



46th District Democrats 2013 Non-Judicial Candidates Questionnaire

Candidate Name	John Wright
Position Sought	Lake Forest Park City Council, Position 3 (Incumbent)
Residence Legislative, KC Council, & US Congressional District	Precinct: LFP-1089 King County Council District 1 US Congressional district 7.
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Candidate Background: Community service, education, employment, prior campaign, party/union affiliations, and other relevant background information.

Community Service: Board Member, Lake Forest Park Rotary; Youth Coach, Richmond Jr. Football, Volunteer LFP Transportation Commission (1998-2009); KCTS-9 public television fund-raising volunteer.

Education: University of Washington BSBC (Construction Management & Engineering, 1986), Student Body President, North Seattle Community College (1981-1983)

Employment: Resident Engineer, King County Metro (26 years), Member, King County Technical Employees Association (Union).

Military Service: Retired Master Chief Petty Officer, U.S. Navy (30 Years).

Prior Campaign: Ran for Lake Forest Park City Council Position 3 successfully in 2009. Have been honored to serve the citizens of lake Forest Park since that time.

Have you ever been a member of any other political party? Have you given money to a candidate from another party in a partisan race? (If so, when and to whom?)

I have never been a member of a political party. I have contributed money to the following political campaigns: Elect Rod Dembowski (Current), Elect Bob Ferguson (2 donations, during 2012 race for Attorney general) Elect Rob McKenna (2012 Race for Governor)

Are you a member of your local Democratic Party organization? Have you contributed financially to any Democratic Organization? Have you been a Precinct Committee Officer or held a position in your local Democratic Party Organization? (when/where?)

No. I do not belong to a political party. My choices are issue and candidate driven.



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Please answer the following questions. If you answer 'yes', please provide details	YES	NO
Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court-ordered judgments?		X
Have you ever been a plaintiff or defendant in a civil matter?	X	
Have you ever been found in violation of campaign finance rules by a federal, state, or local elections regulatory body?		X
Have you ever been convicted of a felony?		X
If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions, please provide details in this space. I had to file an action against a neighbor to enforce a covenant. We successfully settled the matter without going to trial.		

What are the top THREE messages in your campaign?

1). Maintain and improve public safety. This is our most vital service to our citizens, who need to feel safe in their homes and community. We have restored funding to fill our vacant police officer position and hired a new police chief.

2) Maintain our public infrastructure. LFP has roads and utilities that are in far better condition than any surrounding city, and it is vitally important that we keep them that way. Once infrastructure deteriorates it is prohibitively expensive to restore.

3) Work to improve our transportation options and keep LFP priorities in the spotlight for future investment. State highways 522, 523, and 104 have borne an enormous burden from the impacts of the 520 bridge tolling, and we must press for relief from WSDOT, the State Legislature, Sound Transit, and King County Metro.

Describe how you will communicate these messages to voters and the progress you've made on this to date. Please include total fundraising to date, anticipated fundraising, and cash on hand. Please also include your plans for direct voter contact (advertising, knocking on doors, etc.)

I will communicate these messages through press releases, mailings, and door-to-door, candidate forums and news articles.

What is the single most pressing issue facing your jurisdiction and how will you address it?

Improving city services and maintaining high quality and excellent service without raising taxes. This is very difficult, but very important work.

If you are a candidate in a contested race, what record of performance, ability, experience, personal qualities, and positions on issue distinguish you from your opponent? If you do not make it through a Primary race, is there any reason you could not support your Democratic opponent in the general election?

I have the ability to work with diverse viewpoints and devise optimal solutions to difficult problems. I don't come into a situation blinded by political ideology or an unspoken agenda, and my goal is to improve the lives and opportunities for our citizens. As stated above, I put people and issues ahead of any political agenda, and am committed to implementing what I see as the best solutions regardless of whose idea they were.



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What creative solutions can you offer to address the problems of the economically disadvantaged?

Through efficiencies, we can lessen the cost burden of government on those who can least afford it. Our small city has a limited tax base and therefore does not really offer much in the way of social services or community assistance, except through limited subsidies for the use of shared municipal assets.

What is your position on civil rights for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered people? What is your position on equal rights for same-sex couples when it comes to benefits and parental rights?

I favor civil rights protection for ALL people.

What is the most urgent transportation issue for your jurisdiction, what are your ideas for addressing the issue, and what role will you play in devising a solution?

Transportation issues. Our greatest current infrastructure challenge concerns both overflows of traffic on the SR-522 corridor caused by the 520 bridge tolling, and the coincident and impending 17% cut in Metro transit service. LFP citizens want to do their part in reducing congestion and the environmental impacts of commuting by riding public transit, and transit demand is growing regionally. If bus service is reduced while demand continues to climb, congestion will get exponentially worse, and reduce the quality of life. We also need to demand investment in the SR-522 corridor to keep traffic moving.

I am the Co-Chair of the SeaShore Transportation Forum, a Member of the King County Regional Transit Committee, an 11-year member of the Lake Forest Park Transportation Commission and current City Council liaison to that commission. I have made several trips to Olympia in support of State and local-option funding mechanisms for King County Roads and Metro Transit, and I just offered testimony tonight to the King County Council on the effort to SAVE METRO.

What is the most urgent environmental issue for your jurisdiction, what are your ideas for addressing the issue, and what role will you play in devising a solution?

