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Every time I catch an unexpected glimpse of Mount Rainier or gaze out at the Puget Sound from the window of the bus, I'm reminded that we live in a very special place. I'm running for King Conservation District Supervisor to help protect it.

I've served on the board of Sierra Club Seattle since 2017 and as the chair since 2019. I have a deep understanding of the ways King County's urban, suburban, and rural areas depend on each other, and the roles each has to play in conservation. Protecting our streams and salmon means building more housing in cities to take the pressure off of fragile wild lands. Saving our orcas means keeping stormwater runoff cleaner by reducing tire dust and other road pollutants. Actions we take today can prevent wildfire "smoke days" in the future and give our kids more days to play outside.

Our conservation work must also be undertaken with a focus on equity, centering the voices and experiences of communities most directly affected by climate change and environmental racism. King Conservation District can use its resources to identify, amplify, support, and scale the work of Black- and Indigenous-led organizations who are already rooted within their communities and understand their needs. We also must expand access to the outdoors for people of color, the disability community, our LGBTQ+ neighbors, and other groups who often feel uncomfortable or excluded.

In King County, our connection to nature is an important part of our identity. We hike, we bike, we fish, we farm. I've spent years working to protect that, and I look forward to continuing that work on your behalf as a King Conservation District Supervisor.



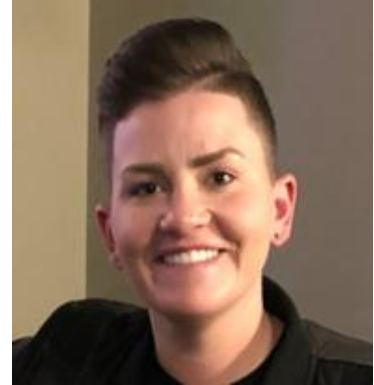


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King Conservation District has the honor to serve the community and the land through water-shed and shoreline programs, soil testing and soil health support, farm conservation and community agriculture planning, and support of rural and urban forest stewardship. I am committed to supporting the growing challenges each program faces while facilitating conversation and engagement with District residents. I was born and raised in Washington and currently reside in Sammamish. The entirety of my career has been in public service, in both conservation and natural resources stewardship with an emphasis in equity, diversity, and inclusion. I was a wildland firefighter for eight years for the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR). During my tenure at DNR, I managed Forest Practices and natural resources specialists, which created the opportunity to work with a broad range of landowners, municipalities, tribes, agencies, and communities toward a common goal. My other experiences include graduating from the AgForestry Leadership Foundation, working at Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and I am currently working for Sound Transit in emergency planning. Using voluntary programs and strong community relationships, King CD is uniquely positioned to help our region achieve our land stewardship goals. I would be honored to serve the community and the District to achieve “better ground.”



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John Comerford

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There are many aspects to a successful conservation program. Finance is one aspect. John Comerford, a long-term resident of Seattle, brings his expertise in ESG investing (environmental, social and governance) and public finance to the King County Conservation District along with his ability to build cooperative partnerships. Priority one for John is to protect our Planet and he believes that the work to make this happen starts in our local organizations, communities and households.



John has served as a managing director for Calvert Group, the World's largest socially and environmentally responsible investment firm focused on bringing environmental and conservation to the forefront of investment management principals. As a banker, John served as the first President of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank, where he placed emphasis on environmental factors in bank and lending policy. As the president of a community bank, John created the concept of 'Energy Conservation Deposits' which were used to fund energy conservation efforts for individual homeowners and small businesses.

Holding graduate degrees from the University of Cambridge, the University of London and Harvard University, John is a lifetime learner who believes in promoting conservation education which is one of the main reasons that John is seeking to become a Supervisor of the King County Conservation District, expanding conservation education through our schools.

John especially wants to promote conservation and environmental protection at the Port of Seattle to protect our harbors against water pollution and our neighborhoods against noise and air pollution. John also wants to expand the concept of local 'pea patches' throughout King County where individuals can collectively grow their own food.

John currently serves on the boards of the World Affairs Council of Seattle, the Washington Economic Development Finance Authority and the Washington Public Employee Benefits Board. He was a co-founder of the Queen Anne Food Bank and has served as Vice Chair of the Investment Advisory Board for the Seattle City Employees Retirement. John is a strong supporter of cooperative public banking in Washington State and was a candidate for State Treasurer in 2016 and is currently serving on the Transition Team for newly elected State Treasurer Mike Pelliccioitti.

