

31st Legislative District Democrats Candidate Questionnaire

1. Your name: David Tracy

2. Candidate for: King County District Court, Southeast Division #6

Party Affiliation: Judicial Candidates are prohibited by the Judicial Canons to identify themselves as a member of a political party.

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4. If elected, what positive changes will you champion that will benefit the 31st LD?

David Tracy's judicial philosophy is that everyone who comes before the court deserves to be treated respectfully and be given the opportunity to be heard. The courts belong to the people and as such Judges should help them understand the court process, their individual rights and the judgments and decisions a court makes.

5. What are the three most critical issues you expect to encounter in the office you are seeking?

The courts just like all government agencies are trying to do more with less. The courts need to raise more money and to be more efficient. That could include imposing higher fines or more appropriately assessing jail costs. It could include the more efficient use of computers. For example, having a program that automatically fills in the name of the court and defendant on the Judgment that is generated by the court. Currently, the Judge fills in that information. This would save time so that more cases could be heard.

6. Please give us an example of when you had to make a critical decision that, due to its impact on others, was difficult. Tell us why you made your decision and what, if any, actions you took to mitigate any negative results.

I started an interpreter calendar. What that means is that instead of having interpreters appear whenever needed on any calendar, the case was assigned to a specific calendar when the interpreter would be present. All cases with that same language were on that calendar. This process reduced the cost of interpreters significantly. At first, there was resistance and problems with the court work being processed. A review of those issues showed that when there were more than 4 or five cases with the same interpreter that two interpreters were necessary. One to work outside the courtroom so the defendant could speak to the attorney and one in the court to interpret court proceedings. An adjustment was made. There were still significant savings, the interpreters liked it as they did not have to run around so much and justice was still done. This process was presented to other courts and many courts use a similar process now.

7. What methods will you employ to communicate with your constituency on a regular basis?

As a judge it is improper to send a communication to the general public. However, I often will speak to groups or have made presentations in schools on the judicial system.

8. What other information would you like us to consider?

David Tracy's previous experience includes being a Judge for a Municipal Court for six years, Magistrate for the District Court for three years, and a Pro Tem Judge for 30 years in 14 different courts including Renton, Kent, Auburn and the District Court. He has adjudicated thousands of cases from traffic infractions to jury trials for criminal and civil matters. Mr. Tracy has received a Certificate of Judicial Development Special Court Trial Skills from the National Judicial College. He is a past Dean of the Washington State Judicial College as well as an instructor for Continuing Judicial Education courses in Washington. His judicial credits include a Supervisors Certificate from Green River Community College and Managing Human Resources Certificate from the National Center for State Courts, Institute for Court Management.

David Tracy has been an attorney in Renton since 1979. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Washington State University and a Juris Doctorate Degree from the University of Idaho. He is a past President of the South King County Bar Association and has provided free legal advice through the South King County Legal Clinic since 1987.

David Tracy activities in the South King County Community include serving on the Advisory Board and Chairperson for the Legal Assistant Program at Renton Technical College; serving on the board of the Renton Chamber of Commerce; member and past President of the Kent Chamber of Commerce Foundation for Education and Arts; member and Vice Chairperson of the Kent School District Concurrency Task Force; member of the Kent School District Diversity Task Force I and II (where he helped establish a plan for diversity and harassment issues which was recognized nationally). In addition, Mr. Tracy has been active with Rotary, Rainbow Girls, YMCA and Boy Scouts. David Tracy has received the Award of Merit, the highest award for service by an adult that the Boy Scouts can award at the District level. He is also an Eagle Scout and received the God and County Award. He received a "Recognition Award" from King County Council for Serving on the Kent School District Concurrency Task Force, two separate "Special" Awards from the Kent School District.

I declare under penalty of perjury the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed at *RENTON, WA.*

Signature

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