

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
Linda	L	Kochmar

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

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes No

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

44 years

5. How long have you resided in King County?

44 years

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

7. If partisan, please indicate party: **Republican**

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, 30 th District, Pos. 1	Elective	2012-2016	Previously Minority Ranking, Local Government Committee
City Council Member, City of Federal Way	Elective	1997-2011	Deputy Mayor (4 years) Mayor
Federal Way Community Council	Elective	1980	

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

Office Title	Year of Run
Mayor, City of Federal Way	2011

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 have been active in the Federal Way community for 30 years. I was elected to the Federal Way Community Council in 1980 and this organization was instrumental in stopping run-away apartment growth, designating property to be zoned for parks, and was successful in bringing a badly needed hospital to the community. I also was an officer working on the successful incorporation committee for the city in 1989, and then ran for the City Council in 1997.

As a member of the Federal Way City Council, I helped to build a \$20M City Hall, and a \$22M Community Center. I was chair of all city committees, and was selected by my colleagues both as Deputy Mayor and as Mayor. In addition, I was chair of the Suburban Cities Policy Issues Committee and was an executive member of the Puget Sound Regional Council.

In 2012, and again in 2014, I was elected as a State Representative for the 30th District. During that time I've worked tirelessly on behalf of my citizens to help provide jobs, and bring badly needed money back to the cities in my community (over \$7M). I was one of 9 Republicans in the House to vote with the Democrats to pass the Transportation Revenue Package which will provide over \$5B in jobs and transportation congestion relief for the south sound region. This was a very difficult vote to take. I currently serve on the following committees in the House: Transportation, Capital Budget, Business, Finance, and Insurance. In addition, I serve on several statewide committees: Aging Committee and Homeless Committee.

I've worked on behalf of my citizen's concerns regarding a Methanol Plant being planned on the outskirts of our District (currently on hold), a Methadone Clinic (now moved to a better location), elder abuse, and homelessness (particularly teen homelessness).

The two things I am concentrating on are homelessness and elder abuse. We have over 300 churches working on a Day Shelter for the Homeless and I have been helping them. We also need to provide full funding for Schools and to work out the levy swap.

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

I work well with others, I am trustworthy, and work tirelessly for the members of my community. I am a good listener and will take the lead in a group when I feel it is necessary. It is important to work as a team and to be able to cross the aisle to the other side when compromise is needed. I am a moderate who believes that my personal goals are not important and prefer to work for the common good.

My experience and knowledge of the community is extensive and I hope to continue to work on behalf of my citizens.

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.

As a Council Member, I've helped build a beautiful City Hall and a Community Center for the citizens of Federal Way. I've helped widen the streets, provide street trees, lights, and "street furniture". I've improved the zoning, created parks, and worked on planning for the city. I travelled to Washington DC seven times to lobby for \$12M for city roads.

As a State Representative, I've taken votes to help improve schools and transportation, worked on issues for the developmentally disabled (I successfully added \$1M to the current budget to provide community respite beds), and tried to pass bills to help prevent elder abuse. I personally advocated for \$500,000 for Auburn Youth Resources to provide beds for homeless youth and I personally engaged with Seattle Children's Hospital and St. Francis Hospital to provide a Children's Clinic in Federal Way.

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.

2012-2016: State Representative, 30th District, Pos. 1

2010-2011: Federal Way Mayor

2001-2001 & 2004-2005: Federal Deputy Mayor

1997-2011: Federal Way City Council Member

1979-2011: Risk Manager for Lakehaven Utility District

1989: Federal Way Incorporation Committee

1984: Elected to Church Administrative Council

1979: Elected to Federal Way Community Council

1972 and 1982: Elected Parents' Club Secretary for Children's School

Current and Past Associations: AAUW, Soroptomists, Kiwanis, Communities in Schools

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

The duties of a State Representative include reviewing legislation and approving the state budget. The primary duty of the state is to provide for and fully fund the education system. This is mandated in the state constitution. In addition, I believe it is also extremely important to protect our citizens.