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2008 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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The Municipal League of King County requests every candidate who participates in the candidate evaluation process to **submit background information prior to his/her interview with a candidate evaluation committee**. The questionnaire is the basis of the League's research and interview process. The League's ratings are non-partisan; they are based on standards of Involvement, Effectiveness, Character, and Knowledge, all of which have been developed and refined over the past 90 years.

A printed version of the questionnaire is available for candidates who prefer to use the traditional format. To obtain a hard copy, please contact the League office. A copy of this questionnaire will be provided to Candidate Evaluation Committee members to help them prepare for your interview. Candidate responses, except the confidential section, will be available to the general public at the League website.

The Municipal League requests the following materials from candidates. Please check to make certain you have sent in your:

- Candidate Questionnaire**
Sent by: Email US Mail Fax Not Sending
- Resume (education, employment, and professional activities)**
Sent by: Email US Mail Fax Not Sending
 Check here if you DO NOT want your resume posted on the Municipal League website
- Campaign Materials**
Sent by: Email US Mail Fax Not Sending
- Constituent Newsletters and other publications**
Sent by: Email US Mail Fax Not Sending
- Photograph**
Sent by: Email US Mail Fax Not Sending

Note: Electronically submitted questionnaires are strongly preferred. All materials can be emailed to cec@munileague.org. They can be processed and made available on-line far more rapidly than handwritten or typed submissions.

For non-electronic submissions, please print clearly and legibly and return the application **as soon as possible in order to allow the committee the greatest amount of time to prepare a complete report on your skills and experience.**

**We request that you return the Candidate Questionnaire
by June 1, 2008**

If you have not yet been contacted to schedule an interview, or if you have questions about the candidate evaluation program, please contact the League office at 206-264-1070.

If you have a disability and require accommodation to participate in the candidate evaluation process, please contact the CEC Coordinator at the League office.

2008 Candidate Questionnaire

SECTION I

BASIC CANDIDATE INFORMATION

1. Name as it will appear on the ballot

First Name	Middle Initial or Nickname	Last Name
Barbara		Mack

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

King County Superior Court Judge, position 37

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes No

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

25 years

5. How long have you resided in King County?

25 years

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

7. If partisan, please indicate party:

CAMPAIGN CONTACTS

Campaign Name: People for Barbara Mack

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Campaign Phone: 206-450-2296

Campaign Fax: _____

Campaign E-mail: info@MackforSuperiorCourt.com

Campaign Website: www.MackforSuperiorCourt.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)
King County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney's Office	Appointive	1986-2008	Senior Deputy Prosecutor, currently lead prosecutor in King County Drug Diversion Court
Deputy Under Secretary, U.S. Department of Interior	Appointive	1977-1979	
I served on a number of advisory boards in the early 1970's, including a federal Energy Advisory Board.	Appointive	Can't recall exact dates	
Consultant to the Chair of the California Assembly Committee on Resources, Land Use and		1976-77	

Energy			
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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?

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 deeply believe in our system of justice. As a prosecutor for more than 20 years, I have seen the best and worst of the justice system. We need judges who are fair, ethical, energetic, experienced in the law, and who treat all who enter their courtrooms with dignity. I believe it takes more than knowledge of the law to be a good judge. Life experience gives a judge the ability to judge credibility, to effectively manage a courtroom, to recognize the potential for bias wherever and whenever it arises, and the courage to follow the law. I believe I have the life and legal experience, and the character required to be a good judge.

We also need judges who are willing to step up and advocate for improvements to the court system. Here are some of the changes I would work to implement: 1) Programs like King County Drug Diversion Court reduce the number and costs of crimes to taxpayers, and help offenders become contributing members of the community. I believe treatment courts should be expanded. 2) In 2006, King County received less funding from the state (4.2%) for courts, prosecution, and indigent defense, than any other state in the nation. An earlier court funding study proposed changes, which apparently have not been implemented. We should work to implement appropriate changes. 3) We pay jurors \$10/day for one of the most important citizen functions in a free society. The meager remuneration for jury duty works a hardship on small business owners and employees, those who are self-employed, parents who must pay for child care in order to serve on a jury, and others. We lose potential jurors because of it. 4) All judges should be involved in improving access to justice, and increasing diversity in the bar and on the bench.

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

I love the law, and believe that a judge needs the knowledge and character not only to understand the law but to follow it. I have broad life and legal experience, which gives me a good foundation for judging credibility, understanding human nature, and recognizing potential bias. I pride myself on my ethical standards, and have taught ethics to prosecutors and police. I am fair, and treat everyone with respect, no matter what they look like, where they come from, what their sexual preference is, or what their own experience has been. I also try to maintain my sense of humor and not take myself too seriously.

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.

