

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
ROGER		GOODMAN

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

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 45TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT, POSITION #1

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes No

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

19 YEARS

5. How long have you resided in King County?

19 YEARS

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

7. If partisan, please indicate party: **DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

CAMPAIGN CONTACTS

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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 45TH DISTRICT, POSITION #1	ELECTIVE	2007 - PRESENT	CHAIR, HOUSE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE; CHAIR, STATUTE LAW COMMITTEE
KING COUNTY ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD	APPOINTIVE	2002 - 2016	CHAIR, LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

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

Office Title	Year of Run
N/A	

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 am highly motivated to continue my work in the Washington State Legislature to improve public safety, to strengthen public education and to protect legal rights, and also to support legislative efforts to protect the environment, to expand health care and to promote economic security.

In my five terms in the State House I have led the legislature to pass dozens of important measures, including: nationally-acclaimed DUI laws that have significantly reduced deaths and injuries on our roadways; comprehensive reforms of our domestic violence laws that have reduced the harm to children and families; ensuring high-quality preschool programs as an entitlement for all Washington families; a wide range of governmental efficiency measures; and many refinements of state law to assist cities and counties. As Chair of the House Public Safety Committee, and as Vice-Chair of the House Judiciary Committee, I have convened many legislative workgroups to address domestic violence, impaired driving, creditor-debtor issues, and access to the courts, among other issues. During the current 2016 interim period I am convening stakeholders to discuss jail conditions, police use of deadly force, and land use regulations related to real estate development, with the intention of pursuing legislative action in the 2017 session.

I bring to the legislature a broad range of professional and government experience, a lifelong commitment to public service and a record of bringing people together to solve problems. I previously served as a state agency director in Olympia and as senior Congressional staff in Washington, D.C., and I am an attorney trained in environmental law and licensed to practice in state and federal courts. I have thrived in the Washington State Legislature, asserting leadership within my party caucus and remaining accessible and responsive, loyally serving my constituents at home.

Serving on the Board of Directors for Hopelink and volunteering at the Eastside Legal Clinic, I remain committed to helping the less fortunate in my own community. I have also served as president of a Kirkland neighborhood association and for many years I have served on the advisory board for substance abuse treatment in King County. As I support and help raise my two young children here on the Eastside, I will keep working to preserve the high quality of life in our community.

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

First and foremost, I listen. I respect all points of view and I reject partisanship and politics-as-usual. I work to solve problems in a collaborative fashion, bridging differences in a respectful and inclusive manner, identifying common interests so parties can strengthen relationships and build trust.

Civility is essential to productive discourse. Being nice to people just feels good, and is a path to building understanding and community. By contrast, being mean to people is a waste of energy and fosters division and gridlock. We must spare the people's time and money from needless partisan sniping and power plays.

I employ common-sense to serve the citizens of my district, listening carefully and focusing on the basic, quality-of-life issues that matter to them. I serve as a resource for constituents, whether it is a legislative matter or a local or personal issue that needs attention.

I take public service very seriously and I appreciate it as an honor and a privilege.

As a complement to my professional experience, I don't lose my temper, I insist on having fun and I have a very healthy sense of humor!

I understand that my family comes first, and this allows me to balance the needs of my professional work, legislative demands and the responsibilities of personal and domestic life.

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.

Through my tenure in the legislature I have convened many task forces and working groups to address chronic and difficult social problems such as domestic violence and drunk driving, and also to bring about reforms in the justice system. In each case I have brought together the broadest possible group of stakeholders – judges and lawyers, crime victims and their advocates, law enforcement, local businesses, consumer groups, counties and cities – along with my colleagues in the House and Senate from both sides of the aisle, in a deliberate and respectful process of crafting legislation. This collaborative, problem-solving approach has allowed adverse parties to find common ground, leading to the enactment of dozens of important measures, including measurably reducing deaths and injuries on our roadways and deaths and injuries from domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking; giving citizens better access to the justice system; reforming the garnishment laws to help both struggling wage earners and small businesses; and expanding foster children's rights to legal representation. While the legislature is in session, if a legislative proposal encounters difficulty I employ the same collaborative approach to build common understanding among stakeholders to reduce or eliminate concerns or opposition.

Outside the legislature I worked for the King County Bar Association (KCBA) from 2000 until 2009, bringing together a multi-disciplinary coalition of professional and civic organizations, including the Municipal League of King County, to educate and influence policy makers and opinion leaders to reform our drug policies. This effort attracted scores of professionals to advocate for change, and the initiative spurred reforms at the state and county levels, with funds being shifted away from wasteful incarceration toward therapeutic treatment. The KCBA's work in this area attracted national attention and helped to make Washington and King County a national model for responsible drug policy reform.

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 primary responsibility is as a father, and family life with my children is a great joy. My hands are full with a lively 13-year-old daughter and a strong and curious nine-year-old son, and I am involved in the PTSA at their local public schools.

In Kirkland I have served on the boards of the neighborhood associations, including in my current neighborhood of Norkirk in Kirkland, and previously as President of the Lakeview Neighborhood Association.

I am currently an active member of the Board of Directors of Hopelink, the premier community action agency in our region. Since moving to the Eastside I have also regularly volunteered at the Eastside Legal Clinic in Bellevue, providing free legal advice and referrals to disadvantaged clients who cannot afford standard legal services or who are intimidated by the legal system.

Through my work for the King County Bar Association and during my tenure on the King County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative Board, I have tirelessly fought for policies and practices to improve conditions for the less advantaged, particularly for those caught in the grip of mental illness and drug abuse.

I have also served on the board of the Marie Institute, promoting innovative therapies for people suffering from borderline personality disorder; and the Post-Prison Education Project, providing higher education opportunities for qualified prisoners upon their release. I was also a charter board member of the Rainier Institute, a non-partisan think tank dedicated to stimulating debate over policy problems in our community, including affordable health care, maintaining educational quality and improving the administration of justice.

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

A state legislator must first listen carefully to the constituents in the district; and must serve them in a prompt and even-handed fashion. This often takes the form of casework dealing with personal or neighborhood problems, or helping constituents navigate through government bureaucracy. Regular correspondence with constituents and attendance at the wide variety of community meetings is also an important part of staying in touch and “feeling the pulse” of the district.

A legislator also serves constituents through direct policymaking work in the legislative sessions, amending state statutes or appropriating state funds to help create conditions that will enhance our quality of life. A legislator must pay closest attention to the issues about which the constituents care the most, including investments in public education; preserving and enhancing the safety and security of public spaces, schools, neighborhoods and homes; access to good quality, affordable health care; and relieving the stress and inconvenience arising from traffic congestion and population growth.

A legislator can also play an important role as an agent of change, not only for the district but for the entire state, by ignoring convention and remaining unafraid of controversy, and by articulating a vision of the future that reflects the values of how we want to live our lives.

SECTION III