



King County
Metropolitan King County Council
Committee of the Whole

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item No.: 4	Date: 14 Dec 2009
Motion No.: 2009-0618	Prepared by: Nick Wagner

This staff report is identical to the staff report dated 7 December 2009, except that it has been updated to reflect the December 7 committee hearing.

It is expected that Proposed Motion 2009-0618 will be reported out of the Committee of the Whole on December 14 without recommendation, will be expedited to the afternoon Council agenda, and then, after being amended to include the name of the appointee, will be voted upon at the Council meeting.

SUMMARY

Proposed Motion 2009-0618 (pp. 5-6 of these materials) would appoint a councilmember to represent Council District 8 until a successor is elected in the 2010 primary and general elections.

BACKGROUND

On November 24 Councilmember Dow Constantine became King County Executive, thereby creating a vacancy in the seat representing Council District 8.

Section 680.10 of the King County Charter provides in part:

A vacancy in an elective county office shall be filled at the next primary and general elections which occur in the county;

A majority of the county council may temporarily fill a vacancy by appointment until the vacancy has been filled by election or the successor to the office has been elected and qualified.

REVIEW PROCESS

Motion 13093

As authorized in Charter section 680.10, the Council by Motion 13093 (pp. 7-11 of these materials) invited interested candidates to submit applications for the vacant Council seat, established an advisory committee of community leaders who live or work in Council District 8, and directed the advisory committee to recommend three to six qualified applicants for the Council's consideration. The Council specified that the recommended candidates should include

at least one who did not intend to run for election to the office and at least one who did intend to run, assuming qualified candidates applied who met those criteria.

Council District Eight Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee consisted of the following 12 individuals:

Anne Levinson, Co-Chair
Mark Okazaki, Co-Chair
Aileen Balahadia
Steve Daschle
Tom Dean
David Johnson
Joan McGilton
Patti Mullen
Behnaz Nelson
Kathy Nyland
Doug Osterma
Chris Porter

The background of each committee member is described briefly at p. 13 of these materials.

Eleven individuals applied for appointment—five who preferred to serve on an interim basis, five who said they would run for the position if appointed, and one who was undecided but inclined to run:

Interim only

Jan Drago
Helen Howell
Arun Jhaveri
Sharon Nelson
Kathleen Quong-Vermeire

Would run for election

Jake Jacobovitch
Lucy Krakowiak
Joe McDermott
Shawn McEvoy
Vlad Oustimovitch

Inclined to run

Zack Hudgins

The Advisory Committee reviewed the written materials submitted by each candidate, interviewed each candidate, and extensively discussed the candidates' qualifications. The committee unanimously recommended four candidates for the Council's consideration. As directed by the Council in Motion 13093, the committee did not rank the candidates, but did list

what the committee deemed to be each candidate's particular strengths. A copy of the committee's recommendation is included in these materials at pp. 15-18. The Advisory Committee co-chairs briefed the Committee of the Whole on December 7.

THE RECOMMENDED CANDIDATES

The recommended candidates, including their strengths as identified by the Advisory Committee, are listed below in alphabetical order:

Jan Drago (interim only; materials at pp. 19-25)

1. Significant legislative experience
2. Strong regional relationships
3. Collaborative and creative problem-solving
4. Proven ability in budget, transportation, and labor matters
5. Ability to strengthen partnerships with City of Seattle

Zack Hudgins (intends to run; materials at pp. 27-29)

1. Significant legislative experience
2. Well versed in 8th district constituencies and issues
3. Demonstrated collaboration and consensus building
4. Proven ability to integrate policy issues and technical details
5. Holistic perspective of public and environmental health

Joe McDermott (intends to run; materials at pp. 31-35)

1. Significant legislative experience
2. Strong background in budgeting
3. Excellent constituent relations
4. History of courageous and principled stands on controversial issues
5. Demonstrated collaboration and consensus building

Sharon Nelson (interim only; materials at pp. 37-46)

1. Well versed in 8th district constituencies and issues
2. Deep understanding of and experience with King County government
3. Record of tackling controversial and complex issues
4. Proven advocate for environmental stewardship
5. County budget expertise

The written materials submitted by those four candidates are included in these materials at the page numbers indicated above. Also included in the materials, at pp. 47-63, is a staff compilation of the information submitted by the candidates.¹

Motion 13093 explicitly provides, at lines 70-71 (p. 10 of these materials), that the recommendation of the Advisory Committee "shall not limit the council's authority under the King County Charter to appoint any citizen who meets the qualifications for office."

¹ Councilmembers earlier received the written materials submitted by each of the 11 original candidates. The materials for the four recommended candidates are included here again for councilmembers' convenience.

INTERVIEWS OF THE RECOMMENDED CANDIDATES

The four recommended candidates were interviewed by the Committee of the Whole on Monday, December 7.

The committee is expected to report Proposed Motion 2009-0618 out of committee on December 14 without recommendation. Final action on the motion is expected at the Council's meeting that afternoon.

INVITEES

None

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Signature Report

December 4, 2009

Motion

Proposed No. 2009-0618.1

Sponsors Ferguson

1 A MOTION appointing _____ as the
2 King County councilmember representing council district
3 eight, in accordance with Section 680.10 of the King
4 County Charter.

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6 WHEREAS, on November 24, 2009, councilmember Dow Constantine took
7 office as King County executive, thereby creating a vacancy in the position of
8 councilmember representing council district eight, and

9 WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 680.10 of the King County Charter, the
10 council is authorized to fill the vacancy by appointing a new councilmember to represent
11 council district eight until a successor is elected and qualified at the next general election,
12 which will be held on November 2, 2010.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

14 The metropolitan King County council hereby appoints _____
15 to serve as King County councilmember representing council district eight until the
16 successor to the office has been elected and qualified at the general election on November
17 2, 2010.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:

Attachments None



Signature Report

December 4, 2009

Motion 13093

Proposed No. 2009-0616.2

Sponsors Ferguson

1 A MOTION establishing a process for appointing a
2 councilmember to represent council district eight in the
3 event of a vacancy in the office.
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5 WHEREAS, the King County council is committed to principles of good
6 government and the transparency of its proceedings, and

7 WHEREAS, if the councilmember currently representing council district eight is
8 elected to serve and takes office as county executive, a vacancy will result in council
9 district eight, and

10 WHEREAS, to minimize the time that the residents of council district eight would
11 be without council representation, should a vacancy occur, the King County council
12 wishes to act quickly to appoint a councilmember to fill the vacancy, and

13 WHEREAS, the King County council under the county charter may fill the
14 vacancy by appointment of an individual to serve as the councilmember representing
15 council district eight until a successor is elected and qualified at the November 2010
16 general election, and

17 WHEREAS, the challenges facing an appointed councilmember during the
18 intervening months before the 2010 primary and general elections will be substantial in
19 view of the ongoing financial crisis that the county, the state and the nation are facing,
20 and

21 WHEREAS, an appointed councilmember will need to have a solid
22 understanding of the issues impacting King County and the ability to work with labor,
23 business, environmental and other constituencies within council district eight;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

25 A. In order to preserve public confidence in the selection process, an advisory
26 committee is hereby established for the purpose of reviewing eligible candidates for
27 appointment to the office of councilmember representing council district eight.

28 B. The advisory committee shall establish an expedited process that will facilitate
29 prompt appointment of a councilmember to represent council district eight.

30 C. The advisory committee shall include representatives reflecting the
31 geographic, economic and ethnic diversity of council district eight.

32 D. The appointed members of the advisory committee are:

- 33 1. Anne Levinson, cochair;
- 34 2. Mark Okazaki, cochair;
- 35 3. Aileen Balahadia;
- 36 4. Steve Daschle;
- 37 5. Tom Dean;
- 38 6. David Johnson;
- 39 7. Joan McGilton;

- 40 8. Patti Mullen;
- 41 9. Behnaz Nelson;
- 42 10. Kathy Nyland;
- 43 11. Doug Osterman; and
- 44 12. Chris Porter.

45 E. Qualified individuals wishing to be considered for appointment to serve as
46 appointed councilmember representing council district eight shall submit to the clerk of
47 the council, no later than 4:00 p.m. on November 23, 2009, a resume, a brief written
48 explanation of how they meet the criteria stated in section I of this motion, a statement of
49 whether they intend to run for election as councilmember representing council district
50 eight and three references with contact information. The materials may be submitted by
51 email, but candidates should confirm by phone that their materials have been received.

52 F. The clerk shall promptly assemble the application materials provided by each
53 candidate and provide copies of those application materials to the advisory committee
54 and each councilmember.

55 G. The chair of the council shall schedule the meeting of the committee after
56 consultation with the committee cochairs.

57 H. No later than December 3, 2009, the advisory committee shall: hold a
58 meeting to interview the qualified individuals who have submitted materials as provided
59 in subsection E. of this motion; and provide to each councilmember and the clerk of the
60 council its written recommendation of three to six candidates for consideration by the
61 council.

