



General Election Candidate Guide 2008

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Seattle Works informs, connects and inspires people in their 20s and 30s to take action in our community. As the premier community organization for young local professionals, we offer opportunities for people to serve as active volunteers, informed voters, savvy charitable donors and knowledgeable community leaders.

Our goal is to harness and enhance the energy, creativity and diversity of Seattle's 20-and 30-somethings to build a thriving community.

How to use this guide

- Step 1** Read through the candidates' answers.
- Step 2** Mark the box beside each candidate's answer that you agree with.
- Step 3** Total the checks for each candidate to see who you favor the most.
- Step 4** Remember to **vote!**

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GOVERNOR

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Salary: \$163,618 - \$166,891 (effective Sept. 1, 2008)

What the Law Says: The governor may require information in writing from the officers of the state upon any subject relating to the duties of their respective offices, and shall see that the laws are faithfully executed. He shall communicate at every session by message to the legislature the condition of the affairs of the state, and recommend such measures as he shall deem expedient for their action. He may, on extraordinary occasions, convene the legislature by proclamation, in which shall be stated the purposes for which the legislature is convened. He shall be commander-in-chief of the military in the state except when they shall be called into the service of the United States.

Translation: The governor is the head of the state executive branch and the most public elected figure in Washington. Not only does he or she play a significant role in approving the budget and have a great deal of influence over policy, but he or she can veto legislation, and would serve as commander-in-chief if the state went to war. The governor is ultimately responsible for the state of the state.

Term of office: Four years

2008 CANDIDATES

- **DINO ROSSI** (Prefers GOP Party)
www.dinorossi.com
- **CHRIS GREGOIRE** (Prefers Democratic Party)
www.ChrisGregoire.com

Question 1

What do you believe are the most important issues in your race facing people in their 20s and 30s?

- DINO ROSSI**
Many young adults just out of college or grad school are working hard to establish their careers. They want to know that there will continue to be jobs for them right here. They also want to know that their lives are making a difference. That is why we have an unbelievable number of people in their 20's and 30's who have become involved in our campaign. Small and medium sized businesses are the number one providers of jobs, and one I've met who have achieved success at this relatively young age. After all, the current governor of Louisiana, Bobby Jindal, is 37 years old. I wouldn't be surprised if a future governor of Washington is getting his or her political start in our campaign.
- CHRIS GREGOIRE**
I believe the biggest challenges for young voters are finding good jobs and staying educated in an ever-changing global economy. Despite the failed policies of the Bush Administration, our state is doing well. In education, we have expanded high-level math, science and engineering programs, and we are working to make college more affordable. In business, we have created more than 200,000 new jobs and doubled exports. Forbes Magazine now ranks our state as one of the nation's top-five to do business. These results will undoubtedly have a positive effect on the lives and employment prospects of young Washingtonians.

Question 2

What are the duties of the position you are seeking?

- DINO ROSSI**
The governor of Washington is the chief executive of state government. It will be my job to ensure that we are serving our citizens, from education to transportation to helping businesses of all sizes be as successful as they possibly can. The next Bill Gates or Bill Boeing may be living right here in Washington, but are we creating an atmosphere that would encourage him or her to stay here, or one that would force them to move out of state? It is my job to make sure that we are spending your money as wisely as we possibly can. The governor writes and must sign the state budget, and I will ensure that we spend wisely to meet the priorities of government and protect essential services. It's no small task, but my vision is clear: I want Washington to be the best state in America to start a business, and the worst state in America to be a criminal.
- CHRIS GREGOIRE**
Our governor's number one duty and responsibility is to take on challenges and get results for people in Washington. I have done this during my first term. Today, Washington leads the nation's fight against global climate change, has more than 200,000 new jobs and 84,000 more kids with healthcare.

Question 3

How important is party affiliation or “preference” to the office you seek?

DINO ROSSI

In 2003, I was Chairman of the Senate Ways and Means committee during the largest budget deficit in Washington state history. I wrote a no-new taxes budget that balanced this deficit, and also protected the developmentally disabled, the elderly, and our most vulnerable citizens. The House had a Democratic majority, and the governor’s office was also held by a Democrat. We achieved success by seeking out a philosophical majority versus a partisan majority. This is exactly how I intend to be successful as governor. We have the support of many Democrats on this campaign. The Rossi-Obama bumper sticker combination is not a rare sight in this area. I will continue to welcome anyone who wishes to work in good faith to turn this state around, whether Republican, Democrat, Independent or any other party.

CHRIS GREGOIRE

I think voters look first and foremost at the issues.

Question 4

In your view, what was the most significant accomplishment of the person who currently holds the position for which you are running? Why?

DINO ROSSI

Our current governor has dedicated her life to public service. Also a devoted wife and mother, she has shown real sacrifice and maintained admirable balance while serving the citizens of this state. I applaud her service and her dedication.

CHRIS GREGOIRE

As a mother and a governor, I am most proud of helping keep families and children safe. Nothing is more important and more rewarding.

Question 5

This year is being framed nationally as a change year - do you agree?

How would you define change?