Water pollution caused by storm water runoff. LFP is and has been a leader in environmental stewardship, and we have opportunities to employ low-impact development techniques and rain gardens to help restore groundwater supplies and remove pollutants from our runoff. I have extensive experience with low-impact development, especially in the areas of pervious pavements and storm water retention facilities. I also serve on the King County Regional Water Quality Committee and have worked to help contain CSO overflows, use reclaimed water from our wastewater treatment plants, and clean up the lower Duwamish waterway superfund site.

What is the most urgent infrastructure issue for your jurisdiction, what are your ideas for addressing the issue, and what role will you play in devising a solution?

Flood Control. Lake Forest Park has sustained flood damage to its town center and Sheridan Beach neighborhood 3 times in the last 17 years. We have successfully applied for federal and County grants to solve this problem, and are currently completing the design process in a way that has won the support of the LFP stream-keepers and the Environmental quality commission. The remaining challenge will be to successfully implement the project without budget over-runs while performing the work within all environmental protection



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constraints.

What is the most urgent revenue issue for your jurisdiction, what are your ideas for addressing the issue, and what role will you play in devising a solution? Do you believe how revenue is collected in your jurisdiction is fair?

Lake Forest Park has a revenue stream that is disproportionately dependent on property taxes. We have few commercial or retail zones to develop, so we need to look at grant revenue to improve our ability to take on new projects. The most important of these will be the development of the grant-shop itself. Skillfully executed, local grants will pave the way for state and federal grants. The city has done well recently in this regard, but there is much more to do.

What is the most urgent public safety issue for your jurisdiction, what are your ideas for addressing the issue, and what role will you play in devising a solution?

Proliferation of residential burglaries. Our police aggressively pursue investigations to solve these crimes, and help citizens organize to prevent them, but more education of the populace is required to have a greater effect. A city-wide block-watch effort is needed. It is important to understand that much of the increase in burglaries is due to the record price of gold. Gold jewelry is light and easy to carry, easy to conceal, easy to melt into an untraceable and easily transferrable form, and extremely valuable on today's market.

What is the most urgent land use issue for your jurisdiction, what are your ideas for addressing the issue, and what role will you play in devising a solution?

Our most significant sub-area planning process in years has just come to a close, so now our focus needs to shift into reviewing the code constraints we have already instituted. Several of our building and land-use planning regulations that have remained on the books since their inception will need to be revised to reflect the benefit of experience.

One that particularly springs to mind is the City's 'approved tree list', which attempts to list all species of trees that may be acceptable substitutes for trees which have been removed. I favor the far more straightforward approach where the 'approved tree list' is replaced with the 'banned tree list', a much shorter list of trees which if planted would be invasive or otherwise wholly unsuitable for planting within the city. This approach protects the public interest while preserving options for private landowners.

What is the most urgent organizational issue for your jurisdiction, what are your ideas for addressing the issue, and what role will you play in devising a solution?

Matching the leadership goals with the staff available to do the work. The city is served by outstanding staff who could easily be overwhelmed with workload if it isn't managed correctly. We need to be very judicious in deciding which projects are chosen to move forward, and when.

Please answer the following questions.

	YES	NO	Qualified
Do you support the 46 th Legislative District Platform?			
Do you support the right of workers (excluding military) to collectively	X		



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bargain and strike?			
Do you support government funding of family planning services, including abortion and contraception?			X
Do you support simple majority votes in legislative bodies for revenue increases or to repeal tax exemptions?	X		
Do you oppose school vouchers? Do you oppose charter schools?		X	
Would you support prevailing wage rules on projects in your jurisdiction?	X		
Do you support equal rights and pay for women?	X		
Do you support Federal and State regulation of greenhouse gases contributing to climate change?			X
Do you support a constitutional amendment to limit free speech rights to persons and not corporations?		X	
Do you support public financing of campaigns?	X		
Are you pro choice?	X		
Do you support federal repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act?	X		
Do you support area standards of wages and benefits?			?

If you answered 'NO' or 'Qualified' to any of these questions, please use this space to comment.

Government Funding of Family Planning Services; I support a woman's right to choose, but I do not support using public funding of abortion services, since many people of conscience who must pay taxes that would fund it find this practice particularly abhorrent. I believe this issue can be avoided by maintaining the mandate that abortion funding be privately sourced.

School Vouchers: I support excellence in public education, and the sad fact is that our public schools have been failing our kids. We need to support the mission of achieving excellence in education, and results show that portability and choice for students and parents is the best way we have found so far in achieving that goal, particularly in low-income and minority neighborhoods.

Climate Change: There is a significant body of scientific evidence that solar conditions are much more directly linked to weather and climate changes on earth than the level of greenhouse gasses are. Before we make massive investments of our very limited resources, this must be resolved, and we cannot afford to get this wrong. Scientific observation does not rely on consensus for its conclusions, but on measurable and repeatable cause and effect. Political solutions rely on consensus.

Free Speech: Whether acting individually or collectively, or whether marketing products or labor, I support freedom of speech and expression rights under the first amendment.

Area Standards: I do not know what this is.

I have read this completed questionnaire. I approve and certify as accurate all the answers and information contained herein.	
Printed Name	John Wright
Signature	I do not have the capability to sign and pdf this to you. I will sign at a later date



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