



Planned Parenthood Votes! Washington (“PPVW”) is a non-partisan 501(c)(4) organization formed as the advocacy, voter education, and political arm of the five Planned Parenthood affiliates in the State of Washington.

Planned Parenthood Votes! Washington (“PPVW”) conducts voter education, advocates for legislative and regulatory action, and operates independent expenditure campaigns. PPVW also operates a state PAC (political action committee), which can make direct cash and in-kind contributions to candidates, as well as conduct independent expenditure campaigns.

PPVW, and the PPVW PAC are all non-partisan organizations committed to encourage and protect informed individual choice in reproductive health care. We support candidates who seek to guarantee the full and nondiscriminatory access to reproductive health care including the right to abortion services, and who will foster and preserve a social and political climate favorable to reproductive choice. Please review the attached Endorsement and Recommendation Guidelines for information about the PPVW endorsement process.

## INSTRUCTIONS

For consideration, this completed candidate questionnaire must be received by PPVW no later than **July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009** by mail, fax or email.

Please mail your responses to:

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Be certain to respond to EVERY question. Incomplete responses will be interpreted as “refused to respond” and will negatively affect your score. Your score determines whether or not PPVW will endorse or recommend you.

Circle “YES” or “NO” for every question. You are welcome to attach a narrative statement to share your thoughts or expand your responses.

If you have questions, or need to make alternate arrangements for delivery of your completed questionnaire, please contact Dana Laurent, Political Director via email at: [dana.laurent@ppnetworkwa.org](mailto:dana.laurent@ppnetworkwa.org)

## CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

Candidate Name	Larry Phillips
Position sought	King County Executive
Party Preference if applicable	King County voters elected in 2008 to make the office of King County Executive non-partisan. I have been a Democrat all of my elected life.
Residence Congressional, Legislative, City and County Council District if applicable	I live in the city of Seattle, in the 7 <sup>th</sup> Congressional District and the 36 <sup>th</sup> Legislative District. I currently represent the 4 <sup>th</sup> County Council District on the Metropolitan King County Council. My address is 2686 Magnolia Boulevard West, Seattle, WA 98199.
Are you a Challenger, Incumbent, or running for an Open Seat?	I am running for an open seat.
<b>Campaign Information</b>	
Campaign Name	Larry Phillips for King County Executive
Web page	<a href="http://www.larryphillips.com">www.larryphillips.com</a>
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Campaign phone number	(206) 303-9716
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Campaign Budget	Primary: approx. \$400,000 General: approx. \$350,000
Contributions Raised to Date	\$388,000

## CANDIDATE INFORMATION

**Will family planning, clinic access, health care reform, abortion rights, access to emergency contraception, or sex education be significant issues in your race?**

Absolutely! King County funds public health clinics that provide reproductive health and family planning services for low-income women throughout the county. It is important that we keep these

clinics funded and open, safe and accessible without intimidation or harassment. I have regularly advocated and voted for continued funding to keep clinics open.

Public Health – Seattle/King County has been a leader in providing public education information about sexually transmitted diseases to reduce the spread of STD's and AIDS. We need to ensure that King County residents have complete and medically accurate information. As Budget Chair in 2008, I advocated successfully for restoring funding to maintain STD education as part of the public health budget.

King County has also partnered with the State of Washington to enroll uninsured children living in King County into the state's health insurance plan toward the goal of having all children insured and therefore able to access medical care. I have regularly voted for this outreach service.

Finally, as an employer, King County provides health care benefits to over 13,000 employees including reproductive health services ranging from contraception to abortion. I believe employers should provide benefits that allow their employees to remain in good health.

In this race, I am running against Susan Hutchison, a candidate whose record on all of the issues listed in the above question is virtually unknown. Ms. Hutchison—while a very well known personality, does not yet have a public record on these issues to review. What has been reported is that she has personally donated to anti-choice candidates including presidential candidates Mike Huckabee and George W. Bush and did not return a questionnaire to Washington NARAL. If she does not support full access to reproductive health services or is not prepared to advocate for health care reform for the citizens of King County, then she needs to be opposed by a strong pro-choice candidate. I am that candidate.

**What other elected / appointed offices have you sought or held? Include year and jurisdiction.**

Elected:

Washington State Legislature, 36th District Representative 1989-1991.