DINO ROSSI

In Washington state, it has been 28 years since Washington last elected a governor of a different party, and unfortunately the status-quo in Olympia is not helping citizens of Washington realize their full potential. For instance, we have one of the highest small business failure rates in the nation. The agencies and regulations that businesses must deal with are causing them to move out of state, or go out of business entirely. But it doesn’t have to be this way. I’m running for governor to bring change to Olympia. I come from the private sector, and know what it takes to create an atmosphere of success to help young entrepreneurs who are following their dreams of owning their own business. I want to improve the culture of Olympia to bring a “how can I help you?” attitude to state government. Unemployment is rising, and our state faces a \$2.7 billion budget deficit; the aging and decaying viaduct still has no replacement plan; and the WASL is failing to bring true accountability to our schools (the math portion was dropped completely as a graduation requirement). It is clear that the next governor of Washington faces a number of serious challenges. I have specific plans that will help move all of these issues forward. As governor, I intend to start fixing some problems... for a change.

CHRIS GREGOIRE

After eight years of the Bush Administration, our nation needs a new direction. President George Bush denied the existence of climate change, put special interests ahead of our interests, failed to fund education and cut kids off healthcare. In February, I endorsed Sen. Barack Obama because I believe he can bring about the change our nation needs. Meanwhile, I have spent the past four years bringing the right kind of change to Washington. We now have more jobs, expanded healthcare coverage and the lowest crime rate in 14 years.

Question 6

What does “government transparency” mean to you? Is government transparent enough to the people it serves? What specifically will you do to improve the transparency of your office?

DINO ROSSI

Open and transparent government that is accountable to the citizens it serves is essential, but here in Washington we're failing on that count. The Better Government Association and the National Freedom of Information Coalition recently gave Washington state an "F" for open government. Late last year, the state paid \$65,000 in a lawsuit for failing to disclose certain public records in the proper format. Our current governor ironically refused to make public the selection process for the "Sunshine Committee," a group assembled to review policies of government transparency. Unfortunately, the attitude that citizens are a nuisance on a need-to-know basis is business as usual in Olympia. As governor, I will create a new attitude in state government and start treating the public like customers. I'll open the doors of state government and its agencies and shed light on a state government that has been operating in the dark by the same people for over a generation.

CHRIS GREGOIRE

To me, transparency means a free flow in information between the public and elected officials. Our state is more transparent now than it was four years ago, but I think there is always room for improvement. I have created several initiatives to improve the transparency of the state. For example, we now host annual town hall meetings where citizens can share their priorities and how they believe tax dollars should be spent. The independent, nonpartisan Pew Center on the States recently rated Washington as one of the three-best managed states in the nation.

Question 7

Is there too much money in politics - or not enough?

DINO ROSSI

This election year has seen record amounts of money coming in to fuel various campaigns, so it certainly does play a large role. Given the dollars spent trying to influence races, it is important to maintain channels through which the average voter's voice can be heard. In this campaign we will continue to support forums like debates, public meetings around the state, and hands-on volunteer activities. We have had a record number of grassroots volunteers on this campaign. While the fundraising pace is strong, the average contribution to this race is only \$85. Our campaign is supported by the grassroots and truly is a citizens' movement.

CHRIS GREGOIRE

I think there is too much money from special interests in politics. I have concerns about their impact on transparency and fairness. In my race, Olympia's most powerful special interest lobbyists, the BIAW, have already spent \$1.3 million on false attack ads to distort my record. These attacks include more than 60 billboards in eastern Washington with the slogan "Don't Let Seattle Steal This Election" under the name of my Republican opponent. The BIAW also referred to pro-environmental groups as "Nazis." When my Republican opponent was asked to tell the BIAW to stop the divisive attacks, he went to their annual meeting and thanked them for supporting his campaign. My Republican opponent voted in support of their agenda 99 percent of the time as a state senator - an agenda that opposes fighting climate change, opposes cleaning up Puget Sound and opposes worker safety laws.

Question 8

Will the top two primary broaden representation or create single party domination?

DINO ROSSI

People in Washington have made it clear that they want to be able to pick their preferred candidate, regardless of party. However, this new system raises concerns in certain regions of this state tending to favor one party. For instance, traditionally Democratic areas will likely only offer two Democrats in the general election, and places like Eastern Washington will likely only offer the choice between two Republicans.

CHRIS GREGOIRE

The Democratic process is about choices, and the top-two primary may provide voters with more choices, but it could potentially have a negative impact on small parties.

Question 9

Do you support the Top-2 Primary as a way to select candidates for the general election in your race?

DINO ROSSI

The people of the state of Washington have made it clear that they want to support a candidate regardless of that candidate's party, and I support their decision.

CHRIS GREGOIRE

I prefer the open primary our state had before.

Question 10

What is the most useful criticism you have ever received?

