

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
Barry		Knowles

2. Office sought (include office, jurisdiction, position/district number): State Representative 47th D pos 2

3. Are you the incumbent? no No

4. How long have you resided in this district/city? 16 years

5. How long have you resided in King County? 18 years

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

7. If partisan, please indicate 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)
NONE			

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

Office Title	Year of Run
STATE REPRESENTATIVE 47 TH DISTRICT POSITION 2	2014

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.)

NOT ONCE IN MY LIFE DID I EVER PLAN ON RUNNING FOR PUBLIC OFFICE UNTIL 2013. I AM VERY PATRIOTIC AND THAT LED ME TO SERVE 7 YEARS IN THE ARMED FORCES. I FELT OBLIGATED TO SERVE. SO MANY HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES FOR MY FREEDOM. I FELT A PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO SERVE AND PAY FORWARD FOR MY CHILDREN TO HAVE A FREE LIFE.

I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN ACTIVE IN POLITICS IN SOME WAY. I HAVE ATTENDED RALLYS. STOOD UP FOR WHAT I THOUGHT WAS RIGHT. I HAVE PARTICIPATED IN SIGNATURE GATHERING FOR INITIATIVES I BELIEVED IN.

ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION I GATHERED SIGNATURES FOR INITIATIVES THAT LIMITED LEGISLATORS ABILITY TO CREATE NEW TAXES. INITIATIVE 960 WAS ONE OF THOSE INITIATIVES.

THE ELECTORATE PASSED THAT INITIATIVE WITH NEARLY 70 PERCENT APPROVAL ACROSS THE STATE.

THE DEMOCRATIC CONTROLLED HOUSE AND SENATE SUSPENDED THE INITIATIVE AND PROCEEDED TO RAISE TAXES 6.7 BILLION DOLLARS OVER A TEN YEAR PERIOD. THE HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER AT THE TIME WAS PAT SULLIVAN, MY STATE REPRESENTATIVE.

THIS IS NOT THE ONLY TIME PAT SULLIVAN SLAPPED THE VOTERS IN THE FACE. HE ALSO ORIGINATED A BILL THAT EFFECTIVELY KILLED THE "SMALLER CLASS SIZE NOW" INITIATIVE. HIS BILL SUSPENDED FUNDING THE INITIATIVE FOR FOUR YEARS.

I SUDDENLY FELT A NEW CALL TO DUTY. I FELT OBLIGATED TO STEP FORWARD AND BRING A CONSERVATIVE VOTE FOR MY DISTRICT TO THE LEGISLATIVE FLOOR. THE CITIZENS WERE NOT GETTING WHAT THEY DEMANDED FROM THEIR LEADER.

OUR ELECTED OFFICIAL WAS NOT LEGISLATING ON OUR BEHALF, INSTEAD HE LEGISLATES FOR ANOTHER CAUSE. WEATHER IT IS PARTY OR LOBBY OR SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP MAKES NO DIFFERENCE TO ME. HE IS OUT OF TOUCH WITH THE ELECTORATE.

I FEEL STRONGLY THAT MORE LOCAL BUSINESS PEOPLE SHOULD STEP FORWARD AND REPLACE THE CAREER POLITICIANS SUCH AS SULLIVAN.

I POSESS A VERY STRONG SENSE OF MORALITY AND ETHICS THAT SULLIVAN DOES NOT DEMONSTRATE.

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

I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A VERY STEADY PERSON WHEN IT COMES TO MORALE CHARACTER. I HAVE A VERY CLEAR SENSE OF RIGHT AND WRONG. I HAVE NEVER BEEN SHY AND ALWAYS STOOD UP FOR WHAT I BELIEVE IN NO MATTER WHAT THE ODDS AGAINST ME MIGHT BE.

I WILL MAKE A CLEAR DECISION WITHOUT ANY HESITATION, EVEN TO THE DETRIMENT OF MYSELF, IF IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

I SEE ELECTED OFFICIALS MAKING DECISIONS ALL THE TIME THEY CLEARLY KNOW ARE NOT THE RIGHT THING TO BUT THEY DO IT ANYWAY FOR VOTES OR FAVORATISM OR FOR THEIR RESUME.