Metropolitan King County Council District 4 1992-present

Council Chair 2004-2006

Budget Chair 2002-2003; 2008

Regional Water Quality Chair or Vice Chair every year since 1997

Sound Transit Board 2004-present

Chair of the Central Link Light Rail Committee

Member of the Executive Committee

**Describe your qualifications, education, employment, community and civic activity, and other relevant experience.**

I am running for the office of King County Executive to continue serving the people of King County, and, to bring renewed energy and focus to protecting vital county services. As a King County Councilmember since 1992, I have developed solid working knowledge of county government. I have worked diligently to provide policy direction, executive agency oversight, and budgetary decision-making for the wide array of public services provided by King County ranging from public health to mass transit to criminal justice to natural resource protection. My past experience also includes serving as Chief of Staff to King County Executive Randy Revelle and managing a major downtown law firm. Born and raised in King County, I am a proud University of Washington graduate and graduate of Queen Anne High School. I have both a Juris Doctorate in law and a Masters in labor law. I got my start in politics working for U.S. Senator Henry M. "Scoop" Jackson.

This experience has allowed me to develop personal characteristics that enhance my work as an elected official including:

- The ability to carve out areas of policy and programmatic expertise (King County's budget and fiscal management; natural resource protection; salmon recovery; arts, parks and open space; growth management; regional transit and mobility), become knowledgeable on issues within each, and thereby become a regional leader and county officeholder that my constituents and fellow elected officials can rely on to be candid and trustworthy.

- a demonstrated willingness and ability to work with diverse people and perspectives, especially rural and urban residents, and elected officials from other jurisdictions and political parties. I take on responsibility, welcome leadership opportunities and challenges, and stand ready to accomplish county objectives.

I have been involved in many community activities that relate to my duties as an elected official. An activity of great involvement and relevance has been that of coaching young athletes in a variety of sports. I coached football (3 years), basketball (11 years), baseball (2 years), soccer (1 year), and taught young people to swim and snow-ski over many seasons.

As a former high school and college athlete, and as a coach, I know the value of good coaching for all the athletes involved – girls and boys alike – in developing skills, teamwork, sportsmanship, and a healthy spirit of competition that are transferable to adulthood and to public life.

My experience as a coach and the lessons I have learned from my athletes has certainly impacted my role as a King County elected official. I know that no measure can pass without being a “team player” among county and other jurisdictions’ elected officials, and important stakeholders, respecting their skills, roles and involvement.

**Describe, in general terms, your campaign plan and voter contact strategy.**

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.

Our campaign will contact voters through the mail and on the airwaves and rely on a robust field and GOTV program.

**What ratings and endorsements have you received to date?**

To date, I have received the endorsements of the Seattle/King County Building and Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO, 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, Laborers Local 440 (sole), Alki Foundation, King County Democrats Central Committee, Legislative District Democrats in the 5<sup>th</sup> (sole), 31<sup>st</sup> (sole), 45<sup>th</sup>, 37<sup>th</sup>, 46<sup>th</sup>, 32<sup>nd</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup>. I am supported by approximately 1,500 Democratic leaders, elected officials and individuals in King County.

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.

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

**Which groups do you plan to ask for an endorsement?**

To date I have submitted endorsement questionnaires to Washington NARAL, King County Municipal League, King County Conservation Voters, Sierra Club, all legislative district Democrat organizations and King County Democrats Central Committee. I will continue to seek endorsements from organized labor, pro-choice groups, environmental organizations, civic groups, community leaders and elected

officials. I am pleased to state on all questionnaires, when asked, that I am pro-choice and support reproductive health services.

**Please submit printed campaign material which summarizes your community and volunteer activities and your personal background.**

**Do you want a Planned Parenthood Votes! Washington (PPVW) endorsement? YES-**  
**it would be an honor**

**Do you want a contribution from PPPVW PAC? YES**  
**It would be an honor**

**Do you belong, or have you ever belonged to a group opposed to abortion ? NO**

**Have you sought, or received, the endorsement of a group opposed to abortion ? NO**

**Have you ever personally supported a Planned Parenthood organization? If so, which one?**

I have regularly attended Planned Parenthood Votes! Washington events. Most recently I was pleased to attend the Planned Parenthood May 12<sup>th</sup> luncheon fundraiser featuring Donna Brazile. I hosted a table for that event and look forward to doing so again in the future.

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Candidate Signature

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Date

## PREFACE

Planned Parenthood believes in access to family planning, reproductive healthcare and abortion. We believe that every woman -- regardless of income, age or marital status -- has the fundamental right to decide whether and when to have a child. It is the government's role to support personal childbearing decisions with complete and reliable reproductive health information including sexual health education, access to comprehensive reproductive health care, and safe, legal abortion.

Circle "YES" or "NO" in response to the questions below. If you wish to expand your response, you may provide a narrative attachment.