DINO ROSSI

I credit the best piece of criticism I've ever received to both my father, John Rossi, and my wonderful wife, Terry. My father always told me, "You never fail until you stop trying." It was this advice that allowed me to make it through Seattle University despite the fact that my parents didn't have the money to pay tuition. It also helped me succeed in the commercial real estate business; I stared at the last can of beans in the cupboard more than once in the months before I closed my first sale. I later went on to own my first million dollars worth of real estate before I was 30. I nearly let the naysayers get to me when in 1992 I first ran for Washington state senate, and lost. I was told that there was no way I would ever be elected to the state senate. When I lost that first time, I forgot the advice given to me by my dad and got really down on myself. It was Terry who told me to move forward, to stop dwelling on the negative aspects of losing, and to have faith that things would work out. She was right. I put 1992 behind me, ran for the same seat in 1996, and won. I haven't forgotten that advice since.

CHRIS GREGOIRE

When facing challenges, no matter how great, never forget your values and where you came from.

Question 11

Describe your perfect, non-campaign weekend day.

DINO ROSSI

When I'm not on the campaign trail I spend as much time as possible with my wife Terry and our four children, Juliauna, Jake, Joseph and Jillian. I'm lucky enough to have been able to purchase a minority stake in the Mariners' Class A team in Everett, the Aquasox. Whenever possible, we try to make it up to Everett to watch a baseball game as a family.

CHRIS GREGOIRE

Water skiing on a hot day with my husband, Mike, and our two daughters, Michelle and Courtney, at our cabin.

Question 12

Tell us about the most influential band, book, author, or film in your life.

DINO ROSSI

To be honest, there hasn't been a single book or movie that has changed my life. A book I read recently with a philosophy similar to the one that helped me in the commercial real estate business is *Rich Dad, Poor Dad*. Growing up I always enjoyed listening to classics like the Beatles, the Rolling Stones and Motown.

CHRIS GREGOIRE

One of the most influential books in my life is *Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln*, a book about how people with differing views can come together in support of something greater than themselves. When Lincoln was elected, the three men he chose to become his cabinet members had all opposed his candidacy. Yet Lincoln gained their admiration and trust, and I believe our nation ultimately benefitted from their collective, and sometimes opposing, viewpoints. I am very proud that one of the things I'm best known for is reaching across the aisle to hammer out pragmatic solutions to benefit people across our state. I don't always agree with members of both parties, but I think our state is better off when people come together and remember that our number one duty is to serve the citizens who elect us.

Governor's Race: Tally

Add up your score to see who you most favor.

_____ **DINO ROSSI**

_____ **CHRIS GREGOIRE**

Favorite Candidate

Notes

SECRETARY OF STATE

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Salary: \$114,657 - \$116,950 (*effective Sept. 1, 2008*)

What the Law Says: he secretary of state shall keep a record of the official acts of the legislature, and executive department of the state, and shall, when required, lay the same, and all matters relative thereto, before either branch of the legislature, and shall perform such other duties as shall be assigned him by law.

Translation: The secretary of state is the chief elections officer and chief corporations officer for the state, and is in charge of the State Archives. The secretary of state also is caretaker for the State Seal, and is second in line for the governorship if the governor were to be incapacitated.

Term of office: Four years

2008 CANDIDATES

- **SAM REED** (*Prefers Republican Party*)
www.samreed.org
- **JASON OSGOOD** (*Prefers Democratic Party*)

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLICS LANDS

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Salary: \$ 119,234 - \$121,618 (effective Sept. 1, 2008)

What the Law Says: The commissioner of public lands shall perform such duties and receive such compensation as the legislature may direct.

Translation: The Commissioner of Public Lands heads the Department of Natural Resources, which holds stewardship of 5.6 million acres of land and public water. The commissioner is responsible for maintaining and creating revenue from those lands as well as for preserving their ecological balance.

Term of office: Four years

2008 CANDIDATES

- **PETER J. GOLDMARK** (Prefers Democratic Party)
www.petergoldmark.com
- **DOUG SUTHERLAND** (Prefers Republican Party)
www.dougsutherland.org

Question 1

What do you believe are the most important issues in your race facing people in their 20s and 30s?

- PETER GOLDMARK**
Climate change and the need for sustainable management of our natural resources are both important issues facing our voters in their 20's and 30's. The decisions we make today will have a huge impact on the future that these voters will be facing. I believe these voters want sustainable management of our resources for long-term economic prosperity and I believe they want leadership to take action now to address climate change and reduce our dependence on foreign oil. I am committed to sustainable management and addressing climate change through reforestation and increasing green power production on public lands through wind, biomass, tidal and solar energy
- DOUG SUTHERLAND**
Forest stewardship, the cleanup of Puget Sound and other environmental issues need a long-term perspective. Three things stand out. First, clean water and salmon habitat are important, long term, issues. We've increased the amount of forest streams available for salmon habitat by thousands of miles during the past few years and we are creating the first habitat conservation plan for aquatic habitat in the state to ensure the cleanup of Puget Sound. Second, forest stewardship requires a 200-year focus to make sure we are consistently improving habitat. Under our forestry plan, we will have more old-growth habitat, more trees and more jobs in the future than we have today. Finally, we need the voices of those in their 20s and 30s in these discussions. We created what we call the "futuring" effort, to put the managers of tomorrow in key positions at the Department of Natural Resources to help make decisions that will affect them their whole life. Not only are we training those who will be stewards of the land in the future, but we are bringing their vision of the future into the most important decisions about Washington's natural resource

Question 2

What are the duties of the position you are seeking?

