

Uber Employee

Employee: Norm Letnick
Workplace: Kelowna-Lake Country
 Constituency Office and Legislature of British
 Columbia
Position: Member of Legislative Assembly
Tenure: 7 months – since May 12, 2009

Reasons for becoming an MLA:

Throughout my life I have sought out opportunities to serve. My family and I volunteer for many organizations and charities. Back in my time living in Banff, I sought elected office as a way to serve on a larger basis. My nine years as a councillor in Banff and Kelowna taught me that people can make a significant positive difference in the lives of others by stepping into public office, working hard, listening, consulting with experts and making decisions for the long-term benefit of the majority. The decision to run for MLA and not stay a city councillor was an exciting one. With the support of my wife, Helene and my children, and the confidence of the voters in the Kelowna-Lake Country riding, I accepted the position of MLA for Kelowna-Lake Country. Without their continued support, I would not be able to spend the many hours on the job and the weeks away from Kelowna as I do.

My bosses: I answer to a very large group of people, the constituents of Kelowna Lake Country, approximately 56,000 people, as well as the government of B.C., which I am an elected representative of. My constituency covers a good part of Kelowna and other outlying communities – Rutland North of Hwy 33 through Quail Ridge, Lake Country, Ellison, Black Mountain and Joe Rich as well as the McKinley, Dilworth and Glenmore neighborhoods.

Co-Workers: My co-workers are other elected officials – the other MLAs from around B.C. These MLAs are on the governing side as well as the official opposition. My co-workers and I work on many committees on behalf of government to gather public input, conduct research, provide our expertise and supply detailed and relevant informa-



tion back to the cabinet and the premier.
Defining moment of choosing to work here: Knocking on doors for city council, I met many seniors with health and income issues that inspired me to help. Two years later, Bill Redmond encouraged me to seek higher office and then Rick Thorpe closed the deal by inquiring if I was interested in provincial politics.

The flat side: Sometimes things can move too slowly in government.

Why I still like it here: We've just begun. Locally, our team of Shelley and Stephanie are working really hard to serve the needs of Kelowna-Lake Country constituents. We sometimes even get thank you notes. Provincially we still have many challenges: economy, health, education and so on. I just wish there were more hours in a day to help improve the lives of our citizens in each of these areas.

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