1. **As Deputy Under Secretary of the U.S Department of Interior I had the opportunity to work on national issues with important consequences. For example, I initiated water rights negotiations on the Pyramid Lake/Truckee River water rights dispute in Nevada, which involved multiple lawsuits and people from the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, water districts and farmers, state water rights agencies, and businesses. I was proud to have made progress in the negotiations before I left government. This litigation and negotiation required skill at building relationships, knowledge of legal issues, technical issues, history (the first lawsuit had been filed approximately 50 years earlier), creativity, and consensus-building.**

2. **I wrote an amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of Washington's 39 counties in the case of *United States v. Ursery*. The issue was whether civil forfeiture of ill-gotten gains constitutes double jeopardy if the person has been criminally punished. I was able to research Fifth Amendment issues in depth, including going back to original sources from the first congress (for the brief and a law review article on the same subject at about the same time). In another case, a little more than a year later, the Supreme Court adopted the position suggested in Washington's amicus brief.**

3. **I prosecuted a civil forfeiture case involving a group of traveling pavers who took advantage of mostly elderly people in rural areas, getting them to pay exorbitant amounts of money for paving jobs that quickly deteriorated. The pavers drove some of their victims to the bank to withdraw money. This scam humiliated the victims, who still believed they could trust someone's word and a handshake. We recovered nearly \$120,000 in restitution for the victims. This allowed one man, a diabetic nearly 80 years old, to remain out of institutional care for the rest of his life.**

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.

I was Deputy Under Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior in the Carter Administration. I advised the Secretary and Under Secretary on management and policy, and worked on a broad spectrum of issues, including energy policy, offshore oil development, water rights conflicts, policies toward the U.S. Territories, and Indian resource management.

I co-founded the Environmental Policy Center, a national environmental organization, in 1972, and worked there until 1997. I organized grassroots coalitions on specific issues, working with fishermen, unions, businesses, miners, and citizens around the country. I worked closely with members of Congress and the Senate and their staffs on legislation, and testified at many congressional hearings. I directed EPC's work and research on coastal zone management, offshore oil and gas development, deep water ports, tanker safety, oil spill liability, energy facility siting, and consumer related petroleum issues.

I currently chair the Children's Trust Foundation (CTF), a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing child abuse before it occurs. CTF funds programs that provide at-risk families with the knowledge, skills, and encouragement they need to bond with, nurture, discipline, and raise healthy children. CTF works with neighborhood-based family support centers in diverse communities. I have been on the board since 2001.

I was on the board of Lawyers Helping Hungry Children from 1994-2000, and chaired the board from 1997-1999. I began an annual fund-raising breakfast, and organized and directed it for several years.

I have been on the executive committee of the Criminal Law Section of the Washington State Bar Association for several years. In that capacity I co-chaired the Criminal Justice Institute (a two-day CLE) for two years. I also reviewed proposed changes in criminal laws and court rules, for action by the committee.

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

The duties of a King County Superior Court judge include presiding over trials of all kinds: civil and criminal, family law, juvenile, and others, hearing motions and sentencing offenders. Trials can be either jury trials or bench trials. A judge may also preside over a treatment court or involuntary commitments, or hear appeals of district and municipal court cases. .

The most important duty a judge has is to apply the law, be fair and promote justice. This includes being impartial, ethical, and knowledgeable about the issues before the court. In carrying out their duties, judges must ensure that all parties know they've been heard, and that they understand the court's rulings. They must ensure that every person in the courtroom is treated with respect by all.

**EDUCATION BACKGROUND SUMMARY
FOR PUBLICATION IN CANDIDATE EVALUATION REPORT**

The Municipal League's Candidate Evaluation Report is distributed to voters in print and on our website. It includes a summary of the candidate's education. Please summarize your education in 120 characters (letters, punctuation, and space all combined). The League will delete material that exceeds the space limit by beginning with the last entry. Suggested order is (degree) (subject) (school) (year, if desired).

Note: *If this question is left blank the League will not include education information in your candidate profile.*

**J.D., University of Washington Law School, 1986
B.A., Boston University**

**CIVIC INVOLVEMENT SUMMARY
FOR PUBLICATION IN CANDIDATE EVALUATION REPORT**

The Municipal League's Candidate Evaluation Report includes a summary of each candidate's civic involvement. Please summarize your civic involvement in the space below. We will make every attempt to include the information in the Candidate Evaluation Report as submitted. Due to space restrictions in the Report, your response is limited to 500 characters (letters, punctuation, and spaces all combined). It is important that you list your involvement beginning with the most important and ending with the least important. If you exceed the length of response permitted, or if the League should find it necessary to shorten responses for publication purposes, deletions will be made beginning with the last item listed.

Note: *This information will appear verbatim on the League's Candidate Evaluation Report. If this question is left blank, the Municipal League will not include information on your civic involvement in the Report.*

Check here if you would like the Municipal League to copy the first 500 characters from Question 4 to paste into this section.

**Children's Trust Foundation, Board Chair 2006-2008; Board member 2001-2008
Lawyers Helping Hungry Children, Board Chair 1997-99; Board member, 1994-2000
WSBA Criminal Law Section, Executive Committee, 2002-2008
Deputy Under Secretary, U.S. Department of Interior, 1977-1979
Co-founder, national Environmental Policy Center, 1972**