- PETER GOLDMARK**
The Commissioner of Public Lands is the CEO of the Department of Natural Resources. This state agency dramatically impacts our quality of life, rural economies, and natural environment each and every day. The Commissioner oversees more than 5 million acres of state forests, agricultural, range and aquatic lands. The Commissioner also manages the state's largest fire department and produces an important revenue stream for school and university capital construction accounts through the management of state trust lands. The Commissioner also chairs the forest practices board, which regulates timber harvest on 9.5 million acres of private timberlands across the state.
- DOUG SUTHERLAND**
The Commissioner of Public Lands oversees the Department of Natural Resources and is responsible for millions of acres of state trust forestland, for overseeing the stewardship of private forestlands, caring for aquatic bedlands and earning non-tax revenue from leases and other activities to fund schools, counties and universities. The Department of Natural Resources is also the chief wildland firefighting agency which, as a former smokejumper, is particularly important to me.

Question 3

How important is party affiliation or “preference” to the office you seek?

PETER GOLDMARK

I believe conservation-minded people belong to both parties. As an Eastern Washington rancher, former director of Agriculture, WSU regent, volunteer firefighter, and member of several statewide boards, I have worked with a very diverse group of talented and smart people. Because of this, I know that when you really care about what you’re doing, there is no place for partisanship. I look forward to working with the diverse group of stakeholders and citizens.

DOUG SUTHERLAND

I am proud to be a Republican and have been my whole life. But I’ve always served in traditionally Democratic-leaning communities and have many friends and supporters who are Democrats. So, I have been endorsed this year by former Democratic House Speaker Brian Ebersole and former Republican House Speaker Clyde Ballard. I am endorsed by Republican King County Councilwoman Kathy Lambert and Democratic Clark County Councilwoman Betty Sue Morris. I have the support of Democratic State Senator Tim Sheldon and Republican State Senator Cheryl Pflug. Partisan labels cannot prevent us from learning and cooperating to find the best, long-term solutions.

Question 4

In your view, what was the most significant accomplishment of the person who currently holds the position for which you are running? Why?

PETER GOLDMARK

Finally beginning the needed process of certifying the state’s forest to Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) standards. This process was actually started by the previous commissioner in the late 1990’s and the current commissioner has now completed this process on about 7% of the state’s forest. This is important because it mandates sustainable management practices and increases the value of the wood products derived from these FSC forests.

DOUG SUTHERLAND

As the current Lands Commissioner, I think the most important accomplishment was actually a team effort of the two scientists, two Republicans and two Democrats on the Board of Natural Resources when we approved the stewardship plan for Washington’s forests. As part of that plan we were the first to protect old growth forests in Washington, to increase the number of family-wage jobs, increase the amount of salmon habitat in state forests and leave our forests with more habitat and more trees 100 years from now. It wasn’t an easy process and it took us three years of science and public input. Our work was rewarded when our forestry was certified by both of the major independent forest certifying organizations, SFI and FSC. In fact, we have one of the largest areas of forest certified by both systems. There are other issues I’m proud of, like dramatically increasing the amount of wind energy produced in Washington, creating the state’s first aquatic reserve program and cleaning up toxic sediments in Bellingham Bay and Commencement Bay in Puget Sound. All of these things will pay environmental dividends for decades to come. But after so many years of divisive, partisan battles over forest policy, bringing people together on that issue stands out.

Question 5

This year is being framed nationally as a change year - do you agree?

How would you define change?

PETER GOLDMARK

I do believe this is a year of change. To me, change is about adapting to survive and thrive. In our state, we must change our management of natural resources to be more sustainable. The old days of managing our lands for quick short term profits at the expense of a sustainable harvest plan to benefit local jobs, communities, and our natural resources will come to an end under my management.

DOUG SUTHERLAND

At so many levels of government, people are simply unhappy with the partisan and often angry tone of politics. Partisan attacks and accusations seem to be more important than ideas about how to solve our problems. If we want to create solutions that leave a positive legacy for the future, that has to change. For decades, forestry in Washington was defined by the “timber wars,” which pit jobs versus wildlife habitat. When I took office in 2001, I pledged to bring people together and find bipartisan solutions to these challenges. With the help of Republicans and Democrats, we’ve had success. My forestry plan was adopted unanimously by the two scientists, two Republicans and two Democrats on the Board of Natural Resources. I joined the Governor in receiving the highest level of environmental recognition in our private forests with our Habitat Conservation Plan. And we joined forestry groups and environmental organizations to solve problems that had lingered for more than a decade like the cleanup of Bellingham Bay, improving forest health and balancing recreation and forestry on Blanchard Mountain. By changing the tone of environmental politics, we can continue to create jobs, support responsible environmental stewardship and continue to promote alternative energy for future generations. We simply can’t afford to go back to the divisive environmental politics of the past.

Question 6

What does “government transparency” mean to you? Is government transparent enough to the people it serves? What specifically will you do to improve the transparency of your office?