62 1. The advisory committee's recommendations shall include at least one
63 candidate who does not intend to run for election as councilmember representing council
64 district eight and at least one candidate who does intend to run for election as
65 councilmember representing council district eight, assuming qualified candidates apply
66 who meet these criteria.

67 2. The advisory committee's written recommendations shall include observations
68 about the strengths of each recommended candidate, but shall not include any stated
69 preferences among the recommended candidates.

70 3. The recommendations shall not limit the council's authority under the King
71 County Charter to appoint any citizen who meets the qualifications for office.

72 I. Evaluation criteria to be used by the advisory committee shall include, but not
73 be limited to:

- 74 1. Knowledge of the functions of King County government;
- 75 2. Knowledge of the issues and challenges facing King County government;
- 76 3. Knowledge of the issues affecting the constituents of council district eight;
- 77 4. A demonstrated ability to develop a responsible budget;
- 78 5. A demonstrated ability to respond to public concerns; and
- 79 6. Demonstrated leadership skills.

80 J. The committee of the whole will interview the candidates recommended by the
81 advisory committee and consider a motion appointing a qualified individual to serve as
82 councilmember representing council district eight until a successor is elected and
83 qualified at the November 2010 general election.

84 K. No later than December 14, 2009, the council shall act on the appointment
85 motion referred to in subsection J. of this motion.

86 L. Because of the Municipal League's long record of public service in reviewing
87 candidates for election, the Municipal League is encouraged to review the candidates
88 presented for consideration to the committee and to provide any recommendations in
89 writing to each councilmember and the clerk of the council.

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Motion 13093 was introduced on 11/9/2009 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 11/16/2009, by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mr. Constantine, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Phillips and Ms. Patterson
No: 4 - Ms. Hague, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer and Mr. Dunn
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:

Attachments None

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King County District Eight Advisory Committee Members

Co-Chair, Anne Levinson – Former Seattle Deputy Mayor, Seattle Municipal Court judge, Chair of WA State Utilities & Transportation Commission; co-owner of the Seattle Storm

Co-Chair, Mark Okazaki – Executive Director of Neighborhood House (The mission of Neighborhood House is to help diverse communities of people with limited resources attain their goals for self-sufficiency, financial independence, health, and community building.)

Aileen Balahadia – Executive Director of White Center Community Development Assn (The mission of the White Center CDA is to promote a vibrant neighborhood and high quality of life for White Center residents through the development of authentic leadership opportunities and community-led neighborhood initiatives.)

Steve Daschle – Executive Director of Southwest Youth and Family Services (The mission of SWYFS is to empower youth and families through culturally relevant counseling, education and family support services in White Center, South Park, Delridge, West Seattle and other neighborhoods.)

Tom Dean – Executive Director of the Vashon/Maury Island Land Trust (The mission of the Land Trust is to preserve natural ecosystems and the rural character of Vashon Maury Island.)

David Johnson, Ed.D. – CEO of Navos (Mental Health Solutions) one of the largest community mental health centers in the state, also providing inpatient psychiatric hospitalization and residential services

Joan McGilton – Mayor of Burien; retired from Boeing and the Seattle Engineering Department

Patti Mullen – CEO of the West Seattle Chamber of Commerce for 6 years; resident of West Seattle for 20 years

Behnaz Nelson – Co-chair of the King County Coalition of Unions; IFPTE Local 17 representative; West Seattle native

Kathy Nyland – Chair of Seattle's City Neighborhood Council; a Director of her neighborhood Community Council for the past several years; co-founder of the Georgetown Merchants' Association

Doug Osterman – Councilmember, City of Normandy Park; Watershed Coordinator for the Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound Watershed to protect and recover endangered salmon and the Puget Sound ecosystem

Chris Porter – Nurse Practitioner; business owner; lecturer, University of Washington and Seattle Pacific University

All members of the advisory committee are serving in individual capacities, not representing the organizations, governments or businesses with which they are affiliated.

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King County
Metropolitan King County Council
Council District Eight Advisory Committee

Motion

A MOTION recommending nominees for consideration by the Metropolitan King County Council for appointment to serve as County Councilmember representing Council District Eight until the November 2010 election.

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan King County Council by Motion 13093 established an advisory committee to review the nominees for appointment as County Councilmember representing Council District Eight to fill the vacancy caused by the election of Councilmember Dow Constantine as County Executive; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee has reviewed the materials provided by the clerk of the Council, which included the information submitted by the nominees; has interviewed the nominees; and has discussed their qualifications; and

WHEREAS, as directed by the Council, the criteria that the Advisory Committee has used in evaluating the nominees have included those specified in Motion 13093; and

WHEREAS, the Council has directed the Advisory Committee in Motion 13093 to "provide to each councilmember and the clerk of the council its written recommendation of three to six candidates for consideration by the council," which "shall include observations about the

strengths of each recommended candidate, but shall not include any stated preferences among the recommended candidates."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Advisory Committee:

A. The Advisory Committee recommends that the Council appoint one of the following individuals to serve as the County Councilmember representing Council District Eight until the November 2010 election:

Interim

Jan Drago

Sharon Nelson

Standing for Election

Zack Hudgins

Joe McDermott

B. The Advisory Committee makes the following observations about the strengths of the recommended nominees:

Interim

Jan Drago

1. Significant legislative experience
2. Strong regional relationships
3. Collaborative and creative problem-solving
4. Proven ability in budget, transportation and labor matters
5. Ability to strengthen partnerships with City of Seattle

Sharon Nelson

1. Well versed in 8th district constituencies and issues
2. Deep understanding of and experience with King County government

3. Record of tackling controversial and complex issues
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C. The foregoing recommendations and observations are contingent upon satisfactory references checks, which will be conducted on Friday, December 4.

This motion was passed by the Advisory Committee on December 3, 2009, by the following vote:


Yes:	<u>12</u>
No:	<u> </u>
Excused:	<u> </u>

Date: December 3, 2009



Anne Levinson, Advisory Committee Co-chair

Date: December 3, 2009



Mark Okazaki, Advisory Committee Co-chair

Jan Drago

November 23, 2009

Dear Anne Levinson and Mark Okazaki,

I am interested in being considered for the appointment to fill the vacancy to represent MKC Council District Eight. If I am appointed to serve, I would do so as a caretaker, with no intention of running for election to the position.

This is an exceptionally difficult period for government and we face many challenges during this financial crisis - balancing budgets, preparing for economic recovery, moving forward with transportation solutions, dealing with gang violence and public safety, and emergency management, preparing for an influenza epidemic and potential catastrophic floods. I have experience in several of these areas and I would like to help MKCC find solutions to the challenges facing us.

1. Knowledge of the functions of King County government.

King County government is one of the largest regional governments in the U.S., serving nearly 2 million citizens. It is a complex, complicated government which provides both regional services including elections, public health, criminal justice and jails, public transit, sewage disposal, and parks, as well as local services to unincorporated King County, including land use and permitting.

I have served for 16 years on the Seattle City Council during which time I chaired the Finance and Budget Committee for four years, the Land Use Committee for four years, the Transportation Committee for the past four years, and have served on the Regional Transit Committee for more than four years. I know the current transportation issues and challenges that we face. As a community leader prior to serving on Seattle City Council, I was very involved with the criminal justice system focusing on crime prevention and gang violence. I have also served several years on the City Council's Public Safety Committee. I think that my experience and back ground have more than prepared me to serve on MKCC.

2. Knowledge of the issues and challenges facing King County government.

I believe the major issue facing King County government is the fiscal crisis. The County Council must look at both the revenue and the expenditure sides of the budget. As a former small business owner on Seattle City Council, I focused my efforts on the revenue side - job creation and economic development in the downtown revitalization, South Downtown, and South Lake Union.

Transportation is another huge challenge with more people moving into King County creating more demand as more people want to use public transit and while declining revenues make it difficult to meet that demand. The County Council must find a balanced way to serve transit riders in unincorporated King County, suburban cities and urban Seattle. We are finally moving forward with transportation solutions including Sound Transit, a replacement for the Alaskan Way Viaduct, and Bus Rapid Ride, and we must continue this momentum.

Public safety is another challenge, especially the issue of gang violence. I have been involved with criminal justice, public safety and gang violence issues for the past 25 years. I think that there are new and innovative ways to find solutions in this area.

King County government also faces challenges preparing for influenza epidemic and preparing for floods, especially the possibility of catastrophic flooding in the Green River Valley.

3. Knowledge of the issues affecting the constituents of Council District Eight.

Residents of Council District Eight face unique transportation challenges, especially during the construction of the Alaskan Way Viaduct project. I led the Seattle City Council to prioritize and find full funding for the South Spokane Street Viaduct project so it would be completed before the construction of the AWW project. I have also been a strong advocate for water transit, including the West Seattle Water Taxi and the Vashon Island ferry.

