

County – Partisan Offices

County Commissioner District 2 – 4 Year Term



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Are you an approved candidate of your preferred party?

yes no not applicable

What background and experience do you bring to this office?

As a member of the Kitsap County Board of Equalization, I have heard over 1,200 property tax appeals. I am on the Port Orchard Planning Commission and have served on the Silverdale Advisory Council.

My first-hand knowledge of Kitsap County's issues comes from practical experience: being directly involved and working with both citizens and the county. Over the years, I have attended hundreds of work-study and county meetings. I have studied and understand the Growth Management Act, the Critical Areas Ordinance, and the Washington Growth Management Hearing Board's decisions.

I know how deceptive laws, rules, and regulations increase taxes and discourage new businesses. I am also painfully aware of the disastrous effects ever-increasing taxes have on all of us, especially those with fixed incomes. Yet there is still hope! I am not afraid to boldly tackle—and resolve—these issues on *your* behalf.

If elected, what will be your top two priorities, and how will you accomplish them?

First, I will limit deceptive new taxes and regulations. How? By actually listening to voters and opposing all tax increases that are not voter approved. Note, for example, all the new fees added to our car tabs. How has *that* been working for you?

Second, I will use common sense when crafting regulations, and look to maximize efficiency in county offices. How? By repealing unnecessary or repetitive regulations and creating a more citizen-friendly courthouse. We have a lot of work to do to rein in over-taxation and regain citizen control of our government. With your vote, and your support, we will.



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Are you an approved candidate of your preferred party?

yes no not applicable

What background and experience do you bring to this office?

As a citizen, a professional, and an elected official, I have never stopped working for Kitsap County.

Most recently I brought diverse people together to increase access to four-year college degrees locally. I have also served as a commissioner for Kitsap County and for the South Kitsap Parks District, honing my abilities to get things done.

As county commissioner, I favored a strategic approach to increase government efficiency while reducing costs. I led efforts to locate the WorkSource Center in Bremerton so job seekers can easily find job placement and training services.

I returned to UW to learn how communities can grow and still retain their essential character, earning a doctorate in urban planning.

If elected, what will be your top two priorities, and how will you accomplish them?

I believe people have the power to make a difference. Our future depends on a strong economy, a healthy environment and local people working together. As your county commissioner these are my three priorities – for a Kitsap County we can proudly call our home.

Your opinion counts. I will listen to you and represent your voice in local government.

Economic viability and sustainability are not only complementary, but crucial, in today's tumultuous economy. I will support Kitsap businesses, jobs and opportunities for all.

Kitsap is one of the most beautiful settings in the world and we must steward our natural resources now and into the future. I will stand up for Puget Sound, protect working farms and forests, and support green building and low impact development.

Together, we can make a difference!



When will the Election Results be Final?

Counties will certify the General Election results on November 25, 2008. The Office of the Secretary of State has until December 4, 2008 to certify this Election.