

County – Partisan Offices

County Commissioner District 1 – Short and 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?

I am the incumbent County Commissioner. I am familiar with the issues in County Government and the 10 other Boards and Commissions I sit on. I have 29 years government experience, including being City Manager of Bellevue and Director of Finance and Administration of Portland, Oregon.

I have a B.A. from Columbia University and a Masters' Degree in Public Administration from the University of California, Berkeley. I served as a Coast Guard Officer in Seattle.

I grew up in the Northwest and understand Northwest values and lifestyle. I have volunteered extensively as a mediator, an EMT, a wildlife rehabilitator and President of the Hansville Community Center. I was

named a Hansville "Outstanding Citizen". My wife and I have three children and 4 grand children. I am an avid gardener and sailor.

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

My top priority is to see that the County spends tax dollars wisely. My first budget as County Commissioner was the first in years to be adopted without spending reserves. Financial shortfalls threaten County services. The County must be efficient, creative and accountable to the public. I will rely on my extensive financial experience and the involvement of Kitsap citizens to ensure that vital County services are provided to our citizens.

Second, I will protect our quality of life and environment while we accommodate future growth and create clean jobs. Responsible growth requires adequate infrastructure, transportation solutions, parks, affordable housing and protection of our natural environment. I am working to protect and restore Puget Sound and Hood Canal.



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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 private business owner I know the difficulties and necessity of balancing a budget while trying to provide quality services to those paying for them. My business background and role as the co-head of a household taught me how to prioritize spending with necessities and mandates needing to come first. As a lawyer I know the importance of research before taking a position on an issue so that I can make the most educated decisions for the citizens of Kitsap County. While my only government experience is in volunteer services I am also not a lifetime government insider and I bring a fresh, independent perspective to local government.

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First, government should be limited and only operates for, and at the will of the people. Reviewing policies currently in place regarding public meetings and the customer service aspects of county offices to ensure the public is well served and heard is crucial to this process. Second, the first priorities of government are law and justice and roads, and they continue to need the bulk of the taxpayer's funds coming into the county's budget. We must spend within our means, but the cuts need to be shared by all levels of operation within county government. Fiscal hardships should be shared by administrators and front line workers, a view not shared by my opponent as he voted himself a raise at the end of 2007 after cutting union member's medical benefits in an attempt to balance the county's budget.



Did You Know?

The commissioner candidates were selected by the voters in their specific district in the Primary election (see Kitsap County Commissioner District map on page 15). Both Commissioner Districts will appear on the ballot for all Kitsap voters in the General Election.