

2017 Candidate Questionnaire

SECTION I

BASIC CANDIDATE INFORMATION

1. Name as it will appear on the ballot

First Name	Middle Initial or Nickname	Last Name
Jinyoung	Lee	Englund

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

State Senator, Legislative District, 45

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes X No

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

My husband and I are lifelong residents of Washington and based in the 45th since early this year. We're an active duty military family so I have been commuting back and forth, from our parents' homes until we were able to find our own home in Woodinville, to Asia where my husband is currently forward deployed and where I have been working with the Marine Corps.

5. How long have you resided in King County?

I have lived and worked in King County on and off since my time at the University of Washington, beginning in 2002. I was gone briefly for my nonprofit work in Africa and again when I worked in in D.C. but have been working throughout King County otherwise and most recently commuting from the Eastside to Asia.

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

7. If partisan, please indicate party: Republican

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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. N/A

Public Office	Elective or Appointive?	Dates Held	Leadership Role (if any)
N/A			

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

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 running for the 45th District State Senate because I feel a sense of duty to step up and continue the late Senator Andy Hill's legacy of compassionate and fiscally responsible policies. Eastsiders are independent thinkers and we have a reputation for electing results-driven leaders like Dan McDonald, Dino Rossi, and Andy Hill. While I am not Andy; like him, I am an independent and pragmatic leader and problem solver.

Growing up in an immigrant family, my brother and I witnessed my parents working diligently to provide us with every opportunity to achieve the American Dream. It is remarkable that two Asian women are running in this election that will determine the majority in the Washington State Senate. I believe a balanced Legislature will do more to ensure that the American Dream is attainable by future generations. This campaign is about which policies will preserve the quality of life for those who call the 45th District home.

Throughout my life, I have been a bridge for Asian Americans and Mainstream Americans, and for military families. As Senator, I believe I can serve as a bridge between the tech community and state government. The pace of change in the tech world is so much faster and more efficient than in government. At the Bitcoin Foundation, I worked hard to help government understand and not unduly restrict new technology. During his tenure as State Senator from the 45th, Bill Finkbeiner was the first member of the Legislature to have public email. It's a 45th District tradition to lead in tech -- a tradition I want to continue.

Going door-to-door, I am hearing from neighbors that the the key issues in our district are schools, traffic and taxes. Retirees are wrestling with property taxes that are now higher than their mortgages ever were; I met a single mom who teared up because she has a child with special needs and her car tabs cost \$400 this year; I met a father who is frustrated because he spends more time in traffic than

with his children; and I've met parents who want to ensure we continue to have outstanding schools in the Lake Washington and Northshore School Districts.

As a UW alum, a graduate of our Washington state public schools, and someone whose parents spoke English as a second language -- nothing is more important to me than protecting and improving our education system so that every child, regardless of their zip code, has access to a quality education.

In our state, our greatest achievements have come from the competition of ideas between the Senate Majority Coalition and the Seattle-centric House Democrats. Even now, in a special session, that competition and collaboration is running its due course. If we lose this balance, we are likely to see policies that primarily mirror Seattle and no longer reflects the needs of the Eastside, suburban and rural areas.

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

As the daughter of first generation immigrants, I have learned to be a “professional translator,” meaning someone who is able to distill challenging concepts into an understandable idea. To do so takes patience, cultural understanding, and empathy.

As the director of communications and spokeswoman for the most disruptive, advanced, and innovative technology since the Internet, Bitcoin and Blockchain, I was able to help the general public as well as government agencies and law enforcement officials who did not have a computer science background understand the ramifications and opportunities of this new technology. In the State Senate, I'll help the public understand how legislation impacts their families, pocketbook, and quality of life. At the same time, I'll help my colleagues in the Legislature understand rapidly changing technologies -- which is something of a 45th District tradition from Bill Finkbeiner to Andy Hill.

As a military child who was always the “new kid” and “outsider,” I learned to form bonds quickly and to serve as a bridge across different communities. What was once a source of great personal pain, saying goodbye to friends and having to make new ones every couple of years, has become one of my greatest strengths as an adult and professional. As my professional background proves, I have been able to build relationships across multiple communities: compassionate humanitarian aid workers, successful venture capitalists, elected officials, tech CEOs and programmers, military generals, moms, young professionals, Asian Americans, people of faith, and people with special needs. Our district is incredibly diverse and a successful state senator will be one who can engage people of all backgrounds and unite them to achieve shared goals.

Another characteristic is the ability to work “start-up” or Congressional hours -- to work tirelessly when needed. Half the secret of success is putting in the time, doing your homework and being prepared so that you can be the catalyst that brings differing points of view together. Andy Hill exemplified this, as do Senators Joe Fain and Reuven Carlyle.

Finally, I have learned (and am still learning) the art of resilience. Sheryl Sandberg just released her book, “Option B” which shares her journey of cultivating resilience since the tragic and premature death of her husband. I can resonate with this because while I have not lost my husband, we are asked to be separated more often than we'd like. Working in DC and Africa, we were constantly pushed past the breaking point, and yet we kept moving forward. Government is anything but fast, and it will require someone with resilience to successfully navigate objectives from start to finish.

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.