To John, conservation is an all-encompassing concept that requires small steps to achieve large gains. However, conservation must be nuanced within the framework of equity and social justice to promote the common good for all King County residents; urban, suburban and rural.

Occupation: Pension Consultant focused on environmental, social and governance factors.

Education: BA (Massachusetts), MLA (Harvard), MSc (London), MPhil (Cambridge) MSM and MSFS (The American College)

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I am running for the Board of Supervisors because I care deeply about farming and our environment. I retired from a recycled paper manufacturing business ten years ago, then purchased Cherry Creek farm in the Snoqualmie Valley to pursue my passion for agriculture. King Conservation District plays a critical role in the development of new farm policies and practices and helps farmers learn about and implement those practices. It is essential that we improve our environment but we must also keep our family farms financially strong. For example, on our farm we supported the rehabilitation of the creek that crosses our property. This provided habitat for salmon and other species yet did not constrain our ability to farm. I am committed to policies and practices that provide ecological improvements without sacrificing the livelihood of family farms.



Background: CityForest Corporation, CEO, retired. King County Drainage District No. 7, Commissioner.

Past and current board affiliations: Duluth Lighthouse for the Blind; Snoqualmie Valley Preservation Alliance; CityForest Corporation; Mercer Island Girls' Basketball.

Community Service: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Snoqualmie Wildlife Area Advisory Committee; King County Fish-Farm-Flood initiative, riparian buffer committee.

Education: B.S., Forest Resource Management, University of Washington; MBA, UCLA Graduate School of Management.

Doug Hennick

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Over several decades I have had some success helping watersheds function better, and I have derived great satisfaction in doing so. I would like to serve as a KCD Supervisor to help continue its well-established accomplishments of restoring good functions to our local watersheds. This means highly productive and beautiful farms that do not pollute; beautiful and comfortable neighborhoods that do not pollute; profitable and beautiful commercial and industrial areas that do not pollute; watersheds that store precipitation in the ground for slow release rather than sluice it off rapidly in floods; and rivers and creeks with good salmon habitat. KCD can help with all of that, and I would like to be part of that effort.



I am an active retiree, having served professionally in three environmental agencies at the federal, state, and local levels, and presently volunteering at five different tasks. I served 17 years as a Habitat Biologist in the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, including working as Watershed Steward in the Snohomish, Stillaguamish, and Island County Water Resource Inventory Areas (WRIAs). This included serving for about 10 years on grant application review committees that assured many millions of dollars of grant money was used productively and efficiently. I served 20 years in the NOAA Corps, including working as a fisheries oceanographer, hydrographer, and research ships officer. Between those two complete careers I served for two years as a Senior Ecologist in King County government. I presently volunteer as an Aquatic Ecologist in the Wild Fish Conservancy, and represent that organization as a voting member of the Stillaguamish Watershed Council. I routinely participate in the technical advisory committees of both the Snohomish and Stillaguamish basins. I am a member of the board of directors of the Lake Forest Park Stewardship Foundation and I lead volunteer work parties for the City of Lake Forest Park to improve the new park that the Foundation helped the City purchase. I facilitate Eagle Scout Service Projects that improve the ecological function of that new park. And after the Covid-19 pandemic is under control I will resume my volunteer work at the Adopt A Stream Foundation's Northwest Stream Center.

I have a master's degree from Cornell University in Aquatic Science, updated with mid-career graduate course work at Scripps Institution of Oceanography and UW School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences. I feel that education has served me well.

Doug Hennick



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Natalie Reber, Seattle

Lawyer and Nonprofit Executive

Education: Undergraduate work, The University of Northern Colorado;
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Juris Doctorate Degree from Seattle University School of Law.

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Statement: I am running for King Conservation District Supervisor because I believe conservation is vital for healthy, prosperous communities.

The protection of our waterways, fish and wildlife habitats should be our highest priority throughout King County. As a community gardener for nearly twenty years, my connection to the environment is rooted in transforming small lots in urban environments into garden spaces that feed insecure communities.

As your commissioner, I will work with our King County communities to promote healthy soil and water, to provide healthy food, and to conserve land, water, forests, wildlife and related natural resources.

I am also committed to working to ensure that healthy and robust tree canopy is not a luxury reserved for wealthy neighborhoods, but is also found in communities of more modest means. We can plan for more climate sensitive transit-oriented density, and plan for trees, at the same time.

As a nonprofit executive I understand the public grantmaking process and more importantly, how to be a steward of donations, both public and private. I hope to use this experience to help the commission during its grantmaking process. I've previously served (by appointment) on the King County Women's Advisory Board and the Washington State Governors Commission on Housing and Homelessness.

