

NORTH CLACKAMAS COUNTY CHAMBER QUESTIONNAIRE – COUNTY CLERK

The North Clackamas County Chamber of Commerce is made up of more than 600 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, March 8, 2010. **Please limit your response to each question to no more than 100 words.**

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- 1.) What do you believe are the most significant responsibilities for the office of County Clerk?
As a successful business administrator, the clerk must effectively manage its own fiscal budget, establish operational goals and guidelines and oversee management of services and resources under its charge.

Since the Clerk is the County Records officer it should work with its own county government to maximize accessibility to important records while providing services to County offices, businesses, and private citizens.

As the elections official the clerk must monitor changes and updates to voters precincts and districts while following the guidelines established by the Secretary of State for administering elections in a non-partisan manner.
- 2.) What are your qualifications for meeting those responsibilities?
For the past seven years I have served as deputy to the office of county clerk and have an in-depth understanding of Oregon Laws as they apply to the Clerks duties. I have established trusting work relationships with county government offices, municipalities, businesses and citizens. I am networked into state agencies and resources for the purpose of monitoring updates and changes that affect my current duties. I have spent the past 25 years working in public and private sectors always focusing on the needs of the customer while following established business regulations and guidelines. I am educated in business administration with emphasis in computer science and database management.
- 3.) What do you view as the major skills or talents needed to fully execute this position?

In addition to its duties as a business administrator a successful clerk must have a complete understanding of Federal, State, and County rules and regulations as they apply to the Clerks duties.

The Clerks office serves as a representative of Clackamas County as well as an extension of the Secretary of State and should actively seek opportunities to participate in statewide decisions as they focus on improving Elections, Recording and Records Management techniques. In the performance of its duties clerk is in direct contact with voters, political parties, government agencies, candidates, political action committees, media, researchers, and the general public. This serves as an opportunity to collect data and discover the needs of its community and government offices.

- 4.) is there a need for a different type of responsiveness from the office of county Clerk to the public? Please tell us more about why or why not.

My experience in the Clerks office has shown me it is not a place for bi-partisan politics. This is paramount when conducting elections business.

Since the clerks operating hours are mandated by law it should look at opportunities to maximize its services to the public by returning to a full 5 day work week and relocate one or all of its offices to a single location near or at the County Campus.

The Clerks office can serve the public best by being proactive and ready for change by; 1)Notifying the public and businesses when changes occur such as new legislation passage, 2)Look for opportunitites to expand is services and information online, 3)Making certain its records and services are secure in response to unexpected events.

List briefly the three top reasons voters should elect you to this position.

I am fully trained and ready to represent the Clerks office at the state and local level as a Nonpartisan County elections official and County Records officer.

I am ready make the Clerks office more efficient by maximizing the use of online resources and looking at potential business access points online while making record security a priority.

I am ready to provide up-to-date the tools and information to help citizens and business navigate their way through the many services and records available at the Clerks office.

- 6.) List briefly your biographical information limited to age, former/current elected positions, years in State/region/County/district, community involvement.

Age: 49

Elected Positions: None

Years in State/region/County/district:

49 years in Oregon/34 years in Multnomah county and 15 years in Clackamas county where I reside in Oregon City. House District 39, Senate District 20

Community Involvement:

Oregon City Meals on wheels; Oregon City Parks and Recreation-Carnegie Center, Park Place Neighborhood Association-Secretary; Oregon City Tatashina Sister City Organization-Host Family; Haggart Observatory; PSU-Teens at risk-Mentor, Multnomah County Senior Homeowners Assistance Program; Portland Fire Fighters Toy and Joy Makers