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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

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

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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
C. F.	(Frank)	Vulliet

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

**Position 4, Washington State Supreme Court**

3. Are you the incumbent?       Yes       No

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

**I am a third generation Washingtonian and have lived in various locales which include**

5. How long have you resided in King County?

**32 years +/-**

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

7. If partisan, please indicate party:

#### CAMPAIGN CONTACTS

Campaign Name: Vulliet for Justice  
**Suite 200, 7900 SE 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: **Mercer Island, WA 98040**

Campaign Phone: **206-789-0881**

Campaign Fax: **TBD**

Campaign E-mail: **frank.vulliet@chamberscable.com**

Campaign Website: **www.Vulliet4Justice.org**

#### 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)
See resume forwarded separately			

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

Office Title	Year of Run
State Senator, 41 <sup>st</sup> District	1996

## 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 be supplied at interview. See also King County Democrats questionnaire forwarded separately.**

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

**Educability, curiosity, an ability to suspend disbelief and listen to the evidence or argument without predisposition to ensure that I am fully hearing and understanding someone's position with open ears, eyes and mind, a logical mind, a long time love of the law (at least since high school), focus and organizational abilities in dealing with problems, a profound sense that justice, to exist, must be done in full compliance with the law and the procedures specified balanced with a strong sense of equity and fairness.**

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.

**Going on every 50 mile hike with my two sons' Boy Scout troop every year despite severe foot problems.**

**Taking up USSA Masters alpine racing in 2007.**

**Winning a number of cases where people thought "it couldn't be done" by being willing to think outside the box and ask rhetorically, "What if . . .?"**

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.

**See resume forwarded separately.**

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

**There are two principal duties of a Supreme Court Justice and the Court as a whole. The first, and better known, is the duty to decide cases before it, whether there by law or State Constitution or by granting review. Apart from the substance of the decision of a particular case, the paramount duty is to decide a case by written decision. This requires clarity of the reasons upon which the decision is based including authority or precedent upon which there was reliance. A sound and fair decision requires that the Court consider all material facts pertinent to the issue(s) properly considered by procedural and evidentiary law. It must ignore nonmaterial matter and not omit facts called to its attention which have a proper bearing on the issues. To do otherwise is not only unfair to the parties, but results in the Court considering a case not actually before it. By the same token it must properly apply the relevant law, case or statutory, and give clear reasons why it so applies the law in the particular case. It may not properly ignore issues or restate them such that the case is not the one the parties actually presented. Additionally, it should not dwell on extraneous matter as the Supreme Court has frequently done. Doing so only muddies the precedential value of the case and may actually bring about unneeded litigation at costs to both taxpayers and other parties. Unfortunately, the Court has not rigorously followed these principles.**

**The second, and lesser known, important duty is administrative and executive. The Court has overall responsibility for the administering all the courts of the State and the legal profession as well. I believe that its accomplishments in these areas have been steadily declining. Justice, as is clearly evident in medicine, simply is not as affordable and as available to the common person as it was when I was first admitted 37 years before. Procedures, rather than being simplified, are getting to be more involved and bureaucratic**

primarily for the convenience of judges. While the job is extremely difficult and demanding if done properly, and therefore assisting judges is meritorious, the cost to the “customers” cannot be ignored.

The Supreme Court given its power and authority together with its responsibilities and duties needs to take far more leadership in addressing these matters. It cannot simply sit by passively and wait for the WSBA to bring a problem and proposed solution to it. For example, one can hardly read any legal periodical without coming across one or more articles on the decline of professionalism over the last 15 years or so. It continues to decline and this is a problem for clients and taxpayers. It has declined because judges have let it, rather than take the initiative and make the extra effort to stop a festering problem in its tracks. Threat of sanctions is NOT leadership!

**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.*

**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.

**I responded to No. 4 by reference to my resume which lists most of my community activities. I would like to rewrite that in a more useful format and can do so very soon.**

**SECTION III**

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The following information is for League use only. It will not be published on the League's website.

Campaign Manager's Name: None at this time.

Candidate's Daytime Phone: 206-789-0881

Candidate's Evening Phone: Same

Candidate's VoiceMail/Message: Same

Candidate's Fax: TBD

Candidate's Pager: N/A

**REFERENCES**

This information is for League use only. It will not be published in any format.

If you have not previously provided the League with references, please list references you would like us to contact who can speak to your involvement, effectiveness, character, and/or knowledge. Please name at least one from each of the following three categories:

<b>Name of Colleague</b>	<b>Daytime Phone</b>	<b>Home Phone</b>

<b>Name of Supervisor/Committee Chair</b>	<b>Daytime Phone</b>	<b>Home Phone</b>

<b>Name of Employee/Member of a Committee You Chaired</b>	<b>Daytime Phone</b>	<b>Home Phone</b>

1. Have you ever been convicted of a crime excluding minor traffic offenses?  Yes  No  
If yes, please explain.  
**Yes; public intoxication at a Seafair barge party while still in college (approximately 1961)**

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## **Finished!**

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If at all possible, send your response to the Municipal League electronically as an email attachment, or insert it into an e-mail message ([cec@munileague.org](mailto:cec@munileague.org)). Mail and fax numbers are listed below. If the League has not contacted you to schedule an interview, please call the League office at your earliest convenience.

Don't forget to send the following to the Municipal League: a resume, a photo, campaign literature, and, if you are an incumbent, constituent newsletters and other materials. Please use the check-off list on the cover sheet of this packet to indicate which items you have sent.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND GOOD LUCK IN YOUR CAMPAIGN!

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