PETER GOLDMARK

Transparency has not occurred in the office of Commissioner of Public Lands. In fact, just recently an article was printed in the Columbia Basin Herald regarding a private meeting to increase fees that DNR set up. The local citizens who will be impacted by the fee increase were very upset when they found out about the meeting and showed up to express their concerns. This is not the way citizens should be included in the decision-making process. There are many other examples of the lack of transparency in the office I seek; in fact the current commissioner has shut the public out of most decision-making processes involving public lands. To reverse this dangerous trend, I would convene perhaps 15-18 regional groups around the state composed of agency personnel, the public and relevant local groups and nonprofits to regularly communicate about local issues relevant to public lands management and the region. This would be an open forum to increase transparency and provide an opportunity for open communication about agency and local issues. As lands commissioner, I will respect the public and all affected parties. I will lead in a collaborative and inclusive manner using the Ruckelshaus center and other venues to find solutions to our toughest challenges.

DOUG SUTHERLAND

Being truly transparent means engaging the public as well as inviting outside experts to provide feedback and criticism of our decisions. When we examined the state’s forestry plan for the next decade, we held two rounds of public meetings, and received testimony and comments from hundreds of individuals and groups from across the state. That robust input was one reason the final forestry plan earned unanimous, bipartisan support. Often, however, the public doesn’t have the time to look at the specific details of a study, so we also look for outside experts to provide input. We are audited annually by the State Auditor, and, after decades out of compliance, we received a clean audit for the first time in decades during my administration. We also look to outside scientists to review our work. In the past two years, we’ve received independent certification of our forestry policies from both major, international forestry certification systems, SFI and FSC. Washington’s private forests also received the highest level of endorsement from federal biologists in the state’s Habitat Conservation Plan - the first of its kind in the nation. We always look for ways to increase transparency and include the public and experts in our decisions, but combining public input and the examination of independent experts, we work to ensure that we get the best input so our decisions are well considered.

Question 7

Is there too much money in politics - or not enough?

PETER GOLDMARK

There is far too much money in politics. I look forward to serving the ENTIRE public, not just those corporations who make large contributions to candidates. Large corporations that seek to control elections through the expenditure of large donations to parties or 527’s are undercutting the one person/one vote concept that has been the foundation of our country. In fact, I have made a commitment to not take money from the industries that I will regulate as Lands Commissioner.

DOUG SUTHERLAND

The issue for me is that there is not enough time. For citizens, it is often difficult to juggle all the things that are important in their life like family, job, friends and hobbies, and keep up with the government decisions that make a difference in their life. Money in politics cannot compete with informed citizens and I’ve won races in the past where my opponent has outspent me. So while politicians and the media debate the impact of money in politics, I think that an engaged public is far more important. And I’m pleased that those who’ve worked with me have joined my campaign, including prominent Republicans and Democrats as well as those who work the land like the Farm Bureau and the Woodworkers and conservationists like Jim Ellis, the father of the Mountains to Sound Greenway. Put simply, informed voters matter more than money in politics.

Question 8

Will the top two primary broaden representation or create single party domination?

PETER GOLDMARK

It will eliminate any participation by the minor parties and tend to focus attention on the dominant party in a given region of the state.

DOUG SUTHERLAND

It is difficult to say. In some cases it may strengthen one party control of a district. It may also, however, give voters a choice in the general election where their party would not traditionally be competitive by selecting a candidate who is closer to their beliefs. This could encourage candidates to reach out to voters who previously had little say. It may create single-party domination but broaden the ideological range and increase the range of views which are represented.

Question 9

Do you support the Top-2 Primary as a way to select candidates for the general election in your race?

PETER GOLDMARK

I am aware of the Supreme Court decision and know that it is the law in this state. There is only one other candidate who has filed for this race (a republican) so it will have minimal impact on my race.

DOUG SUTHERLAND

This is the system the people wanted. This is not what the party organizations wanted. As far as I am concerned, the people have the final say.

Question 10

What is the most useful criticism you have ever received?

PETER GOLDMARK

My scientific training taught me to speak in technical jargon and great detail. Neither of these speaking styles is voter friendly. Plain language and straightforward descriptions are more voter friendly.

DOUG SUTHERLAND

Treat people with respect and don't rise to the bait of those who try to pick fights. Politics is often very contentious and often politicians lurch from one fight to the next. Fighting the issue of the day, however, needlessly alienates those you need to work with in the future for solutions that will truly make a difference. It is easy to attack those who disagree with you and ignore your common interests. Doing so, however, is what has made our national politics so partisan, nasty and ineffective.

Question 11

Describe your perfect, non campaign weekend day.

PETER GOLDMARK

Cooking breakfast for family and friends at my ranch in Okanogan Co., followed by ranch activities like riding horseback, walking, viewing crops and animals, picking wildflowers and working in the garden/flower beds. An evening meal outside enjoying the sunset would be a perfect cap to the day.

DOUG SUTHERLAND

It is a close tie between watching the Mariners and working in the dirt in my garden.

Question 12

Tell us about the most influential band, music, book, author, or film in your life.

