

2016 Candidate Questionnaire

SECTION I

BASIC CANDIDATE INFORMATION

1. Name as it will appear on the ballot

First Name	Middle Initial or Nickname	Last Name
Judy	R	Clibborn

2. Office sought (include office, jurisdiction, position/district number):

House of Representative 41st Dist. #2

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes No

4. How long have you resided in this district/city?

47 yrs

5. How long have you resided in King County?

70 years

6. Is the office sought partisan or nonpartisan? Partisan Nonpartisan

7. If partisan, please indicate party: Democratic

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POLITICAL BACKGROUND

1. Beginning with the most recent position, please list public offices you have held. Include positions on appointive boards or commissions.

Public Office	Elective or Appointive?	Dates Held	Leadership Role (if any)
State Representative	elected	2003 - 2016	10 years as House Transportation Chair
Councilmember City of Mercer Island	Elected	1999-2001	4 years as Mayor
Park and Community Board MI Suburban Cities Association/Sound Cities Arts Council MI Youth and Family Services BD MI	Appointed Appointed Appointed Appointed	1979 - 1989 1999-2001 1990-1994	Chair President

2. If you ran for public office but were not elected, please list those races below:

Office Title	Year of Run
Mercer Island City Council	1985

SECTION II

In this section, we are seeking responses that reflect the four ratings criteria: involvement, effectiveness, character, and knowledge. These are defined as follows:

- **Involvement:** What has the candidate done previously in family, neighborhood, community, volunteer work, employment or public life to suggest readiness to accomplish challenging objectives? How do these activities demonstrate readiness for the challenges unique to the office sought?
 - **Effectiveness:** Has the candidate demonstrated promise of being productive in the office sought? Has the candidate shown the ability to work with other people?
 - **Character:** Do the candidate's personal traits show the ability to take on the responsibilities of campaigning for and holding the public office she or he is seeking? Is the candidate a leader, participant or observer? Is the candidate trustworthy, reliable and candid?
 - **Knowledge:** Has the candidate demonstrated the willingness and ability to learn and adapt? Does the candidate understand the duties and challenges of the office sought? Does the candidate have a firm grasp of the issues important to his or her constituency and their potential effects?
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1. In one page or less, why are you running for this office? (Note: the interview committee will be given a copy of this statement before your interview; at the beginning of your interview you will have the opportunity to expand on this statement in any way you wish.)

I originally ran for this office because of my strong involvement in many issues at the city level and I felt the need to have more impact on those issues. As a foster mom, an arts council member, and as a member of the Park board, I felt my experience and leadership would be used representing my region on social services. As a Mayor, I felt I would bring leadership skills to the Legislature.

I feel that I have made great progress in some of these areas and want to continue making good policy decisions in our State Legislature. I have been recognized both statewide and nationally as a leader in transportation. Bringing a bi-partisan approach and problem solving to the table has help us pass the largest transportation investment package in the State's history. Leadership, persistence, and a calm approach to problem solving is my trademark. It is my goal to continue this work in the next session to help solve education and human service issues and continue my leadership in Transportation. It will take working together as a House, Senate, and the Governor to make this happen.

2. Describe your most important personal characteristics or traits as they relate to the office you seek.

As I have served these past 14 years, I have come to see that it is personal relationships that get things done. Working with people you don't agree with to make difficult policy decisions takes patience and good humor. Respecting each other and listening is key. Staying calm and building alliances with others leaves room for agreement to occur. Involving those you do not agree with to have a part in the solutions brings goodwill to the table. These are my most powerful traits and have proven to be successful in getting things done.

3. Please describe, in sufficient detail, one to three accomplishments or contributions of which you are most proud. These examples should illustrate skills and capabilities you think apply to the office you are seeking. These accomplishments may have occurred at any time in your personal, professional, or public life.

The high point of my elected career was the passage of the 2016 Transportation Package. This \$16B, 16 yr investment took 3 years to accomplish and hours of listening to each other. It began in 2013 and went through 3 interim sessions of negotiations with the Republican led Senate and the Democratic led House trying to decide how to invest in the transportation needs of this state. We had differing goals. Our side wanted more balance in how the package supported multimodal or non-road choices. The Senate was locked in on reforms of changing apprenticeships and labor rules as well as moving money from the general fund to transportation. With these seemingly wide differences in goals it took a lot of work over 3 years to hear their ideas and to make them hear us. Long days talking about each reform and coming to agreement. Hearing their concerns about efficiencies and regulations. Making sure they heard us on transportation choices and protecting access to all transportation choices. These required patience and humor to get to what became a great negotiated agreement that cleared the way for us to vote on a tax increase to invest in the future of our state. Jobs, the economic growth of regions, and the protection of our environment all worked together to get this done. We have been recognized by many organizations for our bi-partisan approach and our success. This includes awards from Chambers of Commerce, Associations of Counties and Cities and Transit organizations. Regions are telling us of job growth and economic development. It took strong leadership and persistence, patience and humor to get this done. Nothing makes me prouder.

This model of how to deal with each other has served me well in getting decisions on finishing the 520 bridge and completing the AWV Tunnel. Working with others and making sure decisions that are made get completed is not easy. Big projects by their nature will always have issues arise. The point is to hear and make changes without destroying the goal of the project. The 405 HOT Lanes are a work in progress and it shows what it takes to get input and not lose the intent. In the long run the 405 will carry BRT (bus rapid transit) from Lynnwood to Burien. It will require more investment in the north of 405 to make this work but in the meantime we don't throw out the whole project but we make changes to help the project

transist into what it will be in the future. We did hear form the public and asked for changes in hours of tolling to ensure smoother use.

4. Please list or describe current and past activities in the community in which you have acquired skills that relate to the office you seek. Include your role in the activity and the year(s) in which you were involved. Involvement consists of many areas such as family, neighborhood, community, employment, or public life.

My early training as an RN has served me well. It is training in setting priorities, staying calm, and observation that makes working with others in difficult situations better.

When I was a homemaker we had a number of 18 yr old foster children that required patience and persistence. Getting these children ready to go out on their won and function was out role in their lives. I am happy to say that I am still in touch with a number of them and they are living good lives.

My involvement with youth led me to be interested in city issues and that led to my running for city council. My first few years on the Council required us to do a visioning process for the whole town under GMA requirements. Working with neighbors and citizens on an agreement for how the city would accept growth was hard and informative. I look back on those decisions and how they were done as my first step in learning how to listen and advance decisions.

5. Please describe the duties of the office you seek. Which are the most important duties and why?

When I think about my duties as a Representative I know that I must know my district first and make decisions that they would want. Of course that is not always possible since not many decisions are agreed to from all in the district. So then it is making the decision and explaining why that is important.

Leaders sometimes have to do things that are better for the state as a whole and want to do no harm to their district. Being in charge of statewide issues is important but must be tempered by what impacts your own district.

Our office often gets asked to help individuals with problems either from the state or others. We provide this service and it is gratifying to be able to help individuals and make their lives better.

People put their trust in you when they elect you. I feel it is important to keep that trust. Treating people with honesty, respect, and openness is my goal as their legislator.