

BASIC CANDIDATE INFORMATION

1. Name as it will appear on the ballot

First Name	Middle Initial or Nickname	Last Name
Richard		Knierim

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

State Senator, 48th District

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes No

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

More than 20 years (1970-1974; 1990-present)

5. How long have you resided in King County?

More than 20 years (1970-1974; 1990-present)

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

7. If partisan, please indicate party: Independent Democrat

CAMPAIGN CONTACTS

Campaign Name: Friends of Dr. Richard Knierim
 Address: PO Box 1052
 City/State/Zip: Bellevue, WA 98009
 Campaign Phone: 206-966-7188
 Campaign E-mail: richard@richardknierim.com
 Campaign Website: https://www.richardknierim.com

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
None	

1. Why am I running for this office?

- In this time of highly partisan politics I see the need for an individual close to the center of the political spectrum to represent the needs of individuals in the 48th District.
- Preparing for a medical career and practicing medicine allow me to be in an excellent position to help determine best solutions for complicated issues such as health care, education, and transportation.
- Work in a variety of health care settings has given me the perspective needed to find solutions for difficult and changing issues.
- I will fight to protect the vulnerable, including preserving funding for the developmentally disabled and others who desperately need our support.

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

- Heartfelt care about individuals.
- Approach all problems as a scientist, with questioning mind, without preconceived answers.
- Like solving difficult problems, because of the positive impact solutions can have for individuals.

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.

- The College of American Pathologists (CAP), a 501(C)(6) organization, in my view is an excellent organization which needed a fiscally responsible course correction in 2015. I campaigned in a contested 2015 election for a seat on the Board of Governors (more than 10,000 members were eligible to vote). This organization has annual revenue approaching \$200 million, with many activities in clinical laboratory proficiency testing, laboratory accreditation, scientific affairs, education, and advocacy. A course correction is in effect, just as I campaigned for and have worked for. A new Chief Executive Officer will be in place during 2017.

[CAP Mission: The College of American Pathologists (CAP), the leading organization of board-certified pathologists, serves patients, pathologists, and the public by fostering and advocating excellence in the practice of pathology and laboratory medicine worldwide.]

4. Please list 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.

- The greatest effort has been as a pathologist / laboratory physician, working in a variety of hospital settings, with much time devoted to finding answers for patients on many complicated problems (1975 – 2013).
- Have been a member of the College of American Pathologists House of Delegates most years from 1980s to 2015. This organization promotes excellence in the practice of pathology and laboratory medicine worldwide, improving care for patients.
- President, Washington State Society of Pathologists, 2002 to 2004. Member Executive Committee 2000 to 2012. Focused on excellence in practice of pathology with educational activities and advocacy.
- Involvement with disability community. Son with intellectual disability 1978 to present. My wife was more actively involved, with many trips to Olympia for hearings, 3 year period during 1990s, for King County Parent Coalition. I have been directly involved in the care of my son at home.
- Raised daughter who attended high school in Bellevue, graduated from Whitman College, and was high school biology teacher at Juanita High School for 10 years (approximately 2000 – 2010).
- Ethics Committee, Swedish Medical Center – First Hill (2014 – present). Providing physician’s perspective about ethical issues which come before the committee.
- Deputy coroner, Spokane County, 1974 – 1975. Worked closely with Lois Shanks, M.D., coroner. Performed medical-legal autopsies at Sacred Heart Medical Center, 1978 – 1980. During this period learned much about medical-legal issues in this state.

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

- Reviewing thousands of bills submitted to the legislature each year. Passing legislation which directly affects the lives of Washington state citizens.