PETER GOLDMARK

There is no single piece of music or writing that is singularly important, rather the rich experience of growing up on a very rural ranch, attending school first in a one-room country schoolhouse thence to college, university and a post-doc at Harvard Medical School that has enriched my life. Of course there have been influential composers like Bach and Beethoven or writers like Stegner, Homer and Whitman, but, for me, it has been a chorus not a single work.

DOUG SUTHERLAND

I really enjoy the historical fiction of James Michner. He describes a number of events in many places and explains the historical significance of those events so we can learn from that history. And he does it in an entertaining way that makes history come alive.

Commission of Publics Lands Race: Tally

Add up your score to see who you most favor.

_____ **PETER GOLDMARK**

_____ **DOUG SUTHERLAND**

Favorite Candidate

Notes

STATE SENATOR

➤ LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 11

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Salary: \$41,280 - \$42,106 (effective Sept. 1, 2008)

What the Law Says: The mission of the Washington State Senate is to exercise legislative powers granted by the State Constitution; to represent and provide leadership for the people of the state of Washington; to enact laws and oversee their administration; and to provide for the public well-being while protecting and maintaining the rights of the individual.

Translation: State senators are elected by the people to represent their interests in Olympia. It is a part-time position, and in their four years in office, senators debate, amend and sign bills into law. They are also responsible for its implementation, and represent about 131,000 people each.

Term of office: Four years

2008 CANDIDATES

- **JUAN MARTINEZ** (Prefers Democratic Party)
www.juanforsenate.com

- **MARGARITA PRENTICE** (Prefers Democratic Party)
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Question 1

What do you believe are the most important issues in your race facing people in their 20s and 30s?

- JUAN MARTINEZ**
I believe that one of the biggest problems facing young people is a lack of engagement in the voting and elective process. One of the reasons I decided to run as a candidate was because I wanted to give a voice to people of my generation. I wanted to show that they can make a difference in their communities. I also believe that we are faced with much larger problems that just a generation ago. We need to keep our skills in the job market honed for fear of outsourcing, we need to find a house that is affordable and for many in the region this is not a reality. Finally, because many of us are starting to raise families we need to address the issues of healthcare affordability and accessibility as well as the educational system that we currently have that is not ruly preparing our children for the jobs of the future.

- MARGARITA PRENTICE**
Affordable educational opportunities, ability to purchase a home, maintaining skills necessary for tomorrow's world Ability to afford starting a family, economic security.

Question 2

What are the duties of the position you are seeking?

- JUAN MARTINEZ**
To represent and advocate for the residents of the 11th. To be mindful of the rest of the state and what the concerns of the many are. Lastly, to pass laws that address those concerns and then communicate effectively and frequently with the voters so that they are clear on what challenges and successes can be made from these laws.

- MARGARITA PRENTICE**
I work with my Party and represent my constituents in Olympia. I am Chair of Ways and Means, write the Senate Budget, listen in a respectful manner to all opinions and arrive at a thoughtful conclusion.

Question 3

How important is party affiliation or "preference" to the office you seek?

- JUAN MARTINEZ**
I have been an active member of the Democratic party since I was able to vote. It is very important to me.

- MARGARITA PRENTICE**
Very. The public knows what Parties stand for. Platform is openly arrived at, discussed and voted on at every level.

Question 4

In your view, what was the most significant accomplishment of the person who currently holds the position for which you are running? Why?

JUAN MARTINEZ

The current Senator was instrumental in passing the legislation that would legalize pay day lending. The pay day lending industry preys on working families with limited options and charges them outrageous interest rates as high as 390%. Most loans are not repaid in the loan period and instead another loan is granted keeping these families in a cycle of debt.

MARGARITA PRENTICE

I have many: Ban on Child Labor, Permit Streamlining for Transportation projects, provide sensible Budgets and live within our means.

Question 5

This year is being framed nationally as a change year - do you agree?
How would you define change?

JUAN MARTINEZ

This year is a year of change. There will be change in the white house which could mean progress on a whole host of issues that the American people care about. At the local level and most specifically in my race there is a need for change. Change is about redefining priorities and about challenging the way business has been getting done.

MARGARITA PRENTICE

Yes. The Bush years have devastated our country and we need to improve neglected areas. A new attitude towards people, respect for Human rights, hope for our children, concern for our elders.

Question 6

What does "government transparency" mean to you? Is government transparent enough to the people it serves? What specifically will you do to improve the transparency of your office?

JUAN MARTINEZ

Many of the voters I talk to at the door are shocked at the misuse of power and the lack of interest in their opinions about important issues. They feel disconnected with Olympia and the decisions that are being made. My race is about reconnecting with the voters and identifying what matters to them. When elected I will continue this dialogue with the voters. I will do more than send out a newsletter once a year.

MARGARITA PRENTICE

Openness in government activities, so that issues are not hidden from the public. I am currently conducting hearings throughout the State on Property Tax so that there will be understanding of what to do.

Question 7

Is there too much money in politics - or not enough?

JUAN MARTINEZ

Like it or not, money is one of the most important things to running a successful campaign. It pays to get your message out and to introduce you to the voters. I think the more important question is whether or not there is too much special interest money in politics and to that I would say most definitely. We must be wary of what that money will buy.