My passion is in helping people and solving problems. Through my roles as advisor on innovation and technology and product manager for the U.S. Marine Corps, I designed and delivered two apps for force preservation and communications for active duty Marines and families in Okinawa, Japan. I reported directly to a full bird Colonel and together we pitched the idea to a Brigadier General, three Major Generals, one Lieutenant General, and won their support to lead the first in-house app development team. One of our apps won the first USMC app development contest and hit the Apple store this month. I couldn't be more proud to have an app in the Apple store that serves our active duty military personnel and their families.

Through my operations work in Congress, I designed processes to ensure top-tier constituent services. I also instituted and managed a robust internship program, recruiting and managing a team of 3-4 interns per quarter for our D.C. office. We also made sure to cast as wide of a net as possible in order to attract applicants who were not from traditional backgrounds and were new to public service. Elected officials are public servants and as such their priorities must be centered around listening and serving constituents. While this is a state legislative seat, my experience in providing constituent services at the federal level will contribute to my ability to successfully represent and serve constituents.

Lastly, although I grew up in a low-income family and felt the pressure of attaining a well-paying job after graduating from the University of Washington, I chose instead to serve with an NGO in Africa. I am so thankful I did. It gave me the opportunity to live and see the world from the perspective of someone who has lost everything in civil war -- including family and limbs, and faces daily challenges to find what we consider simple, run-of-the-mill elements of life such as clean water, shelter and safety. For me, it reset the way in which I view the world and approach problems. For the nonprofit, I successfully designed and secured funding through individual donors for a water well drilling initiative that continues to this day. Working in the nonprofit sector, I learned that funding is never guaranteed and our ability to prove our effectiveness and share our story determines how successful we are in securing ongoing funding. We became effective storytellers, creative problem solvers, and community builders -- the same skills that I will use in the State Senate.

My diverse professional background with nonprofits, government agencies and the private sector has equipped me to be the most effective advocate for our district. The people in our district do not want tax and fee increases -- that's not a bug, it's a feature -- and they will be best served with a professional whose track record shows she can understand the problem, design innovative solutions, engage the right stakeholders, leverage technology and deliver good, measureable results. That's the 45th District.

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 community service is focused on military families, children with special needs, ending human trafficking and providing Korean cultural and language opportunities.

As a Congressional aide, I helped thousands of people in Washington state connect with their elected representative, give their opinions, and find help with major life challenges.

Due to my work leading the in-house app team for the Marine Corps for the last two years, I regularly commuted from Woodinville to Okinawa, Japan where the commanding officers I reported to are stationed. I officially wrapped up my work with them in March and have set aside my consulting work to run for this seat.

As a result, my most recent community service has centered around the economically displaced military spouse community in Okinawa, Japan. Military spouses that end up in overseas duty stations end up losing their jobs and careers resulting in a resume gap and an undue financial burden on their families. Moreover, as guests of a foreign government in a foreign country, jobs accessible by military spouses are severely limited in quantity and scope. Additionally, even in the 21st century, military spouses are more often than not limited to morale boosting activities such as preparing meals or hosting parties for service members. And yet, we are a highly educated and capable workforce.

Through my work leading the in-house app development team, we were able to negotiate and create opportunities for economically displaced military spouses to contribute intellectually to the development of our two apps. As a result, these spouses now have an award-winning app to show for their time in Okinawa when they return to the continental U.S. and look for jobs. One young, new spouse in particular was able to pivot her career path into technology as a result of working on our team.

I also founded the In Gear Career Okinawa chapter and recruited a leadership team of 12 incredibly talented and intelligent women to continue the work of connecting military spouses to each other as well as professional development and career opportunities while I am engaged full-time here. In Gear Career is the spouse equivalent to the Hiring our Heroes program and both are programs of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. We are nearly 350 members strong and have built it to be the most successful chapter out of twenty in the world.

Additionally, my husband and I are financial supporters of the Special Olympics of Washington, International Justice Mission, Bellevue/Seattle Korean School, and Federal Way Korean School.

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

A State Senator is an ombudsperson to state agencies, a lawmaker, a mediator, an advocate, “translator” and a reporter -- to keep a two-way channel of communication running between the stakeholders in the district and the government in Olympia.

I feel strongly that legislators must not become so entrenched in the world of the Legislature that they lose sight of their primary role as advocates for their district. The 45th District wants better freeways, outstanding schools, faster action from state government, and they oppose all the new taxes being proposed: carbon, capital gains and income taxes. They don't want to become Seattle or follow Seattle-centered policies. We don't need to be educated to understand why the opinions they hold are faulty; our district needs an advocate for their views, who will work with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to find solutions. This is in the best tradition of Eastside legislators, including Dino Rossi, Bill Finkbeiner, Rodney Tom, and Andy Hill.

Working in Congress, I learned that oftentimes when someone turns to an elected official, they are already at the end of their rope -- they have been denied, mistreated or misunderstood. They have no lobbyists -- only you to help them find a solution. I worked long hours to try to help these people and helped people get their health care and retirement straightened out. That is one thing that drove me to try to help military families with an app, to put some 21st Century technology to work.

Finally, I feel a deep moral commitment to help those who are most vulnerable. It took me to Africa and to DC and influences my choices and actions every day. It's not written in the job description but Senators like Andy Hill and Mark Miloscia have set examples for what compassion looks like in the Legislature.