



46th District Democrats

2013 Non-Judicial Candidates Questionnaire

Candidate Name	Richard Conlin
Position Sought	Seattle City Council Position 2
Residence Legislative, KC Council, & US Congressional District	37 th Legislative District, 2 nd KC Council District, 9 th Congressional District,
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Candidate Background: Community service, education, employment, prior campaign, party/union affiliations, and other relevant background information.

RICHARD CONLIN was elected to the Seattle City Council in November 1997 and reelected in 2001, 2005, and 2009. He was selected by his colleagues to serve as Council President for 2008-2009, and again for 2010-2011.

In his first term on the Council, he chaired the Neighborhoods, Sustainability, and Community Development Committee, and moved 37 neighborhood plans through Council approval. The successful completion of the Neighborhood Planning Program was a key step in Seattle's implementation of Washington's Growth Management Act.

In his second term, Conlin served as Chair of the Transportation Committee. He worked to implement regional plans to improve transit, develop new funding sources for transportation maintenance and neighborhood transportation improvements, and support pedestrian and bicycle improvements to reduce dependence on the automobile.

In his third term, Conlin chaired the Environment, Emergency Management, and Utilities Committee. The committee oversaw solid waste, water, drainage, and sewer utilities, emergency management, and environmental initiatives, including salmon recovery, climate change, green building programs, and sustaining the urban forest. His work included a major reshaping of Seattle's approach to solid waste and recycling ("Zero Waste Strategy") developing sustainable infrastructure policies, and creating a food policy for Seattle ("Local Food Action Initiative").

In his current term, Conlin chairs the Planning, Land Use, and Sustainability (PLUS) Committee. He oversees the Department of Planning and Development and manages legislation involving comprehensive planning, zoning, design, land use regulations, and neighborhood plans. The Committee also covers urban sustainability, including industrial development districts, food policy, the urban forest, and emergency preparedness.

Prior to being elected as a Seattle City Councilmember, Richard Conlin was Director of the Community and Environment Department at Metrocenter YMCA from 1985 to 1996. Among the programs he led were Seattle YMCA Earth Service Corps, supporting youth development through environmental education and action, and



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the Master Home Environmentalist, training volunteers to reduce home indoor pollution. Richard was one of the co-founders of Sustainable Seattle, an organization that published the "Indicators of Sustainable Community," and now works to promote actions that further Seattle's progress towards long-term cultural, economic, environmental, and social health.

Richard and his wife, Sue Ann Allen, have lived in Madrona since 1982. Prior to his election to City Council, he served as Public Safety Chair and Land Use Chair for the Madrona Community Council, and was active in the Central Area Neighborhood Plan.

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?)

No

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?)

Yes, PCO since 1994, have contributed to party and Democratic candidates

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.

What are the top THREE messages in your campaign?

My experience on the Council has taught me how to make things happen and how to work cooperatively with others -- and to understand that it can take years of patient effort to create meaningful change. There is a lot more that I want to accomplish, in public safety, community development, growing Seattle's urban forest, keeping our utilities and transportation system efficient and effective, and so many other areas that are important to our City and to you. Let's keep working together to build strong neighborhoods, grow a healthy economy, protect our environment, and strive for social justice -- towards a truly sustainable Seattle.

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.)



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We have raised \$70000 of our anticipated \$190000 budget. We anticipate participating fully in all areas of voter contact.

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

Bringing transportation and housing into alignment. I will keep advocating for Metro Transit funding, to complete Sound Transit and other transit projects, and to work with our neighborhoods to realize the vision of our neighborhood plans.

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 do not have a Democratic opponent. I have a track record of achievement, commitment, and creativity!

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

Job training and job development for all. Streamlining city regulations so that small businesses can be created and flourish. Keep moving forward on transit oriented development. Ensure that the social safety net remains intact, as we have been able to do in Seattle.

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 proudly and strongly support equal rights for the LGBTQ community and contributed to and supported the Marriage Equality Referendum campaign.

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?

Ensuring transportation choices for all in a well-maintained and efficient transportation system. I will continue my work on the Sound Transit Board to keep transit moving, support funding for pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and support funding for maintaining our roads and bridges.

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?

Transforming the Duwamish River from a Superfund site to a community centerpiece. We must keep the cleanup moving, ensure that communities surrounding the River receive employment and community benefits from the work, and keep industry vital.

What is the most urgent infrastructure issue for your jurisdiction, what are your ideas for addressing



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<p>the issue, and what role will you play in devising a solution?</p>
<p>Fully funding maintenance and facilities for our parks. Drawing on my experience in successfully crafting the Library Levy, I will work with my colleagues to develop a funding plan for parks and strive to get it approved by the voters.</p>
<p>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?</p>
<p>We have a moderately fair revenue system for Seattle, and cannot change it without authority from the legislature. Our most urgent needs are for the school system to be fully funded and for Metro Transit to have funding mechanisms authorized by the legislature. I will continue to advocate for those.</p>

<p>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?</p>
<p>We must resolve the questions around our police department so that the vast majority of our police, who are competent and creative officers, can get back to work to protect public safety with the confidence of the public. I will continue to press for a substantive response to the DOJ report, and for our Department to fully and transparently implement the needed reforms.</p>

<p>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?</p>
<p>Ensuring that we provide the capacity for meeting our growth management goals in a predictable and transparent manner. We must revitalize our neighborhood planning effort, add a transit communities element to the Comprehensive Plan, and create clear boundaries for development projects so that everyone understands what development will take place and under what regulatory regimen.</p>

<p>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?</p>
<p>Taking the many mechanisms for regional cooperation and ensuring that they work together in a coordinated manner to address regional issues. I will continue to reach out to our suburban partners and build the relationships and partnerships that are essential to solving regional problems. I do not think that changing institutional structures is likely to happen, so it is necessary to meld the informal relationships with existing structures to make sure that we work together successfully.</p>

Please answer the following questions.	YES	NO	Qualified
Do you support the 46 th Legislative District Platform?	x		
Do you support the right of workers (excluding military) to collectively bargain and strike?	x		
Do you support government funding of family planning services, including abortion and contraception?	x		



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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?	x		

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

I have read this completed questionnaire. I approve and certify as accurate all the answers and information contained herein.	
Printed Name	Richard Conlin
Signature	<i>Richard Conlin</i>
Date	4/7/2013

Please return this questionnaire by the deadline to:

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