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Monday, October 14, 2002

King County Clerk:

I'm requesting appointment to the vacancy of commissioner, Position 2, King County Water District #125. I served previously as commissioner, Position 3, in this district (125) continuously from January 1, 1986 until I resigned effective May 1, 2002. The reasons for my resignation were twofold. First, I was retiring from The Boeing Company; and secondly, I felt the direction one of the sitting commissioners was trying to push the district was contrary to my way of thinking. Rather than to cause further strife within Water District 125, and since my way of thinking could, in fact, be viewed as obsolete, I chose to leave prior to the end of my third elected term. At the time of my departure, I felt strongly that the district remained in good hands under the direction of then board president, John Thompson, a man I greatly respect both professionally and personally. I also felt that either of the two potential candidates who had come forward to be considered for appointment to my vacancy would do an outstanding job for the district staff and the rate-payers.

However, since my departure, John Thompson was forced to resign due to health reasons. The remaining elected commissioner plus the man appointed to my board vacancy (one of the two previously mentioned candidates) have been at odds and cannot agree on the business of the district. I am, therefore, offering my experience and knowledge of Water District 125 to return and fill the vacancy. I offer this in the hope it will allow the daily business of the district to return to some form of normalcy. As a ratepayer in this district, I can't stand idly by and watch the name of District 125 and the work I put into it in my 16+ year tenure to be pushed aside, down-played, and drug through the mud by false accusations of dishonesty and wrongdoing. (Please see attached copy of a letter to the editor of the Highline Times newspaper issue of October 9, 2002).

Respectfully Submitted,



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