

About Charlotte

A resident of Kitsap County for over 30 years, Charlotte Garrido is dedicated to maintaining and improving the quality of life in Kitsap County. As Kitsap County Commissioner, she continues asking tough questions and taking decisive action for a Kitsap County that we can be proud to hand over to our children and grandchildren.

In addition to her current Board appointments, Commissioner Garrido has also served on the Governor's Affordable Housing Advisory Board, State Municipal Research Council, Public Works Board, and Kitsap County Boundary Review Board.

During her 1997-2000 term on the Kitsap County Board of Commissioners, Charlotte adopted a balanced budget of over \$300 million annually, developed a strategic planning program to reduce the cost of government and improve county services, and passed a valid county comprehensive plan. In addition, she was instrumental to creating a local "one-stop" Workforce Development Center that provides job training, job counseling and job placement services.

In recent years Charlotte has worked as a consultant and higher education planner intent on creating living wage jobs and increased access to a four-year college education in Kitsap County that will help develop local businesses. She coordinated or organized the Sustainable Kitsap series, the Tribal Law Summit and Earth Day events, and interest groups for civics, agriculture, and entrepreneurship - including education and research coordination with the Kitsap Sustainable Energy and Economic Development (SEED) project.

Charlotte's extensive professional career includes small business ownership, education, community service, and corporate experiences. She also has been elected to the South Kitsap Parks and Recreation District. As a planning consultant, she helped local governments and citizens form effective relationships. She has been a mentor for Goucher College and has taught at the University of Washington's Department of Urban Design and Planning. At ABC-TV, Charlotte became the first woman in the U.S. to coordinate national broadcasts for a major television network. She co-founded the Kitsap Regional Farmers' Market and the Poulsbo Fiber crafter's Cooperative to encourage local farming – and spearheaded the Olalla Creek Project to bring local people together and promote water quality awareness.

In 2002, Charlotte received the YWCA of Kitsap County Woman of Achievement award. She was recognized with the Kitsap County Martin Luther King Day "Keeper of the Dream Award" in 2001. In 1998, she received the prestigious American Planning Association Diana Donald Award for "a significant contribution to planning issues related to women and the family." Dr. Garrido earned her Ph.D. in Urban Planning from the University of Washington.