District Eight also includes the Duwamish industrial manufacturing area where there are many challenging issues including transportation and job retention and expansion.

4. A demonstrated ability to develop a responsible budget.

I have served for 16 years on the Seattle City Council Budget Committee, including four years as its chair. During the period of my chairmanship, I worked to make the budget process more transparent and to increase citizen participation through outreach. The current City budget is nearly \$4 billion, including the utilities - Seattle City Light and Seattle Public Utilities. The general fund budget is \$903 million. I have served during three economic down turns as well when the revenues were higher than projected. During the good times we prioritized major maintenance in capital projects and putting money into our stabilization (rainy day) fund to prepare for the economic down turns and funding one time only projects instead of hiring more employees. During the down turns we prioritized funding public safety and human services.

5. A demonstrated ability to respond to public concerns.

I replaced George Benson on the Seattle City Council who was well known for his constituent response. From the beginning my staff and I have worked hard to follow his example. We responded to constituent phone calls, correspondence and emails as quickly as possible and helped citizens to solve their problems by working with the relevant departments. We also worked with stakeholders early in the process of developing legislation as well as considering their suggestions presented at public comment periods, public workshops, forums and hearings. One example of responding to public concerns was establishing off-leash areas for dogs in Seattle. This issue came from the citizens and was very controversial, facing much opposition from the Parks Board. But I saw this as a problem with a solution. My staff and I worked for three years and involved over 15,000 people before the legislation was passed establishing six pilot areas which later became permanent. Today Seattle has 12 off-leash areas.

6. Demonstrated leadership skills.

I have served two two-year terms as Seattle City Council President, the first during my rookie term, and the second during the latter half of Mayor Greg Nickels' first term. The Council

President not only presides over Council meetings, but also is the department head with many additional responsibilities including personnel, management and communications. The position also carries considerable protocol responsibilities.

In my first term, I led the council in the revitalization of downtown, including the expansion of the Convention Center, working with Mayor Norm Rice to get the Council votes needed. I also brokered the compromise to pass the Comprehensive Plan. I was a founding member of the Labor Management Leadership Committee and served as a co-chair for many years. For most of my tenure, I have been involved in developing the Civic Center complex serving on the client committee to buy Key Tower to convert to the Seattle Municipal Tower, selling our historic Arctic and Alaska buildings, building the new Justice Center and City Hall buildings, and to develop the Civic Plaza. For the past four years, I have been the City Council's lead for the Alaskan Way Viaduct project, the South Lake Union Streetcar, Bridging the Gap levy and other transportation projects.

I have also served for 12 years on the Puget Sound Regional Council. I have served for several years, including the past four, on the Regional Transit Committee. I have developed good working relationships with elected officials at every level - local, regional, state and federal. Today partnerships are more important than ever and good relationships lead to good partnerships.

I look forward to a new experience serving a diverse district and helping to find solutions to issues and challenges. Thank you for your consideration for the appointment to fill the vacancy and for the opportunity to serve.

Sincerely,

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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

1994 – Present - Seattle City Councilmember

Committee chairmanships:

- 1994-96 - Established and chaired the Council's first Business and Labor Committee
- 1996-2000 - Business, Economic and Community Development (including land use and construction issues)
- 2000-04 - Finance and Budget Committee (including business and economic development issues)
- 2000-06 – Government Affairs and Labor (including Civic Center oversight, South Lake Union biotech development, economic development in film, music and tourism industries)
- 2006-09 - Transportation Committee

Accomplishments include:

- Led downtown revitalization driven by the re-opening of Pine Street, the expansion of the Washington State Convention and Trade Center, construction of Pacific Place Garage, the Nordstrom flagship store, and Benaroya Symphony Hall, and the restorations of Paramount and ACT Theatres, projects representing more than \$1 billion of public and private investment.
- As Finance and Budget chair, directed development and approval of four \$2.5 billion dollar budgets. Oversaw strategic cuts to city's budget that limited impact on services during 2001 recession while funding business community priorities like public safety.
- Negotiated first ever Memorandum of Understanding between Seattle and the Coalition of City Labor Unions.
- Insured stability of the City of Seattle's pension plans during tenure on Council. Chaired Seattle's Fire Pension Board, Police Pension Board and the \$1.6 billion Seattle City Employees Retirement Systems.
- Represented Council on Civic Center Client Group, which managed design and construction of four civic buildings representing \$500 million of public investment.

- Secured approvals of and funding for South Lake Union Streetcar, South Spokane Street Viaduct, and other transportation projects.
- Guided efforts to repeal University of Washington's lease lid.
- Championed South Downtown and South Lake Union revitalization.
- Participated in multiple trade missions including Japan, China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Philippines, Indonesia, Vietnam, Cambodia, Australia, New Zealand, several European countries and the U.A.E. While in China on TDA study mission in late summer 2008, accompanied officials of Robbins Company, Kent, WA to negotiations with Chinese officials and helped obtain \$30 million contract for their tunnel boring equipment.
- Secured support for Viaduct bored tunnel solution, the preferred alternative to replace the Alaskan Way Viaduct.

President of Seattle City Council - Council President – 2 terms, 1996-97 and 2004-06

- Managed and supervised Legislative Department, which includes Seattle City Council, Central Staff and City Clerk with more than 80 employees and budget of over \$8 million.
- Represented the city and Council on Puget Sound Regional Council's Operations Committee, Executive Board, Transportation Policy Board, and Pricing Task Force; Seattle Art Museum Board; Seattle Convention and Visitors Board; Seattle Sister Cities Coordinating Council; and Trade Development Alliance of Greater Seattle; among others.
- During each term, presided over the complicated process of selecting a replacement for a Councilmember (John Manning and Jim Compton) who had resigned.

1990-1994 - Drago and Associates

Managed and/or consulted on successful campaigns for WA State Senator Ray Moore, King County Councilmember Larry Phillips, WA State Representative Jeanne Kohl-Welles and for the passage of the levy for the King County Regional Justice Center in Kent, WA.

1980-1991 - Haagen Dazs Ice Cream Shoppes

Established, owned and operated the first Haagen-Dazs Ice Cream Shoppes in the Pacific Northwest, with four sites that employed over 2000 employees in eleven years, generated over \$1 million annually in revenues.

1973-1978 - Pre-school Teacher

Taught pre-school, kindergarten and Head Start in New Brunswick Public schools in New Jersey.

1955-1958 - Tastee Freeze

Purchased, managed and operated a Tastee Freeze franchise, a soft ice cream business while successfully balancing high school and college studies, later selling the business at a profit.

EDUCATION

Douglass College at Rutgers University

B.A in Experimental Psychology

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

- President, Denny Regrade Crime Prevention Council
- Chair, Downtown Seattle Association's Public Safety Committee
- Chair, West Precinct Crime Prevention Council
- Chair, Mayor's Homeless Task Force under Mayors Charley Royer and Norm Rice
- Co-chair Governor Booth Gardner's Task Force on Homelessness
- Organized Seattle's Downtown District Council

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- 2005 - Homesight - For support of housing for homeless and low-income
- 2004 - Arts Fund – "Unsung Hero of the Arts"
- 2003 - Seattle Food Committee/Meals Partnership Coalition - Certificate of Appreciation
- 2003 - Community Psychiatric Clinic - Community Achievement Award
- 2003 - Puget Sound Neighborhood Health Centers- For advocacy for community health
- 1996 - Bark Magazine - Legislator of the Decade (for working successfully to establish off-leash parks in Seattle)
- 1990 - Neighborhood Partnership Award
- 1990 - Mayor's Small Business Award
- 1989 - Seattle "First Citizen" Award
- 1989 - St. Matthew Award from EMM/Northwest Harvest

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Dear Committee Members,

Thank you very much for your volunteer time in this selection process. Too often the role of dedicated individuals is overlooked when it comes to the effectiveness and functioning of our government. I very much appreciate your time in looking at my application materials and for your consideration. I hope that you will contact me or one of my attached references if you have any questions about my application. I would be honored to be appointed to serve the people of King County in the vacated, open County Council seat for District 8.

I am currently serving the people of the 11th Legislative District which includes parts of South Seattle, Tukwila, Renton, Seatac, Burien, and unincorporated King County. I was first elected in November 2002 after winning a five way primary. I am serving in my fourth term. I have been elected onto our House leadership team by my caucus peers each term I have served in Olympia. I am now serving our caucus as the Majority Floor Leader where I help organize all of the debate and schedule for the House of Representatives floor action. I also lead our caucus discussions of bills before they come up for floor votes. I have served on budget committees each of my seven years in Olympia (Transportation and General Government Appropriations), which means being part of the process for developing and passing a balanced budget. I have worked across the partisan divide on a number of issues – most recently and often as Floor Leader working with the Republican minority to make sure they are given enough time during floor debate; and also as the ranking Democrat on the House Committee on Environmental Health where I worked with the Republican chair of the committee and minority members to get some very controversial bills out of committee unanimously. I am proud of my work for the 11th District and I very much enjoy representing my neighbors and the communities of the 11th.

