

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
Andrew		Pilloud

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

State Representative, 34TH LEGDISTRICT, SEAT 2

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes No

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

I've lived in Seattle since 2011 and have been living part time in the 34th district since 2013. During that time, I also maintained a residence in the nearby 36th district. I moved exclusively into the 34th earlier this year.

5. How long have you resided in King County?

I've lived in King County since 2011 continuously. I've spent the majority of my life in or just outside the district.

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

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)
PCO	Elective	2014 to Present	

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

Office Title	Year of Run
PCO	2008, 2012
Port Of Seattle, Port Commissioner	2013

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.)

People are being shot in the streets of Burien. West Seattle might as well be an island due to the crippling traffic. Our public education system is unconstitutionally underfunded. Yet all our representatives seem to be able to do is debate who should be allowed in the women's bathroom. We need new priorities in Olympia.

The state constitution lays out the top priorities for our state legislature: courts, elections, education, prisons, facilities for the mentally ill and disabled, and protection of employees. Yet these seem to be the lowest priorities when it comes time for the budget. We need to get back to the top priorities first. Our schools should be fully funded first, we don't need a new income tax to do it. We should have adequate facilities for the mentally ill with none forced to live on the streets. Our courts must be fast and efficient with online access for all.

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

I believe my most important personal trait to be my ability to analytically solve problems. What the state legislature needs is representatives who can look at a problem and identify the best solution based on the information available. I excel at identifying the root cause of a problem, identifying potential solutions, and then proposing the best plan. Far too often we go about treating symptoms.

My second most important personal trait is an ability to build consensus. Once I've identified the problem and the solution, I am able to explain with a coherent, fact based argument why it is the best solution to the problem. But for many, facts aren't enough. Different life experiences can lead to different opinions given the same problem statement and set of facts. Cutting through to those core experiences helps everyone to get on the same page and find the best compromise.

These two skills enable me to be a great software engineer. I believe the same skillset applies to the legislature. We need our governing bodies to be full of people who can identify the best solution, argue for that solution, and then follow it through to completion.

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.

A recent major accomplishment was winning a lawsuit, filed Pro Se, challenging the King County Republican Party's belief that several election statutes were previously found unconstitutional. I was unable to find a lawyer who would take the case, none wanting to go to battle with a major political party. I spent countless hours researching the legal issues and successfully argued the case in the court of appeals. Several of my briefs are available on the court website. Over the course of this lawsuit I've gained a significantly better understanding of our system of laws and what it takes to find an act of the legislature unconstitutional.

One of my most successful projects was a campaign management database I built for a presidential campaign on a very short timeline. As is typical with smaller political campaigns, there was a data crisis. The campaign had spreadsheets with tens of thousands of supporters, and most of the staffer time was spent carving out small subsets of the campaign lists for volunteers, and then returning the updates back to the master file. I used my technical skills to solve the problem and bring their supporter lists into the modern technology age. My system allowed campaign staffers to grant access to subsets of the data directly to volunteers, and spend their time working on voter outreach rather than data management. I also built lookup tool would take any residential address in Washington, and return both the caucus location and the precinct. This lookup tool allowed the average Republican voter, even those confused by our complex caucus process, to quickly and easily identify their caucus location. I believe this had a major influence on the record caucus turnout in 2012. There are countless ways our government can leverage technology to be more open and accessible to the citizens.

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.

Since 2007, I have been involved in politics as a grassroots activist. I've worked with many small groups to enact change in local political issues. I was heavily involved as a campaign volunteer in both the 2008 and 2012 presidential elections. I helped conduct training on the caucus process and encouraged other citizens to become involved.

After discovering significant abuse going on in the caucus process, I helped start a group called PCO Revolution, which worked to elect party leadership and establish rules for fair elections in both major political parties. This culminated in my filing of a still ongoing lawsuit against the King County Republican Central Committee regarding their violation of state election laws. I am not afraid to call out my fellow Republicans when they are the problem.

I ran for Port Commissioner in 2013 and served as Treasurer for Sarina Forbes's State Senate campaign in 2014. In both campaigns I spent significant time traveling around the community getting to know the issues that matter to voters.

I also volunteer at Washington FIRST Robotics, a robotics competition for middle school and high school students. There I serve as a Referee and Robot Inspector. In those roles I have the opportunity to interact with students from around the state. I also volunteer in the computer science department at Washington State University. In the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 school years, I served as a senior project mentor and presently as an industry evaluator also for senior projects.

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

The primary duties of the house are described in the Washington State Constitution.

1. **Propose bills, laws, and to enact or reject the same. This duty is described in Article II of the constitution and is the primary responsibility of the house. As a state representative, I will be responsible for introducing and sponsoring bills, convincing the house leadership that they should be priorities, and building consensus around passing the bills. This is the primary responsibility of a state representative and is what makes our representative democracy work.**
2. **Impeachment of state and judicial offices. This duty is described in Article V of the constitution and is effectively an inditement. The Senate is then responsible for holding a trial. It is the duty of the house of representatives to impeach other elected officials when they have committed a crime or otherwise pose a threat to the State of Washington. An example of such a situation is State Auditor Troy Kelley.**