MOST RECENTLY IN THE SENATE THERE WAS A BILL PROPOSED THAT WOULD HAVE REVERSED THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION RULING OF TRANS GENDER BATHROOM ISSUES. THREE REPUBLICANS JOINED FORCES WITH DEMOCRATS TO KILL THE BILL. THEY ALL KNOW THIS WILL MIX LOCKER ROOMS IN SCHOOLS. THEY ALL KNOW THIS WILL LEAD TO PROBLEMS AND MOST LIKELY LAW SUITS. YET THEY VOTED IN FAVOR OF KILLING THE BILL FOR REASONS ONLY THEY TRULY KNOW.

CURRENTLY I DO NOT SUFFER ANY PREJUDICE OR PERSONAL INSPIRATION OF HIGHER OFFICE THAT WOULD CLOUD MY JUDGEMENT IN MAKING SUCH A DECISION ON A VOTE LIKE THE ONE STATED ABOVE.

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.

OUT OF A STRONG SENSE OF DUTY I JOINED THE ARMED FORCES. I DIDN'T KNOW HOW LONG I WOULD SERVE, ONLY THAT I WOULD SERVE UNTIL I FELT I HAD SERVED ENOUGH. I SERVED 7 YEARS AND IN THAT TIME, THROUGH DEDICATION AND HARD WORK I ADVANCED TO THE RANK OF E-5 (SECOND CLASS PETTY OFFICER) IN ONLY 5 YEARS. I WAS INCHARGE OF ENGINE ROOMS, I ACTED AS A DRUG INTERDICTION BOARDING TEAM MEMBER. AS A REWARD FOR MY EFFORTS I WAS GIVEN DUTY AS A LIGHT HOUSE KEEPER. I AM AN AMERICAN LEGION MEMBER TODAY.

AFTER LEAVING THE SERVICE I STARTED MY OWN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY. I WENT TO OTHER SPECIALTY CONTRACTORS JOB SIGHTS AND OFFERED TO WORK FOR FREE IF THAY TAUGHT ME THEIR TRADE. WITHIN 4 YEARS I WAS RUNNING HEAVY EQUIPMENT, CLEARING LAND, FORMING AND POURING FOUNDATIONS AND FRAMING HOUSES. I RAN A SUCCESSFUUL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR 17 YEARS UNTIL THE ECONOMIC COLLAPSE OF 2007 CLOSED ME DOWN.

I HAVE A VARY CREATIVE MIND. I HAVE DEVELOPED THREE PRODUCTS. I HAVE HELD PROVISSIONAL PATENTS ON TWO OF THEM. I MARKET AND SELL TWO OF THESE PRODUCTS TODAY.

CHANGE IS NOT UNCOMFORTABLE FOR ME. I ACCEL WHEN I AM CHALLENGED

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.

FROM 1990 TO 2007 I WAS A GENERAL CONTRACTOR. I WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR JOBS VALUED AS HIGH AS 3 MILLION DOLLARS. I ORGANIZED AND SUPERVISED, HIRED AND FIRED SUB CONTRACTORS. I WAS KNOWN TO BE FAIR BUT HARD. I HIRED AND FIRED EVEN IN THE MIDDLE OF PROJECTS. I WAS KNOWN FOR TAKING JOBS THAT WERE DIFFACULT THAT OTHERS CONTRACTORS COUDLNT OR WOULDN'T DO.

I COACHED YOUTH BASEBALL AND GIRLS SOFTBALL FROM APROXIMATELY 2001 TO 2006.

I WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER IN A FRATERNITY AND HELD NUMEROUS OFFICES IN THE ORGANIZATION. WE RAISED MONEY FOR NUMEROUS CHARITIES, MAINLY SHRINERS HOSPITALS.

I AM A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION.

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

TO OBSERVE THAT THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON ARE FOLLOWED.

TO STUDY BUDGETS, SOCIAL ISSUES AND BE PREPARED TO DEBATE, PROPOSE LAW, OR OPPOSE LAWS IN ALL MANNERS CONCERNING THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY.

TO BE OPEN AND HONEST AND REFLECT THE WISHES OF THE CITIZENS IN THE 47TH DISTRICT IN A CONSERVATIVE MANNER.