I have also served in leadership roles outside of the legislature. I have managed political campaigns and managed staff members. I led a team to The Hague for Amazon.com to set up a contact center there that supported French, UK and German customer service operations. And most recently I was elected as board President for the Friends of the VA Puget Sound Fisher House, which serves veterans families while vets are in the VA hospital on Beacon Hill.

My service in the State Legislature, accompanied by the input from all of the meetings, events, town halls, emails, phone calls and letters has taught me about the concerns facing people in a district that was once referred to as the place where American dreams were formed. No matter how you define diversity, it is seen in my community. I represent urban, suburban, and almost rural communities. I reach out to the largest industrial business community in the state where over two billion dollars of payroll a year and 200,000 vehicle trips a day are made in the Duwamish area. There are over 100 languages spoken in the school districts of the 11th, with some schools having free and reduced lunch enrollments passing the 90% mark. I have taken a leadership role working on shoreline issues and super fund clean up sites along the Duwamish river. The 11th includes the King County airfield and the Seattle sex offender confinement facility and numerous other government agencies that affect everyday lives. I reach out and work with as many individuals and groups as I can to provide them with information, help and leadership on the issues they face. I try to answer all the calls that come into my legislative office. I'd be happy to talk with you more about the thousands of hours of constituent work out of my legislative office for the people of my district. I believe it is critical for any public official to stay in touch with issues facing regular people to understand how government is affecting their lives. For example, I recently worked with a toothless refugee woman who only received an OK for bottom teeth replacement from DSHS and wanted top teeth too. I also worked with a child care and education facility to ensure kids received mandated lead screening that wasn't being done. I bring up these constituency cases because I believe it is so important to listen and learn about new issues that come up and be an activist for my communities and their concerns.

King County government faces many specific issues like the Howard Hansen dam, the South Park Bridge, and basic service provisions for unincorporated areas like Skyway, White Center and Fairwood. The county is in transition in many ways as its role of local government service provider shrinks. As areas continue to incorporate or be annexed into cities, under GMA, that role will give way to the new and larger role of King County as a regional leader. Regional issues like the water treatment facility, jails, public health, and metro services are going to be the future of our county government. If you add in standard issues that go across district lines such as affordable housing, economic development, immigrant concerns, parks, transportation, crime and protection of our quality of life the county faces some serious challenges. All of this comes together in a budget crunch that is hitting every government and business in the country right now. I feel my background, my current knowledge and willingness to learn and serve will help the council tackle these tough issues with respect and concern for those involved.

We were asked to make a statement on our intention to run or not for the open District 8 seat in the 2010 elections. Having not made a decision on the issue, I am not prepared to declare my intentions to run at this time. I am very much inclined to run for the position, but will not make an official decision and declaration until after I am either appointed to serve in the vacated seat, or until after the upcoming 2010 legislative session. Being newly married, I am weighing the cost of a campaign on my new family.

I would very much like your support to move my name to the King County Council for consideration to fill the vacated open seat from District 8. I am happy to answer any questions about my background, the issues I see as important to the district and county and the functions of county government. I look forward to hearing from you. I do however have to mention that I am currently traveling in India and will not return home to Tukwila until after Thanksgiving. I am here with the American Council of Young Political Leaders. I am available after Dec 1, or with a pre-scheduled phone call. I have listed some references for your consideration below. These are not endorsements, but people you may call in the community who can tell you about my work. Thank you again for your time.

Sincerely,

Representative Zack Hudgins
11th Legislative District
King County, Washington

REFERENCES:

Bill Taylor with the Renton Chamber of Commerce 425-226-4560
Rep Dave Upthegrove 33rd District 360-786-7868
Denis Law Mayor of Renton 425-430-6500
Janice Deguchi with the Denise Louie Education Center (206) 621-7880
Beth Takekawa with the Wing Luke Museum 206) 623-5124
Sen Margarita Prentice 11th District (360) 786-7616
Rep Ross Hunter 48th District (360) 786-7936
Rogelio Riojas with Seamar Community Clinics 206-763-5277
Dagmar Cronn from South Park cronn@oakland.edu
King Parker Renton City Council (425) 430-6400
Randy Corman Renton City Council (425) 430-6400
Lee Drechsel ED with DAWN (425) 656-4305

Representative Zack Hudgins

4512 S 136th Street Tukwila, WA 98168

Telephone: (206) 898-9981; email: zhudgins@yahoo.com

Professional Experience Highlights

Public Sector Work

State Representative; 11th District – Tukwila, South Seattle, Renton, Burien, Seatac, King Co
Campaigned; Elected 2002 (59%), Nov '04 (67%); Nov '06 (100%) Nov '08 (71%)

- Represent ~120,000 people. Active on statutory committees, draft legislation, pass laws, build coalitions, help constituents, inform citizens, assist in passing the state budgets, involved in the community.
- Elected to House Democratic Caucus Leadership '02 (Assistant Majority Whip), '04 (Assistant Majority Floor Leader), '06 (Majority Floor Leader), '08 (Majority Floor Leader), Vice Chair of House Democratic Campaign Committee 2003-2009.
- Committee Work Includes: Technology, Energy, Communications; Commerce and Labor; Transportation; Rules; Environmental Health; Parks and Ecology; Subcommittee on General Government Appropriations
- Task Force Work includes: Joint Administrative Rules Review Committee; Joint Task Force on State Contracting – Co-Chair; Joint Committee on Energy Supply and Conservation; State Parks Centennial Advisory committee.

Campaign Manager; Kevin Quigley for US Congress- WA 1996.

Field Coordinator; The '95 Project, Grassroots lobbying and voter education WA 1995 -1996.

Campaign Consultant; Virgil Cooper for US Congress- OK 1994.

Campaign Manager; Clem Balanoff for US Congress- IL 1994.

Campaign Manager; Dana Lynn Maley for State Rep. – FL 1992.

Private Sector Work

Loaned Executive; United Way of King County- Seattle, WA present.

Program Manager; Latin American Ops Center; Microsoft Corp (Excell Data Corp) –WA 2002.

Marketing Planning Product Manager; Amazon.com- Seattle, WA 2000 to 2001.

International CS Project Manager; Amazon.com- Den Haag, Netherlands 2000.

Customer Service Project Manager; Amazon.com- Seattle, WA 1999 to 1999.

CS/Marketing Liaison and Tier 3 Rep.; Amazon.com- Seattle, WA 1998 to 1999.

Customer Service Tier 1 Rep, Tier 2 Rep, Quad Lead; Amazon.com- Seattle, WA 1997 to 1998.

Internet Services; AFSCME, WSCCCE, Council 2, WA 1996.

Volunteer Work

Board Member and President; Friends of the VA Puget Sound Fisher House, 2004-present.

Political and Governance Trainer; National Democratic Institute for International Affairs. 1994; 2004. Ukraine, Kyrgyzstan and Iraq.

Board Member; Domestic Abuse Women's Network, South King Co. 2003-2006.

Member or supporter of various civic organizations; King Co. 2002-present.

Education

Completed BA degree in Government and History, 1990
University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN

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PO Box 16254
Seattle, WA 98116
November 20, 2009

The Honorable
Bob Ferguson
King County Council
King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue, Room 1200
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Councilmember Ferguson:

I respectfully submit my name for consideration for appointment to represent District 8 on the King County Council once a vacancy occurs following the certification of the General Election. As a life-long resident of District 8 and having represented the 34th Legislative District in the Washington State Legislature for the past 9 years, I am well prepared to represent the 8th Council District.

I am well aware of the challenges King County faces and have unique experience to bring in finding solutions. The 6 years I spent working in the Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney's office gave me great insight into the criminal justice system. With criminal justice services making up approximately 70 percent of King County's general fund budget, knowledge of programs successful in not only saving money but producing positive outcomes, such as drug court, mental health court, and family court, will serve me well. My 4 years as a Senior Budget Analyst for the Seattle School District allowed me to work with principals and program managers across the district to develop responsible budgets for individual programs and the school district as a whole. This work experience is underscored by my service on the House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Ways & Means Committee, where I have made valuable contributions towards responsible budgets.

While the structural budget gap will continue to be a key issue for King County, other immediate concerns include addressing the potential flooding of the Green River until the Howard Hanson Dam is fully repaired, completing the tunnels servicing the Brightwater sewage treatment plant, and Metro Transit's budget shortfall. In my career in public service I have always taken up complex issues such as these and brought people together to solutions.

