commercial Workers Local 35, Street Pavers, Sewer, Watermain and Tunnel Workers, Local 440 and SEIU 1199NW.
Municipal League	Outstanding ratings as a legislative and council candidate over three decades.
SEAMEC	I have always been rated one step below their top rating (reserved for GLBT candidates)
Other Endorsements	In my 2008 senate campaign I was endorsed by hundreds of private citizens, community activists, elected officials and organizations - a few examples include; Cascade Bicycle Club, NARAL Pro-Choice Washington, Common Ground-for Children and Families, Women's Political Caucus (recommended), Washington Conservation Voters, Children's Campaign Fund and Equal Rights Washington.

Which groups do you plan to ask for an endorsement?
All listed

Please answer the following questions*		Yes	No	Qualified
1	Do you support the King County Democratic Platform?	yes		
2	Do you support the right of workers (excluding military) to bargain and strike?	yes		
3	Do you support affirmative action?	yes		
4	Do you support freedom of choice in contraception, abortion and sterilization?	yes		
5	Do you support public funding for abortions for poor women?	yes		
6	Do you support school vouchers? Do you support charter schools?		no	

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7	Do you support the Davis-Bacon Act?	Yes		
8	Do you support equal rights for women?	yes		
9	Do you support major changes in the way we live to help stop global warming?	yes		
10	Do you support the restoration of voting rights to persons convicted of a felony who have served their sentence?	yes		

Please answer the following questions *		Yes*	No
1	Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgments?		No
2	Have you ever been found in violation of a Public Disclosure Commission, Federal Election Commission or Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission regulation?		No
3	Have you ever been convicted of a felony?		No

* 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?

Until 2007 I was a moderate progressive Republican. After years of frustration I came to the conclusion that my views were more in line with the Democratic Party and that I felt more comfortable as a Democrat. Since making that change I have not supported or given money to a candidate from another party in a partisan race

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 have contributed to the 41st District Democratic Organization, House Democrat Campaign Committee, Eastside Democratic Dinner Committee, Governor Gregoire, Rueven Carlyle, NARAL Pro-Choice PAC

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 running for Executive because King County needs to change the way it does business. It needs an executive with a fresh vision who can work hand-in-hand with public officials from all of our cities and leaders of unincorporated communities. An executive who is willing to confront the county's problems directly, make the tough decisions and measure each decision against how it impacts the lives of individuals and families throughout King County.

My priorities are as follows:

- Quality of life starts with a job and economic security - I want to make King County a place where people want to make responsible investments and do business.
- I want to build a world-class public transportation system by bringing Metro's operating costs more in line with national averages so we can meet service demands. I will work to assure Sound Transit

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meets or beats its commitment to building Link and other regional transit projects and that major transportation decisions are made and implemented in ways that support regional mobility.

- I want to protect our natural environment and implement the vision of the Cascade Agenda.

Our campaign plan includes a robust direct mail effort, a fully functional web site with online action/constituent information capture forms, online contribution portal, social network links, email contact tools and online content management. We plan an aggressive field and GOTV operation in this campaign. My field director is in the process of recruiting volunteers in each legislative district. Through phone banking we will identify my voters in key areas and use that data to make certain my supporters return their ballots. We will compete in every area of the county. My primary campaign budget is \$300,000. Because I am in session until the last week of April I have been unable to solicit contributions. I am in the process of transferring approximately \$20,000 from my senate surplus account to my current campaign. I have in place an aggressive fundraising plan and am confident I will raise the amount needed for my campaign. I raised almost \$200,000 last year for my senate campaign.

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

The county's fiscal situation is approaching crisis proportions and a strong effort is needed to get its financial house in order. Failure to do this will greatly restrict our ability to deliver important health and human service programs and other critical government programs.

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 have served in local, regional and state government. I am also a 35 year Boeing employee with over twenty-five years of management experience. King County needs someone with my broad experience at various levels of government and the private sector, and my proven ability to bring together broad coalitions of people to accomplish results. I am the only candidate with significant public and private sector experience.

No, I can't imagine a circumstance where I wouldn't support a Democrat in the race.

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?

Washington State has a Nineteenth Century tax system, but that isn't King County's problem. King County needs to demonstrate its ability to deliver public services within its budget.

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

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Ending homelessness will require a partnership between the public, private and not-for-profit sectors. A major requirement for any plan will be the ability to site and permit the construction of facilities for the homeless. King County can be a catalyst to accomplish that.

What role should government play in the healthcare system?

It is time the United States had a universal healthcare. Local, state and regional governments suffer by the lack of that coverage, as do our businesses.


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 believe strongly that all people are entitled to all civil rights. I have sponsored most GLBT legislation in the state legislature, and I was one of three legislators submitting friend of the court briefs in the effort to challenge the Defense of Marriage Act under the equal protection clause of the state constitution.

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

There must be a comprehensive approach creating partnerships between all levels of the public sector, the private and not-for-profit sector. Approaches must take into account the different causes of homelessness and approach each with appropriate strategies. Education and training, opening opportunity through our community and technical colleges must be central to any approach.

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

Printed Name	Fred Jarrett	Date
Signature		April 30, 2009