I was raised and went to college in Colorado, where my conservation skills were harnessed while hiking and camping the Rocky Mountains. Through the love of the outdoors, I learned the importance of conservation and the value of our natural resources.

Growing up, home gardening and small crop farming were important food sources for my family. Today, I am privileged to participate in Seattle's community gardening program where I have been helping to cultivate native plants and fresh produce for our local food banks since 2003.

I have resided in King County, and been a part of the Belltown neighborhood for over twenty years.

I humbly ask for your vote for King Conservation District Supervisor.

Melissa Tatro

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As a former KCD employee and current small-scale WSDA livestock producer living on 3.5 acres in rural south King County, both my profession and personal life experience make me uniquely qualified to add value to the KCD Board of Supervisors.

My five-year tenure at KCD provided opportunities to interact with all the District's programs and services offered that promote local food, healthy forests, and clean water. I also developed working relationships with KCD staff, the Board, and the District's Advisory Committee.

Additionally, I participated in Legislative Days to promote KCD's environmental education and implementation work to Washington State Legislators. I am also familiar with Board operating procedures as set by the Washington State Conservation Commission and represented KCD at the National Association of Conservation Districts' conference in Nashville in 2017.

However, I consider my greatest contribution to KCD as promoting environmental justice within underserved communities through community agriculture. Community gardens address food security and provide a vehicle for teaching important environmental lessons on soil health, nutrient overload, stormwater catchment, and water quality. Working directly with a community to create a space that meets their needs empowers and promotes food sovereignty.

I believe my contribution as a Supervisor will include continuing to ensure the equitable distribution of resources across King County. It will also include supporting the KCD staff who are some of the most dedicated, respected, and highly knowledgeable experts in their fields.

As a rural acreage landowner and livestock producer, I know the challenges involved in pasture management, water quality, and forestry stewardship. We have a KCD farm plan and continue to implement best practices.

Again, recapping my qualifications to be on the KCD Board of Supervisors:

- My experience at KCD ensures rapid on-boarding into the role,
- My previous relationships with KCD stakeholders provide trusted insight,
- My personal experience with both urban and rural agricultural practices offer an important perspective,
- My operational understanding of budgets, Five Year Plans, rate history, and rate collection with King County creates important institutional knowledge, and
- My ongoing commitment to supporting BIPOC communities and distressed neighborhoods demonstrates a dedication to environmental and social justice.

Sincerely,

Melissa Tatro

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David Toledo

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Childhood in Seattle - I am a lifelong resident of Seattle, Washington, and have seen many changes throughout my 52 years. I grew up in North Seattle, and spent many summer days at Green Lake, enjoying the beach and all of the blessings that come with living in a city that values outdoor spaces. As a youth, growing up in a single-parent home, receiving free-school lunch and living on welfare, sports and arts helped give me something that I could feel good about. Green Lake in the 70s and 80s was a place where I made friends, learned life skills, and felt valued. I understand the importance of keeping our outdoor spaces clean, healthy, and safe. We need to ensure that our parks, beaches, fields, farms, and drinking water are being protected for the next generation.

Adulthood and Giving Back - I am the cofounder of Unified Outreach, a 501c3 charitable organization boasting one of the most diverse and eclectic boards and teaching staffs in the city. Founded in 1998, Unified Outreach is a unique enrichment-based 501c3 Charity that provides sports and arts programs to community centers, public and private schools, transitional housing/youth shelters, and other organizations seeking to provide a safe place for children in Seattle's under-served neighborhoods.

OUR MISSION is to assist low income, at-risk, opportunity, and special needs youth with personal growth and character-building using sports and arts to break down racial, economic, and social barriers, to inspire creativity, to build confidence, and to promote positive self-esteem. The parks and other outdoor spaces are a crucial ingredient in this formula.

The Unified Outreach Board is made up of over 70% of people of color, over 60% women; with our teaching staff reflecting similar numbers. Our leadership team prides itself on being student/client-driven when it comes to class offerings and we make every effort to provide the art training classes and community events that our students and families want to see, which is why we boast one of the most eclectic teaching rosters in the city.

All of my life, sports and arts have opened doors and built bridges. I want to play-it-forward by supporting sports and arts for today's kids who need outdoor areas to live healthy lives. Being responsible stewards of our environment is a part of that.

Thank you for your consideration and your vote. I appreciate you.

David Toledo