While King County faces many challenges, District 8 also faces specific issues. In the coming year, the Council will review the Shorelines Master Plan, which is critical to District 8 and Vashon and Maury Islands as over half of the undeveloped shorelines in King County are within this district. My personal knowledge of the unique value of this

shoreline developed over the last 9 years representing the 34th District in Olympia and will contribute to meaningful review in 2010.

The South Park Bridge is at risk for closure in 2010, with the federal government ranking it at 4 points out of 100 for safety. This vital transportation link carries more than 10 million tons of freight a year and 2,600 trucks daily and serves a high-employment area with approximately 32,000 jobs within one mile. The bridge is a lifeline to a low-income and multi-ethnic community, with 76 percent of businesses in South Park minority owned and 56 percent of South Park residents members of minority groups. Closure would reroute 20,000 vehicles daily onto an already taxed transportation system. I championed efforts to secure federal TIGER Stimulus funds for this essential project and would bring this advocacy to the Council.

When Washington State Ferries could no longer support passenger-only ferry service, I worked with King County to transfer this service to the county. I am vested in the King County Ferry District's success in linking West Seattle and Vashon with downtown Seattle and in exploring future routes as well.

I am convinced, given the pressing needs of King County, and District 8 in particular, that the person the Council appoints to this vacancy must have deep knowledge and expertise on the issues facing the County and District. Thus I believe the Councilmember should have the quality of skills that would be of ongoing service to the position and make themselves accountable by standing for election in the 2010 elections for this Council position. If appointed, I fully intend to run for the position in 2010.

Serving in the House of Representatives for 7 years and in the Senate for the past two allowed me to develop a keen ability to respond to and address public concerns, and also to develop a collaborative leadership style. I will work with each of you to further understand your priorities and districts and will work with you to achieve mutual success for our constituents and King County as a whole.

I look forward to interviewing with the Advisory Committee and the Council's Committee of the Whole to further discuss my interest in the position and experience that prepares me to serve on the King County Council.

Sincerely,



Joe McDermott

J. Joseph McDermott

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Elective Office

State Senator 10/07 – present
34th District, Washington State Senate
Current Committee Assignments: Early Learning and K-12 Education; Ways & Means;
Government Operations & Elections; Financial Institutions, Housing, & Insurance
Leadership: Majority Assistant Floor Leader 12/08 – present

State Representative 1/01 – 10/07
34th District, Washington State House of Representatives
Committee Assignments included: Appropriations, Education, State Government Operations &
Accountability; Judiciary, Agriculture & Natural Resources
Leadership Roles: Majority Education Policy Leader; House Facilities Chair

Professional Experience

Instructor 4/04-6/04; 6/05-8/05; 6/06-8/06
South Seattle Community College; Seattle, WA
•Developed syllabus and lesson plans to ensure achievement of course objectives
•Lectured and led classroom discussions in Political Science and History courses

Tour Guide 7/03-9/09
Bill Speidel Enterprises, Inc.; Seattle, WA
•Guided historic underground walking tours in Seattle's Pioneer Square neighborhood
•Managed logistics for groups of 50 people and timing among multiple guides and groups

Senior Budget Analyst 4/99-11/02
Budget Analyst I 10/98-4/99
Seattle Public Schools, Seattle, WA
•Provided customer service to 24 school programs engaged in building-based budgeting
•Supported central organizations within Policy & Coordination in maintaining their budgets
•Produced Compensatory Education allocation scenarios and analysis for district policy makers
•Collaborated with Human Resource Analysts in reconciling financial and personnel databases

Assistant Grant Administrator 9/92-10/98
Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney's Office; Tacoma, WA
•Assured contract compliance for the Statewide Drug Prosecution Assistance Program
•Developed and revised budget proposals and allocations
•Wrote federal and state grant applications
•Prepared quarterly and annual reports for agencies that fund the grant
•Managed capital and administrative funds
•Provided written and oral briefings to elected officials and other policy makers

Public Affairs Consultant 1/88-11/96

Independent Contractor; Seattle, WA

- Prepared revenue and expenditure forecasts for a variety of clients
- Managed project budgets exceeding \$100,000
- Completed and submitted regular reports to state agency
- Organized constituent groups and sought community consensus

Staff Intern

5/88-8/88

King County Council; Seattle, WA

- Resolved constituency problems within county government
- Assisted in establishing a constituent tracking system
- Researched issues at Councilmember's request

Education

Certificate of Completion, June 2009

Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts
Senior Executives in State and Local Government Executive Education Program

Master of Public Administration, June 1997

Graduate School of Public Affairs, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington
Urban and Regional Affairs

Thesis: *Prosecutorial Discretion: The Decision to Prosecute in Cases of Child Sexual Assault*

Bachelor of Arts, May 1989

Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington
History and Political Science

Professional and Community Involvement

Board Member, Southwest Youth & Family Services	12/03 - present
Member, West Seattle Chamber of Commerce	1/92-1/93; 1/03 - present
Member, Highline Historical Society	5/02 - present
Member, Vashon Allied Arts	4/01 - present
Board Member, West Seattle Helpline	7/98 – 02/09
President, West Seattle Helpline	6/04 – 7/07
Member, Elections Administration & Certification Board	5/03 – 10/07
Recipient, Collaboration for Social Change Award; Greater Seattle Business Association	3/06
Member, National Conference of State Legislatures 2005 Host Committee	12/03 - 8/05
Flemming Fellow, Center for Policy Alternatives	1/04 - 12/04
Member, Partnership for High Point's Future	3/02 – 1/05
Member, Mayor-elect Greg Nickels' Transition Committee	11/01-3/02
Chair, 34 th District Democrats	1/98 - 8/00
Executive Committee, Washington State Democratic Party	1/95-1/98
State Committeeman, 34 th District Democrats	1/91 -1/98

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The Honorable
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SHARON K. NELSON
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- RESPECTED PUBLIC OFFICIAL IN DISTRICT EIGHT
- ENVIRONMENTAL LEADER
- ADVOCATE FOR CONSUMER PROTECTION
- EXPERIENCED IN FINANCE AND PUBLIC POLICY

Interest in the District Eight Council Position:

I am seeking the open District Eight Councilmember position, as a placeholder, and believe I will bring the strongest and most diverse experience to the position in that capacity. I have worked in banking and finance and as a community and environmental leader, and have served for eight years as staff at the County Council and two years in the State House of Representatives. I know first hand the challenges facing our district and region in issues such as transportation, land use, and the County's structural budget gap.

I have taken on powerful special interests to protect my constituents and citizens across the region. Most recently, I sponsored successful payday lending reform legislation which will help working families avoid becoming stuck in a spiral of debt.

Education and Background:

After graduating from Whitman College in 1973, I began my career in finance, rising to a level of Vice-President at Bank of America. This strong foundation has helped me to manage a non-profit environmental organization and work on King County's \$5 billion budget. In Olympia, I used this knowledge as I worked for payday lending reform and to soften the impacts of the recent \$9 billion state shortfall on our state's citizens.

I became politically active in 1996 after our septic system failed nine months after our house was built. I was appointed to a Governor's Task Force on On-Site Sewage as a consumer advocate and worked with industry and local governments to successfully pass legislation to protect homeowners with these systems.

In 1997, I took on the fight to stop a multinational mining corporation seeking to strip mine Maury Island. I served as founding president of Preserve Our Islands, an environmental non-profit, and worked to build a coalition that includes environmental groups from across the state. That coalition continues today, working to protect Puget Sound and the Maury Island Aquatic Reserve.

Experience in King County Government:

In late 2001, I began serving at the County Council and have worked during the past eight years on a broad range of issues, including growth management, budget, and monitoring Brightwater. During this time, I worked constructively with Councilmembers and staff and forged strong relationships across the political spectrum. I understand the complexity of the problems that face King County and the Council have faced and will face in the coming year.

Elected Office:

For the past two years, I have had the privilege to work with local and state leaders, building relationships and gaining critical experience in Olympia as State Representative for the 34th Legislative District.

As the District Eight seat becomes vacant, I believe it is critical, should the Council choose a placeholder, to select someone with experience and knowledge of the district and who can immediately contribute to the Council. My experience at the Council and as a state representative prepares me to do so.

References:

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Ann Aagaard
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King County Councilmember Bob Ferguson
516 Third Avenue, Suite 1200
Seattle, WA 98104

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Re: District Eight Council Seat, Placeholder Appointment

Dear Councilmember Ferguson:

As Motion 2009-0616 has been amended to provide the County Council with recommendations for an individual to serve as a placeholder for the District Eight seat, as well as to provide recommendations for a permanent replacement, I am asking for your consideration to serve as the placeholder.

I am not interested in serving in this position for the long term. However, I would be honored to serve for the coming year should the Council decide to appoint a placeholder.

