

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
Lewis	A	Jones

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

**Mayor of Seattle**

3. Are you the incumbent?                     Yes  No

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

**30 years**

5. How long have you resided in King County?

**30 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)

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

Office Title	Year of Run

## 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.)

**To confront issues that face us all, from misuse of the cell phones next to the head (except briefly for emergencies) and the need to empower the Health Department to address the perils of adding 50 Giga Hertz WiFi Transmitters in Seattle, to the need to fight crime with more police, the need to reduce international tensions by opening commerce from America through Seattle and Vladivostok to Russia, and, as long as North Korea is hostile, consideration of an ABM battery for Puget Sound. With the approval of the Federal Government, I would propose a sister-city relationship between Seattle and Vladivostok, whereby trade between all of America would be opened, through Seattle, to all of Russia. A similar sister-city arrangement, as long as the traded items were non-strategic items e.g. food, toys, and musical instruments, could be marketed through a seaport town in North Korea.**

**Also:**

**I would like to bring back the "Happy Days" laws, including reviewing the status of those immigrants who commit crimes, while affirming those who have been law-abiding and constructive while here in America. This is entirely in keeping with Federal Law, and there is also a need to review the status of those immigrants, even those who hold a green card, who practice relationship fraud in order to obtain citizenship through fraudulent marriages, or sponsorship equivalents via "love fraud". This phenomenon is prevalent in England ( see websites on immigration love fraud uk), and it is spreading to the USA. Many innocent and trusting people have been hurt, and I would come against this, while offering constructive immigrants, (and that is most immigrants) grace. By doing this, I would be obtaining for Seattle some number of millions of dollars from the Federal Government, as well.**

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

**Patriotism, formed Geneva Conventions of 1949 Association to curb war crime during Viet Nam era**

**I understand and can endure hardship**

**Public Speaker, was Senior Class President at Queen Anne High School, Most Valuable Player Football, more recently I made a speech to legislators in Olympia regarding the need for stronger laws to protect vulnerable adults from exploitation and abuse**

**Development in the social sciences, with Far East and Russian studies as Minors at the UW, along with my two B.A. degrees, in Sociology and Human Behavior, year 2000**

**Outdoorsman**

**Climber**

**Small business owner, former fisherman, logging watchman, security guard, salesman, painting contractor, preschool teacher, tree topper**

**Regular attendance at church**

**Family man for 41 years**

**I speak and write Russian sufficient to communicate**

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 li

In the course of simple duty as a citizen, I have communicated many times each year, with people in power as to suggestions I have had, and I have noticed that things I have suggested have been implemented shortly thereafter:

The low-level NATO flying concept to stop the Serb Army

Suggested relief to the starving behind the embargoes of Haiti, Iraq, and North Korea

Contributing the concept that hospitals could aid the wounded enemy to Richard Nixon, toward the aim of ending the Viet Nam War, and to Boris Yeltsen with the aim of ending the Chechen War

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.

Almost everything I have done has prepared me for this office. I have done a number of diverse jobs, and this has given me an understanding of the citizens and the issues they face. I am a parent. I have been faithful to my wife of 41 years, and to our family projects. I attend church every Sunday (added benefit: you live longer if you do).

I worked at a ski lodge, I am a skier. I traveled to Japan and Korea, as a seaman on the MSTS ship Marine Serpent (and we survived the typhoon of 1954 which made the Guinness Book of World Records). I have been a commercial fisherman in Alaska, and also a pre-school teacher, so I am flexible and yet tough.

I have run a successful business, Happiness Enterprises, in Seattle for thirty five years. My customers say I do "beautiful work for low prices".

That's what I'd be offering as Seattle's Mayor.

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

To maintain public optimism in the competence and quality of city services, to personally assume responsibility for security in the city, against all hazards.

To absolutely assure a positive future for the families and children of Seattle, and outlying areas.

To lobby, as required, state and federal elected officials in behalf of the above goals. The importance of the above, and why, are self-evident.