

## Patricia J. Terry RN (D) Announces Run for State Representative

*Key Campaign Issues: Healthcare for All, Environmental Stewardship and Responsible Management of Public Dollars*



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**Camano Island, WA, January 8, 2008 – Patricia J. Terry, candidate for State Representative, 10<sup>th</sup> Legislative District - Position 2, kicks off the 2008 phase of her campaign.**

Terry, a Registered Nurse, was the first Democrat to enter the race on June 1, 2007. "As a nurse, I have always considered myself a public servant. The most important concerns of our day are neither Republican nor Democratic. Issues such as healthcare, protection of the environment and the wise use of our tax dollars are important to everyone and will be the focus of my campaign."

Terry's career gave her opportunities to advocate for vulnerable populations - the very young and the very old, those for whom healthcare had become unaffordable. "In time, I learned that the best way for me to take care for those in need was to impact the legislation that governed their lives. Needing to know more about how the system worked, I went back to school to study government, how it worked, and how policies were developed and implemented. In the process, I have learned how to get things done. I am running because I want to put my knowledge and my commitment to work for the people of the 10<sup>th</sup> District."

Terry studied with the Institute of Public Service at Seattle University and earned a Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree in 2005. In 2006, Terry completed an internship with the Snohomish County Performance Auditor. Since graduation, Terry has twice served the MPA program as an adjunct lecturer, teaching budget management classes to both graduate and undergraduate students.

From 2004-2006, Terry served as a board member of the Washington State Association for Healthcare Quality and was the organization's President in 2005. In 2007, the Island County

Board of Health appointed Terry to a three-year term with the Community Health Advisory Board.

Terry has been active in local politics. As a volunteer, she has done everything from health policy analysis to stuffing envelopes. Terry doorbelled throughout Island County on behalf of the successful election campaigns of County Commissioner John Dean, County Treasurer Linda Riffe, County Prosecutor Greg Banks, and County Assessor Dave Mattens.

Patricia Terry and her husband Michael Cooney live on Camano Island, WA. Terry helped her husband raise his two daughters, now grown and living in southern California. Terry and Michael regularly attend the Stanwood United Methodist Church, are volunteers at the Northwest Organization for Animal Help (NOAH), and are trained as first responders for the Camano Island Fire Department's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. Terry is a member of the Camano Island Chamber of Commerce.

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