My eight years of experience at the Council, as well as my time in the state legislature, provide me with the unique ability to step into this position. I know the issues that are important to the district and have already represented the majority of District Eight constituents. Additionally, I have an existing working relationship with members of the Council and, I believe, have shown that I am able to work collaboratively with the members.

During this unique time for the Council, as well as for the citizens in District Eight, I believe that District Eight, the Council, and King County would be well-served by a councilmember who can serve ably from the onset of the term. My resume is attached and provides further details regarding my experience and qualifications. I would appreciate being able to meet with you to discuss this opportunity further.

Sincerely,



Sharon K. Nelson
State Representative, 34th District

November 20, 2009

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King County Councilmember Larry Gossett
516 Third Avenue, Suite 1200
Seattle, WA 98104

Re: District Eight Council Seat, Placeholder Appointment

Dear Councilmember Gossett:

As Motion 2009-0616 has been amended to provide the County Council with recommendations for an individual to serve as a placeholder for the District Eight seat, as well as to provide recommendations for a permanent replacement, I am asking for your consideration to serve as the placeholder.

I am not interested in serving in this position for the long term and that was reflected in my recent conversation with you about this seat. However, I would be honored to serve for the coming year should the Council decide to appoint a placeholder.

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State Representative, 34th District

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King County Councilmember Reagan Dunn
516 Third Avenue, Suite 1200
Seattle, WA 98104

Re: District Eight Council Seat, Placeholder Appointment

Dear Councilmember Dunn:

As Motion 2009-0616 has been amended to provide the County Council with recommendations for an individual to serve as a placeholder for the District Eight seat, as well as to provide recommendations for a permanent replacement, I am asking for your consideration to serve as the placeholder.

I am not interested in serving in this position for the long term and that was reflected in my recent phone conversation with you. However, I would be honored to serve for the coming year should the Council decide to appoint a placeholder.

My eight years of experience at the Council, as well as my time in the state legislature, provide me with the unique ability to step into this position. I know the issues that are important to the district and have already represented the majority of District Eight constituents. Additionally, I have an existing working relationship with members of the Council and, I believe, have shown that I am able to work collaboratively with the members. The collaboration which we had during the EMS levy negotiations is an example of the manner in which you and I can work together.

During this unique time for the Council, as well as for the citizens in District Eight, I believe that District Eight, the Council, and King County would be well-served by a councilmember who can serve ably from the onset of the term. My resume is attached and provides further details regarding my experience and qualifications. I would appreciate being able to meet with you to discuss this in person.

Sincerely,

Sharon K. Nelson
State Representative, 34th District

November 20, 2009

King County Councilmember Pete von Reichbauer
516 Third Avenue
Suite 1200
Seattle, WA 98104

Re: District Eight Council Seat, Placeholder Appointment

Dear Councilmember von Reichbauer:

As Motion 2009-0616 has been amended to provide the County Council with recommendations for an individual to serve as a placeholder for the District Eight seat, as well as to provide recommendations for a permanent replacement, I am asking for your consideration to serve as the placeholder.

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During this unique time for the Council, as well as for the citizens in District Eight, I believe that District Eight, the Council, and King County would be well-served by a councilmember who can serve ably from the onset of the term. My resume is attached and provides further details regarding my experience and qualifications. I would appreciate being able to meet with you regarding the District Eight seat.

Sincerely,

Sharon K. Nelson
State Representative, 34th District

November 20, 2009

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King County Councilmember Larry Phillips
516 Third Avenue, Suite 1200
Seattle, WA 98104

Re: District Eight Council Seat, Placeholder Appointment

Dear Councilmember Phillips:

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Your interest in protecting Puget Sound and our quality of life reflects my environmental values, as well. With the shoreline master plan coming before the Council this coming year, I would like to work with you to protect and enhance environmental protections for the County's valuable shorelines.

During this unique time for the Council, as well as for the citizens in District Eight, I believe that District Eight, the Council, and King County would be well-served by a councilmember who can serve ably from the onset of the term. My resume is attached and provides further details regarding my experience and qualifications.

Sincerely,

Sharon K. Nelson
State Representative, 34th District

November 20, 2009

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King County Councilmember Julia Patterson
516 Third Avenue, Suite 1200
Seattle, WA 98104

Re: District Eight Council Seat, Placeholder Appointment

Dear Councilmember Patterson:

As Motion 2009-0616 has been amended to provide the County Council with recommendations for an individual to serve as a placeholder for the District Eight seat, as well as to provide recommendations for a permanent replacement, I am asking for your consideration to serve as the placeholder.

I am not interested in serving in this position for the long term. However, I would be honored to serve for the coming year should the Council decide to appoint a placeholder.

My eight years of experience at the Council, as well as my time in the state legislature, provide me with the unique ability to step into this position. I know the issues that are important to the district and have already represented the majority of District Eight constituents. Additionally, I have an existing working relationship with members of the Council and, I believe, have shown that I am able to work collaboratively with the members. The work which we have done together on animal control reflects that collaborative style.

During this unique time for the Council, as well as for the citizens in District Eight, I believe that District Eight, the Council, and King County would be well-served by a councilmember who can serve ably from the onset of the term. My resume is attached and provides further details regarding my experience and qualifications.

Sincerely,

Sharon K. Nelson
State Representative, 34th District

November 20, 2009

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King County Councilmember Kathy Lambert
516 Third Avenue, Suite 1200
Seattle, WA 98104

Re: District Eight Council Seat, Placeholder Appointment

Dear Councilmember Lambert:

As Motion 2009-0616 has been amended to provide the County Council with recommendations for an individual to serve as a placeholder for the District Eight seat, as well as to provide recommendations for a permanent replacement, I am asking for your consideration to serve as the placeholder.

I am not interested in serving in this position for the long term. However, I would be honored to serve for the coming year should the Council decide to appoint a placeholder.

My eight years of experience at the Council, as well as my time in the state legislature, provide me with the unique ability to step into this position. I know the issues that are important to the district and have already represented the majority of District Eight constituents. Additionally, I have an existing working relationship with members of the Council and, I believe, have shown that I am able to work collaboratively with the members. The work which I have done on the farm pad legislation, as well as on other agricultural issues, with you and your staff reflects such collaboration.

During this unique time for the Council, as well as for the citizens in District Eight, I believe that District Eight, the Council, and King County would be well-served by a councilmember who can serve ably from the onset of the term. My resume is attached and provides further details regarding my experience and qualifications. I would appreciate meeting with you to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Sharon K. Nelson
State Representative, 34th District

November 20, 2009

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King County Councilmember Jane Hague
516 Third Avenue, Suite 1200
Seattle, WA 98104

Re: District Eight Council Seat, Placeholder Appointment

Dear Councilmember Hague:

As Motion 2009-0616 has been amended to provide the County Council with recommendations for an individual to serve as a placeholder for the District Eight seat, as well as to provide recommendations for a permanent replacement, I am asking for your consideration to serve as the placeholder.

I am not interested in serving in this position for the long term and that was reflected in my recent conversation with you about this seat. However, I would be honored to serve for the coming year should the Council decide to appoint a placeholder.

My eight years of experience at the Council, as well as my time in the state legislature, provide me with the unique ability to step into this position. I know the issues that are important to the district and have already represented the majority of District Eight constituents. Additionally, I have an existing working relationship with members of the Council and, I believe, have shown that I am able to work collaboratively with the members. . The work that we have done together during development of the county's budget, as well as when we created the Forest and Nearshore Initiative, reflects that collaborative style.

During this unique time for the Council, as well as for the citizens in District Eight, I believe that District Eight, the Council, and King County would be well-served by a councilmember who can serve ably from the onset of the term. My resume is attached and provides further details regarding my experience and qualifications. I would appreciate having the opportunity to meet with you regarding the District Eight seat.

Sincerely,

Sharon K. Nelson
State Representative, 34th District

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² The criteria are set forth in Council Motion 13093, adopted on 16 November 2009. This section contains each candidate's explanation of how he or she meets each criterion. (Not every candidate provided such an explanation; for those who did not, relevant material from the candidates' written submissions is provided instead.)

