

**NORTH CLACKAMAS COUNTY CHAMBER
QUESTIONNAIRE – STATE REPRESENTATIVE**

The North Clackamas County Chamber of Commerce is made up of more than 700 businesses, representing more than 26,500 employees, located in the Clackamas County and Metro area. We may be considering endorsing in your current race, and need to know more about your beliefs to assist us in making our recommendations. Please complete the following questionnaire and return promptly.

Responses to these questions will be the basis of the topics at the Candidates' Issues Events at which you have been invited to speak. Questions at the issues event may include any of the following.

Responses to this questionnaire will also be posted on the Chamber's website, www.yourchamber.com.

Please return this by email to ceo@yourchamber.com before Monday, Friday, August 8, 2008.

Please limit your response to each question to no more than 100 words.

Name Bill Kennemer

Office Sought State Representative, District 39 Party Affiliation Republican
(if appropriate)

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- 1.) Tell us briefly about yourself, who are you and what are the major issues facing the office you are seeking and how will you respond to those issues if elected?

For over 25 years I owned and operated a series of family clinical psychology practices and rental properties as a local small business person. For the past 11 plus years, I have served as a Clackamas County Commissioner, with the 10 previous years as a State Senator. Increased partisanship, activist domination, and ineffectiveness of our Legislature are of great concern. High energy prices, rising health care costs and getting our economy back on track must be beyond partisan solutions. As a local business person, former legislator, and a local official, I can make a difference.

- 2.) What are the major transportation issues facing Clackamas County and what will you do to respond to them?

The major issues are: loss of federal funds; inadequate funds for maintenance; the serious need for the Sunrise; modernization and expansion of our roads; and more transit where appropriate. I already have talked with the Governor about wanting to be a part of his transportation proposal next session. Since transportation is the major economic driver of our economy, it is a huge priority for me and backed by experience and success!

- 3.) What do you view as the major weaknesses of the involvement of business in legislative action? In essence, what suggestions would you have to increase the impact of business on the legislative process?

Elected officials hear directly from too few business owners and managers, especially those from local businesses. Too often, the "business" position is articulated by lobbyists and major corporations. The owners and managers of local businesses usually have a fresher, hands-on perspective and are more in

touch with the needs of local citizens. Most local business people probably think they cannot make a difference, but they should know that a phone call or personal e-mail can have an impact on my decision; always has and always will!. Local business organizations, particularly Chambers help increase awareness while encouraging members to share their views with their elected officials.

- 4.) Can you give an example of a way in which you have supported a business/community position in the past?
A few examples: Partnering with the Chamber to bring light rail to Clackamas County; creating and maintaining the local Transportation Management Association; North Clackamas Improvement District; widening of Sunnyside Road, working to get ODOT to identify the Sunrise as a highway of statewide significance; cooperative parks improvements with the School District forces; consolidating county offices in LEED buildings for economy, efficiency and customer service; including Chamber members on many committees and task forces
- 5.) List briefly the three top reasons voters should elect you to this position.
- 1 Experience and success in working on critical Clackamas County issues like job creation and economic development, improving transportation infrastructure, improving access to health care, and promoting sustainability and alternative energy.*
 - 2 A strong record of working across party lines to find common ground and common sense solutions to problems. Partisanship and top down leadership don't work for the benefit of Clackamans and Oregonians.*
 - 3 Supported from a wide range of community and business organizations, including the Canby Chamber of Commerce, NFIB/Oregon, Oregon Business Alliance, Farm Bureau, and Associated Oregon Industries. Visit www.billkennemer.com for a complete listing of endorsements*
- 6.) List briefly your biographical information limited to age, former/current elected positions, years in State/region/County/district, community involvement.

Age: 61

Elected Positions: Clackamas County Commissioner, 1997-present; Oregon State Senator, 1987-1996

Years in State: 44; Region: 38; County: 34; district: 10

Community Involvement:: North Clackamas, Canby and Oregon City Chambers of Commerce; NCCC Board of Directors for 8 years; Public Safety Coordinating Council; Northwest Steelheaders; Clackamas Community Land Trust; Three Rivers Land Conservancy; Friends of the Fair; Oregon Trail Foundation; Rotary; Friends of Trees; Clackamas Heritage Partners; New Hope Church; Friends of the Library; Canby Historical Society; Willamette Falls Heritage Foundation