MARGARITA PRENTICE

One's viewpoint is affected by willingness to get any. I am supported by a broad base of donors because they agree with how approach my job- honestly, straightforward in a respectful manner.

Question 8

Will the top two primary broaden representation or create single party domination?

- JUAN MARTINEZ**
The top two primary will do more to help the underdog in either party because it will give them more time to raise money and contact the electorate. In those districts that already heavily lean to one side or the other the top two primary will just give them a better opportunity to investigate and eventually elect the better candidate.
- MARGARITA PRENTICE**
It will discourage viable candidates. It will remove the identification with a Party's principles which the public knows, and will allow evasion of certain positions.

Question 9

Do you support the Top-2 Primary as a way to select candidates for the general election in your race?

- JUAN MARTINEZ**
Yes.
- MARGARITA PRENTICE**
No.

Question 10

What is the most useful criticism you have ever received?

- JUAN MARTINEZ**
Stay focused even in the drudgery of it all.
- MARGARITA PRENTICE**
Take the high ground.

Question 11

Describe your perfect, non campaign weekend day.

- JUAN MARTINEZ**
I have been knocking on doors since March so my ideal day includes sleeping. All those hills can tire a guy out.
- MARGARITA PRENTICE**
Time spent with my family, now grown, and with my grandchildren.

Question 12

Tell us about the most influential band, music, book, author, or film in your life.

- JUAN MARTINEZ**
Most influential band - El Gran Combo. Music is Salsa it reminds me of growing up and grounds me. Book is *All Rivers Run to the Sea*. Author Ellie Wiesel and Rigoberta Menchu. Film *Schindler's List*.
- MARGARITA PRENTICE**
The War Against the Poor by Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer. We met in Nicaragua in 1988.

DISTRICT 11

State Senate: Tally

Add up your score to see who you most favor.

_____ **JUAN MARTINEZ**

_____ **MARGARITA PRENTICE**

Favorite Candidate

Notes

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

➤ LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 36 (POSITION 1)

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Salary: \$41,280 - \$42,106 (effective Sept. 1, 2008)

What the Law Says: As stewards of the public trust, guided by our state Constitution, the House of Representatives of the State of Washington establishes laws and policies to protect individual rights, provide quality education and other essential services, facilitate economic growth, and preserve quality of life for current and future citizens.

Translation: State representatives are elected every two years to a part-time position to debate, amend and sign bills into law for the people of Washington. There are two representatives from each district who work in Olympia to represent their constituents well.

Term of office: Four years

2008 CANDIDATES

➤ **REUVEN CARLYLE** (Prefers Democratic Party)
www.reuven Carlyle.com

➤ **JOHN BURBANK** (Prefers Democratic Party)
www.johnburbank.com

Question 1

What do you believe are the most important issues in your race facing people in their 20s and 30s?

- REUVEN CARLYLE**
Economic opportunity, education, environment and long term thinking in a short sighted world.

Question 2

What are the duties of the position you are seeking?

- REUVEN CARLYLE**
State Legislature. Working to build a more just, progressive, equitable and effective society at supporting quality of life for all.

Question 3

How important is party affiliation or "preference" to the office you seek?

- REUVEN CARLYLE**
I'm a proud, passionate and dedicated Democrat who believes it's time to move beyond the old stereotypes of yesterday.

Question 4

In your view, what was the most significant accomplishment of the person who currently holds the position for which you are running? Why?

- REUVEN CARLYLE**
Rep. Helen Sommers, retiring incumbent, worked to balance the budget needs of a growing state.

Question 5

This year is being framed nationally as a change year - do you agree?
How would you define change?

- REUVEN CARLYLE**
Moving forward on the progressive issues and ideas of our time.

Question 6

What does “government transparency” mean to you? Is government transparent enough to the people it serves? What specifically will you do to improve the transparency of your office?

- REUVEN CARLYLE**
Opening the doors of government to make the process, results, outcomes and systems honest and genuine.

Question 7

Is there too much money in politics - or not enough?

- REUVEN CARLYLE**
Too much for the incumbents and establishment, rarely enough for the challengers.

Question 8

Will the top two primary broaden representation or create single party domination?

- REUVEN CARLYLE**
I wish I knew.

Question 9

Do you support the Top-2 Primary as a way to select candidates for the general election in your race?

- REUVEN CARLYLE**
No.

Question 10

What is the most useful criticism you have ever received?

- REUVEN CARLYLE**
That I was too impatient.

Question 11

Describe your perfect, non campaign weekend day.

- REUVEN CARLYLE**
Playing with the family at a lake, hiking, biking, camping.

Question 12

Tell us about the most influential band, music, book, author, or film in your life.

- REUVEN CARLYLE**
Book: *The Chosen* by Chaim Potok.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

➤ LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 46 (POSITION 1)

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Salary: \$41,280 - \$42,106 (effective Sept. 1, 2008)

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Translation: State representatives are elected every two years to a part-time position to debate, amend and sign bills into law for the people of Washington. There are two representatives from each district who work in Olympia to represent their constituents well.