Candidate Data Compilation

CURRENT RESIDENCE

Jan Drago	Seattle
Zack Hudgins	Tukwila
Joe McDermott	West Seattle
Sharon Nelson	Maury Island

GOVERNMENT POSITIONS HELD

Jan Drago	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seattle City Councilmember (1994-present), incl. two terms as president (1996-97 and 2004-06)
Zack Hudgins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Representative, 11th Leg. Dist. (2002-present)
Joe McDermott	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Senator, 34th Leg. Dist. (2007-present) • State Representative, 34th Leg. Dist. (2001-2007) • Seattle Public Schools, Budget Analyst and Senior Budget Analyst (1998-2002) • Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Assistant Grant Administrator (1992-1998) • King County Council, Staff Intern (1988)
Sharon Nelson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Representative, 34th Leg. Dist. (2007-2009) • Staff, Council District 8 (2001-2009), incl. Chief of Staff

NON-GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT

<p>Jan Drago</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drago & Associates: Managed and/or consulted on successful political campaigns, incl. CM Larry Phillips and passage of levy for MRJC in Kent, WA. (1990-1994) • Haagen Dazs Ice Cream Shoppes: established, owned, and operated first one in Pacific Northwest; four sites that employed 2,000 employees in 11 yrs. (1980-1991) • Pre-school teacher in New Brunswick (NJ) public schools (1973-1978) • Tastee Freeze franchise: purchased, managed, and operated, while in high school and college, later selling business at profit (1955-1958).
<p>Zack Hudgins</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several positions as campaign manager or consultant, incl. three campaigns for U.S. Congress, one in WA, others in OK and IL • United Way of King County, Loaned Executive, Seattle (2009) • Microsoft Corp. (Excell Data Corp.), Latin American Ops Center, Program Manager, WA (2002) • Amazon.com, Customer Service Rep. and Project Manager (1997-2000) • AFSCME, Internet Services (1996)
<p>Joe McDermott</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Seattle Community College, Instructor (2004, 2005, 2006) • Bill Speidel Enterprises, Seattle Underground Tour Guide (2003-2009) • Public Affairs Consultant (1988-1996) (incl. preparation of revenue and expenditure forecasts and project budget management)
<p>Sharon Nelson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance industry: 11 yrs, working up from night data entry clerk to vice-president, Bank of America

EDUCATION

Jan Drago	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BA, Douglass College at Rutgers Univ., Experimental Psychology [date not provided]
Zack Hudgins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BA, 1990, Univ. of Notre Dame, Government and History
Joe McDermott	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of Completion, 2009, Kennedy School of Government, State and Local Government Executive Education Program • MPA, 1997, University of Washington, Urban and Regional Affairs • BA, 1989, Gonzaga University
Sharon Nelson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BA, 1973, Whitman College, Psychology

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Jan Drago	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair, Mayor's Homeless Task Force under Mayors Charley Royer and Norm Rice • Co-chair Governor Booth Gardner's Task Force on Homelessness • Organized Seattle's Downtown District Council
Zack Hudgins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, Political and Governance Trainer, Ukraine, Kyrgyzstan, and Iraq, 1994; 2004
Joe McDermott	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member, Elections Admin. & Certification Board • Flemming Fellow, Center for Policy Alternatives • Chair, 34th District Democrats • Executive Committee, Washington State Democratic Party • State Committeeman, 34th District Democrats
Sharon Nelson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Served on Governor's Task Force on On-Site Sewage, as consumer representative

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Jan Drago

- “Led downtown revitalization driven by the re-opening of Pine Street, the expansion of the Washington. State Convention and Trade Center, construction of Pacific Place Garage, the Nordstrom flagship store, and Benaroya Symphony Hall, and the restorations of Paramount and ACT Theatres, projects representing more than \$1 billion of public and private investment.
- “As Finance and Budget chair, directed development and approval of four \$2.5 billion dollar budgets. Oversaw strategic cuts to city’s budget that limited impact on services during 2001 recession while funding business community priorities like public safety.
- “Negotiated first ever Memorandum of Understanding between Seattle and the Coalition of City Labor Unions.
- “Insured stability of the City of Seattle’s pension plans during tenure on Council. Chaired Seattle’s Fire Pension Board, Police Pension Board and the \$1.6 billion Seattle City Employees Retirement Systems.
- “Represented Council on Civic Center Client Group, which managed design and construction of four civic buildings representing \$500 million of public investment.
- “Secured approvals of and funding for South Lake Union Streetcar, South Spokane Street Viaduct, and other transportation projects.
- “Guided efforts to repeal University of Washington’s lease lid.
- “Championed South Downtown and South Lake Union revitalization.
- “Participated in multiple trade missions including Japan, China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Philippines, Indonesia, Vietnam, Cambodia, Australia, New Zealand, several European countries and the U.A.E. While in China on TDA study mission in late summer 2008, accompanied officials of Robbins Company, Kent, WA to negotiations with Chinese officials and helped obtain \$30 million contract for their tunnel boring equipment.
- “Secured support for Viaduct bored tunnel solution, the preferred alternative to replace the Alaskan Way Viaduct.”

Zack Hudgins

- “I have been elected onto our House leadership team by my caucus peers each term I have served in Olympia. I am now serving our caucus as the Majority Floor Leader where I help organize all of the debate and schedule for the House of Representatives floor action. I also lead our caucus discussions of bills before they come up for floor votes.”

Joe McDermott

- Recipient, Collaboration for Change Award, Greater Seattle Business Association

Sharon Nelson

- “In 1997, I took on the fight to stop a multinational mining corporation seeking to strip mine Maury Island.”
- “Most recently, I sponsored successful payday lending reform legislation which will help working families avoid becoming stuck in a spiral of debt.”

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Jan Drago

- President, Denny Regrade Crime Prevention Council
- Chair, Downtown Seattle Association's Public Safety Committee
- Chair, West Precinct Crime Prevention Council

Zack Hudgins

- Board Member and President; Friends of the VA Puget Sound Fisher House, 2004-present.
- Board Member; Domestic Abuse Women's Network, South King Co. 2003-2006.
- "Member or supporter of various civic organizations; King Co. 2002-present."

Joe McDermott

- Board Member, Southwest Youth & Family Services
- Member, West Seattle Chamber of Commerce
- Member, Highline Historical Society
- Member, Vashon Allied Arts
- Board Member and President, West Seattle Helpline
- Member, Partnership for High Point's Future

Sharon Nelson

- Community and environmental leader
- Founding President, Preserve Our Islands (environmental non-profit group)

COUNCIL CRITERIA

Knowledge of functions of King County government

Jan Drago

“King County government is one of the largest regional governments in the U.S., serving nearly 2 million citizens. It is a complex, complicated government which provides both regional services including elections, public health, criminal justice and jails, public transit, sewage disposal, and parks, as well as local services to unincorporated King County, including land use and permitting.

“I have served for 16 years on the Seattle City Council during which time I chaired the Finance and Budget Committee for four years, the land Use Committee for four years, the Transportation Committee for the past four years, and have served on the Regional Transit Committee for more than four years. I know the current transportation issues and challenges that we face. As a community leader prior to serving on Seattle City Council, I was very involved with the criminal justice system focusing on crime prevention and gang violence. I have also served several years on the City Council’s Public Safety Committee. I think that my experience and back ground have more than prepared me to serve on MKCC.”

Zack Hudgins

[Did not specifically address this criterion.]

Joe McDermott

“As a life-long resident of District 8 and having represented the 34th Legislative District in the Washington State Legislature for the past 9 years, I am well prepared to represent the 8th Council District.”

Sharon Nelson

Eight years as King County Council staff, incl. Chief of Staff for Council District 8.

Knowledge of issues and challenges facing King County government

Jan Drago

“I believe the major issue facing King County government is the fiscal crisis. The County Council must look at both the revenue and the expenditure sides of the budget. As a former small business owner on Seattle City Council, I focused my efforts on the revenue side - job creation and economic development in the downtown revitalization, South Downtown, and South Lake Union.

“Transportation is another huge challenge with more people moving into King County creating more demand as more people want to use public transit and while declining revenues make it difficult to meet that demand. The County Council must find a balanced way to serve transit riders in unincorporated King County, suburban cities and urban Seattle. We are finally moving forward with transportation solutions including Sound Transit, a replacement for the Alaskan Way *Viaduct*, and Bus Rapid Ride, and we must continue this momentum.

“Public safety is another challenge, especially the issue of gang violence. I have been involved with criminal justice, public safety and gang violence issues for the past 25 years. I think that there are new and innovative ways to find solutions in this area.

“King County government also faces challenges preparing for influenza epidemic and preparing for floods, especially the possibility of catastrophic flooding in the Green River Valley.”

Zack Hudgins

“King County government faces many specific issues like the Howard Hansen dam, the South Park Bridge, and basic service provisions for unincorporated areas like Skyway, White Center and Fairwood. The county is in transition in many ways as its role of local government service provider shrinks. As areas continue to incorporate or be annexed into cities, under GMA, that role will give way to the new and larger role of King County as a regional leader. Regional issues like the water treatment facility, jails, public health, and metro services are going to be the future of our county government. If you add in standard issues that go across district lines such as affordable housing, economic development, immigrant concerns, parks, transportation, crime and protection of our quality of life the county faces some serious challenges. All of this comes together in a budget crunch that is hitting every government and business in the country right now. I feel my background, my current knowledge and willingness to learn and serve will help the council tackle these tough issues with respect and concern for those involved.”

