



NARAL
Pro-Choice Washington PAC

Questionnaire to County Executive Candidates

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Incumbent Challenger Open Seat

1. Please summarize your previous involvement with reproductive choice issues and with NARAL Pro-Choice Washington in particular.

I am a regular contributor to NARAL Pro-Choice Washington. I signed and voted for Initiative 120 codifying Roe v. Wade in Washington State. I voted for continued funding of abortion services for low-income women as a member of the Washington State Legislature ('89-'91). I signed the *amicus curie* brief in Webster as a State Representative and spoke out to protect abortion rights on many occasions.

The choice to terminate – or not to terminate a pregnancy – is always a difficult one. That choice should remain with the individual – not the government – in every case. We must protect the right of women to safe, available abortion services as part of reproductive health care. As a legislator, I opposed parental consent/notification, spousal consent/notification and residency requirements. I voted for tougher penalties to protect clinics and physicians from threats and harassment in 1990.

As a King County Councilmember since 1991, I have consistently supported annual funding for clinics providing reproductive health services. As the Chair of the Budget Committee four times, I defended clinic funding. As Budget Chair in 2008, I successfully advocated for funding to keep

clinics providing reproductive health services open longer than as was proposed by the Executive.

As a candidate for public office, I sought and received the endorsement of NARAL Pro-Choice Washington in all of my bids for office -- 1988, '90, '91, '95, '99, '03, '05 and 2007.

Most recently I was pleased to be a table captain at the May 18 luncheon honoring Karen Cooper and I had the great pleasure to serve as a judge for Chocolate for Choice in February (I have done so in the past, as well).

2. Have you ever cast a public vote relating to reproductive rights, as a legislator or member of a political or other community organization? If so, please provide pertinent details.

YES NO

I have voted for multiple state and county budgets that include funding for clinics providing reproductive health services to low-income women. As a legislator, I voted for tougher penalties to protect clinics and physicians from threats and harassment. As a County Councilmember I have voted for clinic funding. Please see the answer to 1 above for more details.

3. Do you support a woman's right to choose abortion in accordance with current Washington State law?

YES NO

4. The King County Executive's proposed 2009 budget included cuts to funding for family planning services that would have resulted in clinic closures and reduced services. Currently, these services are funded through 2009. As County Executive, would you prioritize continued county funding for family planning services?

YES NO

5. Additionally, the county funds and/or staffs several key programs that provide reproductive health care services to county residents. Will you support funding of these programs including:

School health clinics or clinics located near schools?

YES NO

Access to comprehensive counseling or referral services (including abortion)?

YES NO

6. The State Legislature has enacted laws protecting medical clinics, patients, and medical personnel from harassment and blockades. Will you support strict enforcement of this law by County law enforcement personnel?

YES NO

The following issues may be unlikely to come before you on as County Executive, however NARAL Pro-Choice Washington requires that all endorsed candidates be fully pro-choice, consistent with our position on the issue, and therefore requires your response to these questions in order to consider you for endorsement.

7. Under present law, all medical patients must give their informed consent for medical procedures. Current law requires accurate explanation of every patient's medical alternatives. Do you OPPOSE policies that single out abortion and creating special "informed consent" or mandatory waiting period requirements for abortion care?

YES NO

8. Do you SUPPORT continued state funding of abortion services for low-income women of any age?

YES NO

9. NARAL Pro-Choice Washington believes it is desirable for minors to involve their parents in their decision whether or not to have an abortion. However, we recognize that sound family communication cannot be mandated by politicians. Do you OPPOSE policies that require parental notification and/or consent for a minor to terminate her pregnancy?

YES NO

10. Congress and many state legislatures have passed bans on methods of abortion referred to by our opponents as “partial-birth abortion.” While the Supreme Court has upheld the federal abortion ban, Washington State voters defeated a similar abortion ban initiative (Initiative 694) in 1998 with 57.2 percent of the vote. Do you OPPOSE bans on abortion methods that contain no exceptions for the health of the woman?

YES NO

11. In November 2007 a Federal Judge in Tacoma, Washington granted an injunction that suspended two Pharmacy Board rules originally created to protect patient access to legal and safe medicine, including Emergency Contraception. Do you OPPOSE this ruling?

YES NO

12. Do you SUPPORT the requirement that pharmacies stock a representative assortment of drugs to meet the needs of their community?

YES NO

PART TWO

1. Please provide a list of endorsements being used by your campaign.

To date, I have received the endorsements of the Seattle/King County Building and Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO (sole), the Washington State Council of County and City Employees, AFL-CIO (sole), the Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters (sole), Laborers Local 242 (sole), International Brotherhood of Teamsters Locals 117, 174 and 763 (all sole), Ironworkers Local 86 (sole), Carpenters Local 1797 (sole), Amalgamated Transit Union

Local 587 (bus drivers), Washington Education Association and approximately 1,200 Democratic leaders, elected officials and individuals in King County.(see attached list)

The following organizations endorsed me during my last election to the King County Council (2007):

NARAL Pro-Choice Washington, M. L. King County Labor Council, Retired Public Employees Council of Washington State, SEIU Local 6, SEIU 775, UNITE HERE Local 8, IBEW Local 46, Corrections Guild Local 1350, King County Juvenile Detention Guild, Joint Council of Teamsters Local 28, Public Safety Employment SEIU Local 519, United Brotherhood of Carpenters Local 1797, King County Democrats Central Committee, 33rd District Democrats, 36th District Democrats, 37th District Democrats, 43rd District Democrats, 46th District Democrats, Metropolitan Democrats Club, King County Young Democrats, Washington Conservation Voters, Aerospace Machinists Industrial District Lodge 75, SEAMEC highest rating: 5, SEAMEC straight "A's" on interview questions, Recommended by the King County Women's Political Caucus, Allied Arts, The Seattle Post-Intelligencer

2. Would you welcome an endorsement from NARAL Pro-Choice Washington?

YES NO

3. What do you know about your opponent(s) position(s) on choice?

Susan Hutchison—while having no experience as an elected official and therefore no record to review -- has personally donated to anti-choice candidates including presidential candidates Mike Huckabee and George W. Bush. I do not believe she has contributed to any pro-choice candidates. To my knowledge she is raising money but not making campaign appearances or giving interviews so her positions are not known. I would not be surprised if she makes it through the primary because of name familiarity and fundraising. If that is the case, she needs to be opposed by a strong pro-choice candidate.

My three opponents who are Democrats are pro-choice. However, I have the longest proven record of supporting choice as an elected official.

4. Has your campaign consistently complied with all PDC regulations and deadlines?
YES. I have a professional treasurer experienced in handling all accounting to ensure my campaign complies with all PDC regulations and deadlines.
5. Total cash raised \$340,000 (to be reported June 10th).
6. Expected campaign budget Primary – Approx. \$400,000 General – Approx. \$350,000
7. Cash on hand your campaign currently has \$205,000
8. Number of households personally visited to date.

I am a tireless campaigner and will give as much time as necessary to win this election. Currently, I am contacting people by phone over 25 hours per week/7 days a week . I am meeting with people in person at least an additional 25 hours a week/7 days a week. In my last election I walked 65 precincts, and volunteers walked 95 precincts separately from me. As a candidate for King County Executive, I aim to top this effort significantly. We will doorbell or leaflet in more than 1,000 precincts across King County through volunteer field efforts.

9. Number of households contacted using volunteers

More than 100 people have signed up to volunteer, and my campaign will activate as many volunteers as possible. We will have a strong field presence countywide through their efforts. I have the grassroots support of hundreds of people from legislative districts all across King County.

Candidate's Signature _____ Date _____

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