Term of office: Four years

2008 CANDIDATES

➤ **SCOTT WHITE** (Prefers Democratic Party)
www.scottwhite.com

➤ **GERRY POLLET** (Prefers Democratic Party)
www.gerrypolletforstaterep.org

Question 1

What do you believe are the most important issues in your race facing people in their 20s and 30s?

- SCOTT WHITE**
Protecting our Environment: addressing Global Warming, saving Puget Sound, reducing pollution.
Transportation: investing in mass transit options.

Question 2

What are the duties of the position you are seeking?

- SCOTT WHITE**
A State Representative serves as the voice (representative) of his or her community on matters before the State Legislature. During legislative sessions, the Legislature is called upon to: enact or reject legislation affecting public policy in the state; provide for the levy and collection of taxes and other revenue to support state government and assist local government; and appropriate funds for these purposes. Although laws are enacted only when the Legislature is convened in formal session, policy issues and the general operation of state and local government are under continuous review by legislators serving on permanent and interim study committees. (Taken in part from the WA Secretary of State's website.) In this context, one of the most important roles is to develop and maintain a strong relationship with the community you are representing so that you can be an effective voice for them while serving as a legislator. In order to be an effective legislator while in session, it is critical to develop and maintain strong working relationships with your colleagues from around the state. Last but not least, it is important to develop and maintain a knowledge base on the many issues before the legislature so that you can engage in the debate to fully assess issues and then make informed decisions.

Question 3

How important is party affiliation or "preference" to the office you seek?

- SCOTT WHITE**
Party affiliation is an important factor that educates voters about the core values of a candidate. Not all voters are able or have time to research every candidate running for public office. However, simply by knowing the party affiliation of a candidate - Democrat, Republican, Libertarian, Green, etc.-- a voter will know the basic political beliefs of that person. More information is always better.

Question 4

In your view, what was the most significant accomplishment of the person who currently holds the position for which you are running? Why?

SCOTT WHITE

The incumbent, Representative Jim McIntire has been a strong advocate for tax fairness and sound fiscal management. We live in a state with a highly regressive tax structure that places a larger tax burden on lower- and middle-income working families. Jim's work during his time in the legislature to balance budgets and ensure that citizens are getting their money's worth has been outstanding.

Question 5

This year is being framed nationally as a change year - do you agree? How would you define change?

SCOTT WHITE

Yes. Change can take many forms, but in politics it typically means a change in which political party controls the White House or Congress, or it can mean a passing of the torch from one generation to the next. 2008 is an important year because we are seeing the generations after the babyboomer generation--Gen X, Gen Y, Millennial Generation, etc.--all engaging in the public dialogue at unprecedented levels. Even more than this level of participation, we are seeing a more sincere efforts by leaders and candidates to allow all sectors of the community a seat at the table to develop solutions to problems.

Question 6

What does "government transparency" mean to you? Is government transparent enough to the people it serves? What specifically will you do to improve the transparency of your office?

SCOTT WHITE

Fortunately, Washington State has among the best "sunshine" or transparency laws in the nation. However, it is incumbent on the government itself and elected leaders to ensure that the citizenry has access to public information. I have pledged to be accessible to my constituents via regular office hours and have pledged to facilitate visits to Olympia during the legislative session so that constituents have access to their government. I have also pledged to work for campaign finance reform in an effort to reduce the influence of money and increase the influence of ideas in politics.

Question 7

Is there too much money in politics - or not enough?

SCOTT WHITE

Yes. I support clean elections and developing methods for publicly financed campaigns. Candidates should be spending more time listening and learning from voters and less time forced to raise money.

Question 8

Will the top two primary broaden representation or create single party domination?

SCOTT WHITE

It is hard to predict how it will impact election results, but it might enable more moderate candidates to be elected to public office. The system significantly hurts the chances of third party candidates.

Question 9

Do you support the Top-2 Primary as a way to select candidates for the general election in your race?

SCOTT WHITE

Generally speaking, No. Primary elections are the opportunity to elect the best candidate from each party.

Question 10

What is the most useful criticism you have ever received?

SCOTT WHITE

Be more succinct.

Question 11

Describe your perfect, non campaign weekend day.

SCOTT WHITE

Start the day by making breakfast with my wife and kids. Walk with my family to our neighborhood coffee shop, then stopping by our local elementary school to let our kids play on the playground. Take our kids to a fun community event or maybe a movie during the day. (Factor in time for naps!). Finish the day by hosting friends over for a BBQ in the evening.

Question 12

Tell us about the most influential band, music, book, author, or film in your life.

SCOTT WHITE

U2 has been a highly influential band during my life, and not just for their music. Early stuff such as *War*, *The Unforgettable Fire*, *Live Under a Blood Red Sky* and *The Joshua Tree* were all incredible albums/CDs. Of course, it is hard not to be inspired whenever I hear *Pride (In the Name of Love)*. The work of Bono and the band to encourage developed nations to provide humanitarian aid and debt relief to poor nations is a service to our planet that is impossible to quantify... much like their amazing music.