Joe McDermott

“I am well aware of the challenges King County faces and have unique experience to bring in finding solutions. The 6 years I spent working in the Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney’s office gave me great insight into the criminal justice system. With criminal justice services

making up approximately 70 percent of King County’s general fund budget, knowledge of programs successful in not only saving money but producing positive outcomes, such as drug court, mental health court, and family court, will serve me well. My 4 years as a Senior Budget Analyst for the Seattle School District allowed me to work with principals and program managers across the district to develop responsible budgets for individual programs and the school district as a whole. This work experience is underscored by my service on the House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Ways & Means Committee, where I have made valuable contributions towards responsible budgets.

“While the structural budget gap will continue to be a key issue for King County, other immediate concerns include addressing the potential flooding of the Green River until the Howard Hanson Dam is fully repaired, completing the tunnels servicing the Brightwater sewage treatment plant, and Metro Transit’s budget shortfall. In my career in public service I have always taken up complex issues such as these and brought people together to solutions.”

Sharon Nelson

From 8 yrs as Council staff and 2 yrs as state rep, “I know first hand the challenges facing our district and region in issues such as transportation, land use, and the County’s structural budget gap.”

As a Council staff member, has worked on “a broad range of issues, including growth management, budget, and monitoring Brightwater.”

Knowledge of the issues affecting the constituents of Council District 8

Jan Drago

“Residents of Council District Eight face unique transportation challenges, especially during the construction of the Alaskan Way Viaduct project. I urged the Seattle City Council to prioritize and find full funding for the South Spokane Street Viaduct project so it would be completed before the construction of the AWW project. I have also been a strong advocate for water transit, including the West Seattle Water Taxi and the Vashon Island ferry. District Eight also includes the Duwamish industrial manufacturing area where there are many challenging issues including transportation and job retention and expansion.”

Zack Hudgins

Did not refer to issues affecting the constituents of Council District 8, as opposed to King County in general.

Joe McDermott

“While King County faces many challenges, District 8 also faces specific issues. In the coming year, the Council will review the Shorelines Master Plan, which is critical to District 8 and Vashon and Maury Islands as over half of the undeveloped shorelines in King County are within this district. My personal knowledge of the unique value of this shoreline developed over the last 9 years representing the 34th District in Olympia and will contribute to meaningful review in 2010.

“The South Park Bridge is at risk for closure in 2010, with the federal government ranking it at 4 points out of 100 for safety. This vital transportation link carries more than 10 million tons of freight a year and 2,600 trucks daily and serves a high-employment area with approximately 32,000 jobs within one mile. The bridge is a lifeline to a low-income and multi-ethnic community, with 76 percent of businesses in South Park minority owned and 56 percent of South Park residents members of minority groups. Closure would reroute 20,000 vehicles daily onto an already taxed transportation system. I championed efforts to secure federal TIGER Stimulus funds for this essential project and would bring this advocacy to the Council.

“When Washington State Ferries could no longer support passenger-only ferry service, I worked with King County to transfer this service to the county. I am vested in the King County Ferry District’s success in linking West Seattle and Vashon with downtown Seattle and in exploring future routes as well.”

Sharon Nelson

“I know the issues that are important to the district and have already represented the majority of District Eight constituents [as a state legislator].”

Demonstrated ability to develop responsible budget

Jan Drago

“I have served for 16 years on the Seattle City Council Budget Committee, including four years as its chair. During the period of my chairmanship, I worked to make the budget process more transparent and to increase citizen participation through outreach. The current City budget is nearly \$4 billion, including the utilities - Seattle City Light and Seattle Public Utilities. The general fund budget is \$903 million. I have served during three economic down turns as well when the revenues were higher than projected. During the good times we prioritized major maintenance in capital projects and putting money into our stabilization (rainy day) fund to prepare for the economic down turns and funding one time only projects instead of hiring more employees. During the down turns we prioritized funding public safety and human services.”

Zack Hudgins

“I have served on budget committees each of my seven years in Olympia (Transportation and General Government Appropriations), which means being part of the process for developing and passing a balanced budget.”

Joe McDermott

“My 4 years as a Senior Budget Analyst for the Seattle School District allowed me to work with principals and program managers across the district to develop responsible budgets for individual programs and the school district as a whole. This work experience is underscored by my service on the House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Ways & Means Committee, where I have made valuable contributions towards responsible budgets.”

Sharon Nelson

“I know first hand the challenges . . . in issues such as . . . the County’s structural budget gap.”

Worked in banking and finance for 11 years, reaching position of Vice President at the Bank of California.

Demonstrated ability to respond to public concerns

Jan Drago

“I replaced George Benson on the Seattle City Council who was well known for his constituent response. From the beginning my staff and I have worked hard to follow his example. We responded to constituent phone calls, correspondence and emails as quickly as possible and helped citizens to solve their problems by working with the relevant departments. We also worked with stakeholders early in the process of developing legislation as well as considering their suggestions presented at public comment periods, public workshops, forums and hearings. One example of responding to public concerns was establishing off-leash areas for dogs in Seattle. This issue came from the citizens and was very controversial, facing much opposition from the Parks Board. But I saw this as a problem with a solution. My staff and I worked for three years and involved over 15,000 people before the legislation was passed establishing six pilot areas which later became permanent. Today Seattle has 12 off-leash areas.”

Zack Hudgins

“My service in the State Legislature, accompanied by the input from all of the meetings, events, town halls, emails, phone calls and letters has taught me about the concerns facing people in a district that was once referred to as the place where American dreams were formed. No matter how you define diversity, it is seen in my community. I represent urban, suburban, and almost rural communities. I reach out to the largest industrial business community in the state where over two billion dollars of payroll a year and 200,000 vehicle trips a day are made in the Duwamish area. There are over 100 languages spoken in the school districts of the 11th, with some schools having free and reduced lunch enrollments passing the 90% mark. I have taken a leadership role working on shoreline issues and super fund clean up sites along the Duwamish river. The 11th includes the King County airfield and the Seattle sex offender confinement facility and numerous other government agencies that affect everyday lives. I reach out and work with as many individuals and groups as I can to provide them with information, help and leadership on the issues they face. I try to answer all the calls that come into my legislative office.”

Joe McDermott

“Serving in the House of Representatives for 7 years and in the Senate for the past two allowed me to develop a keen ability to respond to and address public concerns, and also to develop a collaborative leadership style. I will work with each of you to further understand your priorities and districts and will work with you to achieve mutual success for our constituents and King County as a whole.”

Sharon Nelson

“[T]ook on the fight to stop a multinational mining corporation seeking to strip mine Maury Island.”

“I served as founding president of Preserve Our Islands . . . and worked to build a coalition that includes environmental groups from across the state.”

Demonstrated leadership skills

Jan Drago

“I have served two two-year terms as Seattle City Council President, the first during my rookie term, and the second during the latter half of Mayor Greg Nickels’ first term. The Council President not only presides over Council meetings, but also is the department head with many additional responsibilities including personnel, management and communications. The position also carries considerable protocol responsibilities.

“In my first term, I led the council in the revitalization of downtown, including the expansion of the Convention Center, working with Mayor Norm Rice to get the Council votes needed. I also brokered the compromise to pass the Comprehensive Plan. I was a founding member of the Labor Management Leadership Committee and served as a co-chair for many years. For most of my tenure, I have been involved in developing the Civic Center complex serving on the client committee to buy Key Tower to convert to the Seattle Municipal Tower, selling our historic Arctic and Alaska buildings, building the new Justice Center and City Hall buildings, and to develop the Civic Plaza. For the past four years, I have been the City Council’s lead for the Alaskan Way Viaduct project, the South Lake Union Streetcar, Bridging the Gap levy and other transportation projects.

“I have also served for 12 years on the Puget Sound Regional Council. I have served for several years, including the past four, on the Regional Transit Committee. I have developed good working relationships with elected officials at every level - local, regional, state and federal. Today partnerships are more important than ever and good relationships lead to good partnerships.”

Zack Hudgins

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References

<p>Jan Drago</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kate Joncas, President, Downtown Seattle Association • Jane Nishita • Pete Spalding
<p>Zack Hudgins</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Taylor, Renton Chamber of Commerce • Rep Dave Upthegrove, 33rd Legis. Dist. • Denis Law, Mayor of Renton • [Other references are listed in the candidate's materials.]
<p>Joe McDermott</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharon Tomiko Santos, State Representative, 37th Legislative Dist. • Clifford Traisman, State Lobbyist, Washington Conservation Voters and Washington Environmental Council • Ms. Kim Cook, President, Service Employees Int'l Union, Local 925
<p>Sharon Nelson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trish Dzinko, Exec. Dir., Technology Access Found. • Kathy Fletcher, Exec. Dir., People for Puget Sound • Ann Aagaard, League of Women Voters

Whether the candidate intends to run for election as councilmember for District 8

Jan Drago	Interim only.
Zack Hudgins	Has not decided whether to run, but is "very much inclined" to do so.
Joe McDermott	Would run for election.
Sharon Nelson	Interim only.