## QUESTIONS

### FUNDING FOR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES:

**YES**

Every year, more Washington citizens become infected with sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), yet spending for STD testing and treatment remains far below what is required to serve this need. The problem has been exacerbated by the removal of STD screening and treatment from the state's Medicaid family planning waiver, called Take Charge. Local health departments have cut back or closed clinics that provide testing and treatment of STDs and family planning services. Community family planning clinics, such as Planned Parenthood, are struggling to continue to provide family planning and STD services in their clinics, while rates for Washington's most common STDs have nearly doubled since 1996.

Family planning is basic health care, and an integral part of the health care safety net for men and women. For many individuals, family planning clinics are their only source of health care and the only place where they can go to get health referrals, education, cancer screenings, and disease testing. 47% of all births in Washington State are paid for by Medicaid, and 49% of those births are the result of an unintended pregnancy. It costs approximately \$552 a year to cover a full range of family planning services for each Washingtonian in need, compared to almost \$8,000 in state funds for each Medicaid paid birth (DOH), and every tax dollar spent on family planning in Washington saves \$4.39 in pregnancy care costs. In 2008, Washington State spent \$333 million on unintended pregnancy care costs. Community family planning clinics, like Planned Parenthood, have received substantial budget cuts, while seeing, in some regions, large increases in patients attributed to the economic recession. The more the state pays for unintended pregnancy care costs, the less money there is to be allocated to cities and counties.

### **If your jurisdiction provides funding for health services, will you ensure that funding for a full range of reproductive health services is a budget priority?**

YES! As Chair of the Budget committee four times during local government budget downsizing, I have advocated for funding for health clinics and STD prevention services and for the full range of reproductive health care-- all in the face of steep budget cuts. As a voting member of the King County Council since 1992, I have advocated for funding for health clinics, STD prevention services and the full range of reproductive health services annually.

### **If your jurisdiction does not control any funding streams for health services, will you advocate for increased funding for a full range of reproductive health services with other jurisdictions/agencies?**

Yes, I will advocate for increased funding for a full range of reproductive health services with other jurisdictional agencies. King County does, however, provide funding for health services, but we are also very dependent on the State of Washington as a partner and as a result I regularly lobby for public health in the state legislature including funding for clinic services and annually support a legislative agenda that includes advocacy for health services including reproductive health services.

**COMPREHENSIVE SEX EDUCATION:**

**YES**

The vast majority of parents in our country (76%) believe that teens should be provided with sexual health education that includes information about birth control (abstinence as well as contraceptives) and protection against sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). Complete and responsible sex education is crucial to reducing Washington's high rate of unplanned pregnancy and STDs. In 2007 the Washington State legislature passed the Healthy Youth Act. The Act requires that when teens get sex education in public schools the information is medically accurate, age appropriate, and includes information about both abstinence and other methods of preventing pregnancy and STDs, such as contraceptives.

Washington is committed to reducing unintended pregnancy and promoting good reproductive health for our youth. Our state needs to ensure that funding applications serve these goals by supporting programs that are proven to work. Abstinence-only-until-marriage programs, as the federal government defines them today, are proven ineffective by the government's own studies. In the 2009, the Washington State Legislature passed SB 5629, which ensures that Washington State apply for funding for sexual health education programs that are consistent with the Healthy Youth Act, and are proven effective.

**Do you support the local adoption of comprehensive sexual health education policies and funding for programs proven to be effective?**

YES! In 2008, I advocated successfully for finding and adding funding for STD prevention services in public health. I support complete and medically accurate age appropriate information in our schools as well as broad public education on issues such as STD prevention.

**CONFIDENTIAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR MINORS:**

**YES**

Planned Parenthood believes that minors, as well as adults, should have confidential access to health services, including family planning, disease prevention, and abortion. In 1975, the Washington State Supreme Court struck down a state law requiring parental consent for abortion, by ruling it unconstitutional. Some groups continue to promote "parental notification" legislation, as a "compromise." Parental consent requirements put the health and safety of teenagers at risk by discouraging them from seeking preventative reproductive health care, and undermine Washington's efforts to reduce teen pregnancy. The American Medical Association, American Academy of Pediatrics, Society for Adolescent Medicine, and the American Public Health Association oppose *government-mandated* parental involvement in a minor's reproductive health care. **Are you opposed to, and if a vote ever came before you, would you vote against *government-mandated* parental involvement in a minor's reproductive health care?**

YES – I am opposed to and would vote against government mandated parental involvement in a minor's reproductive health care.

**EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION:****YES**

In 1998, the FDA approved the first packaging of emergency contraception, also known as "the morning after pill." Emergency contraception is a high dose combination of birth control pills that if taken within days of unprotected sex, can safely prevent a pregnancy from occurring. It cannot terminate an existing pregnancy. In 2006 the FDA approved the sale of emergency contraception to women over 18 without a prescription. Women under 18 must still have a prescription to obtain emergency contraception. This age restriction has resulted in all emergency contraception being kept behind the counter at pharmacies rather than on the store shelves thereby limiting access for adult women. A recent federal court decision has said that EC can only be restricted for women under 17 and has mandated that the justification for any age restrictions be reexamined. In response to refusals to fill prescriptions because of personal beliefs, including—but not limited to—emergency contraception, the Washington State Board of Pharmacy adopted rules in 2007 which mandate that patients' prescriptions must be provided without discrimination or delay. These rules are temporarily suspended pending the outcome of litigation in federal court. **Would you support efforts to increase access to emergency contraception?**

**YES****REFUSAL CLAUSES:****YES**

Some health care providers, facilities, employers and insurers are demanding the legal right to refuse to provide or pay for any reproductive health service or counseling they find morally objectionable. They are asking for special laws that allow them to put their personal beliefs above the medical needs and healthcare decisions of patients. An individual's right to reproductive health care should be protected and should not be determined by the views of anti-contraception and anti-choice individuals or institutions. **Would you support an individual's reproductive rights by voting against restrictions that would allow institutions or individuals the right to refuse to provide legal medical services or insurance coverage based on their personal beliefs?**

**YES****VIOLENCE AGAINST REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH PROVIDERS:****YES**

In recent years, a campaign of violence, intimidation, and harassment has been waged against patients seeking reproductive health care, as well as clinics and clinic staff. This campaign of violence has had devastating effects on access to reproductive health services, and yielded tragic results—such as the recent shooting death of Dr. George Tiller in Kansas. Planned Parenthood believes the government, including local government, should take an aggressive role in enacting and enforcing laws that protect patients and providers, and in prosecuting the perpetrators of illegal acts. **Would you support the enactment and enforcement of laws, such as local sign ordinances or clinic protection zones, that help prevent violence, intimidation and harassment directed at reproductive health patients and providers?**

YES – as a state legislator I voted for tougher penalties to protect clinics and their physicians from threats and harassment and I would do so again. I would also support enactment and enforcement of local sign ordinances or clinic protection zones.

**MEDICAL RECORDS AND THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY:****YES**

In accordance with the Federal Privacy Law (HIPAA), family planning and abortion clinics keep medical information and records confidential and only use them for patient treatment, health care operations, and billing

purposes. In recent cases around the United States, anti-choice Attorneys General and prosecutors have subpoenaed clinic medical records in vaguely worded and wide-reaching searches for evidence of late-term abortions, Medicaid fraud and child rape. These "fishing expeditions" result in privacy violations of patients who are guilty of nothing. Planned Parenthood believes that threats of such intrusive searches could intimidate women from seeking a legal and private abortion procedure or birth control or STD screening. **Do you support the confidentiality of medical records and the position that government must show a compelling public interest or emergency circumstance before requiring clinics, hospitals, or doctors to release records?**

Yes – Absolutely!

**RIGHT TO CHOOSE:**

**YES**

Planned Parenthood believes that women have the right to obtain a medically safe, legal abortion under the standards set forth by the U.S. Supreme Court in the *Roe v. Wade* decision. **Do you support this position?**

YES. 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.

**BANS ON ABORTION:**

**YES**

Planned Parenthood believes that in all cases women and their doctors should be free to make the health care decisions that are best for the woman's health. Anti-choice organizations have tried to erode the Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision (which ensures a woman's constitutionally-protected right to choose abortion) by advancing vaguely-worded and deceptive bans on abortion procedures. For the first time the U S Supreme Court in 2007 has banned a procedure that physicians have deemed in some cases the safest for the woman's health. In 1998, Washington State voters rejected the so-called "partial birth abortion ban" measure by a 57% margin. **Do you support a woman's right to choose the abortion method that she and her physician deem safest for her individual health and needs?**

**YES**

**MEDICAL ACCURACY OF INFORMATION:**

**YES**

Planned Parenthood believes that anyone receiving a pregnancy test, ultrasound, or a test for sexually transmitted infections or diseases should receive information that is medically and scientifically accurate. In addition, Planned Parenthood believes that any facility offering such testing should follow medical privacy laws, and provide disclosure of what services they do/do not provide in order to provide a basic standard of care for patients. **Do you support legislation or regulation ensuring that individuals receiving a pregnancy test, ultrasound, or a test for sexually transmitted infections or diseases will receive information that is medically and scientifically accurate, and that facilities providing such testing should follow medical privacy laws, and provide disclosure of what services they do/do not provide?**

**YES**

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Candidate Signature

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Date