



King County

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The Honorable Cynthia Sullivan  
Chair, King County Council  
Room 1200  
COURTHOUSE

Dear Councilmember Sullivan:

As you know, Ordinance 14514 was amended to increase the size of the King County Commission on Governance by two members who reside in unincorporated area King County. Ordinance 14514 requires that the members be appointed by the King County Executive from nominations submitted by a selection committee consisting of the King County Executive, the Chair of the King County Council, the Prosecutor and the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court. We appreciated the Council approval of Kathleen Royer for the first unincorporated area position.

Enclosed for consideration and approval by the King County Council is a motion confirming the appointment of Richard Bonewits to the King County Commission on Governance. I believe he will represent well the unincorporated areas of King County.

The appointment of Richard Bonewits, who resides in district twelve, is for a term expiring March 31, 2004.

If you have any questions about this appointment, please call me at 296-4040.

Sincerely,

Ron Sims

King County Executive

Enclosures

cc: King County Council Councilmembers

ATTN: David deCourcy, Chief of Staff

Shelley Sutton, Policy Staff Director

Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Richard Eadie, Superior Court Judge, King County Superior Court

Norm Maleng, King County Prosecutor, King County Prosecuting Attorney Office

Scott White, Legislative Analyst, King County Council



## King County Commission on Governance

- **Mark Endresen** is a Benefits Consultant for the Teamsters Representatives Retirement Plan. He has been a Research Director for the Joint Council of Teamsters and served as an economist for the Seattle Professional Engineering Employees in Aerospace (SPEEA).
- **Richard Derham** practiced law for 30 years with Davis Wright Tremaine and subsequently served as President of the Washington Policy Center. He served on the Washington State Redistricting Commission from 2001-2002 and is the former chair of the King County Republican Party. He is now retired.
- **Dave Gering, Commission Co-Chair**, is the Executive Director of the Manufacturing Industrial Council of Seattle, a non-profit association of industrial businesses from throughout the city that promote the city's industrial job base, including the development of municipal and regional support for the infrastructure necessary to sustain it.
- **Steve Goldblatt, Commission Co-Chair**, is Associate Dean for External Affairs in the College of Architecture and Urban Planning at the University of Washington. He has served as President of the Associated Schools of Construction, the first chair of Sound Transit's Citizen Oversight Panel, and a member of ST's Central Link Project Review Committee.
- **Arun Jhaveri** has served since 1991 as the Regional Technology Manager with the U. S. Department of Energy's Federal Energy Management Program, and is completing a term as Trustee of Highline Community College. He was the first Mayor of the newly-incorporated City of Burien from 1992 to 1998, representing Burien on the old Metro Council and later on the Metropolitan King County Council's Regional Transit Committee.
- **Sharon Maeda** is on the Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church. Prior to joining Global Ministries, Maeda was the Director of the Seattle Community Development Partnership and served as a Community Outreach Officer for U. S. Department Housing and Urban Development.
- **Jim Montgomery** is the Chief of Police for the City of Bellevue, where he has served since 1997. From 1999 to 2000 he served as Interim Deputy City Manager for Bellevue. From 1988 to 1997, Montgomery served as the King County Sheriff, which was then an appointed position.
- **Bill Ptacek** has served as Director of the King County Library System since 1989. He's responsible for a system that has 42 community libraries and an annual circulation of over 15 million items. Ptacek is chair of the Developmental Disabilities Committee for King County and President of the Bellevue Rotary Club.
- **Kathleen Royer** is the President of the West Hill Unincorporated Area Council. She is an attorney in the Law Office of J. Mark Weiss.
- **Steve Williamson** is the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the King County Labor Council and serves on the board of the Seattle-King County Workforce Development Council.

Richard E. Bonewits Age 68  
Married 40 years, three children, one grandchild

Currently (past two years) Chairman of the Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council.  
(Previous Vice-Chairman).

Currently a member of the Cedar River Council and WRIA #8 Steering Committee.

Previous:

Retired Boeing Executive (retired in 1995 after 37 1/2 years). Started with Boeing as a Electrical/Electronics Tool Engineer in 1958 on the Bomarc Missile Program, promoted to supervisor of Developmental Electronics Manufacturing Engineers in 1971.

Held numerous Project Manager and Senior Functional Manager assignments until 1985. Then promoted to Manager of Military Program Managers within Boeing Electronics Company. Assigned to the AWACS Program in 1990 as Production Manager for a major electronics enhancement program with a primary purpose of restoring U.S. Government and NATO credibility in the program. Assigned to manage the final integration (take-over) of a sub-contractor in Dallas, TX into a Boeing subsidiary located in Texas. Subsequently assigned as European Production Manager for the AWACS ESM Program. Lived in the Netherlands from July 1993 until July 1995. Worked with suppliers in the Netherlands, Belgium and Denmark.

Education: Graduated from High School 1953.

Attended Purdue University four years (Mechanical Engineering).

Completed Boeing Senior Management Training Program 1968.

Completed specialized courses in management, human relations, ethics, scheduling, financial management, operations research, computer systems, software, software applications, program management, micro-electronics design, statistics, Boolean algebra, formal logic, export licensing, (and many others).

Personal interests: Family, citizen activism (Listening to people in the community, their issues and concerns and facilitating solutions and responses), and travel

June 30, 2003

To: Ron Sims, King County Executive

The King County Governance Commission needs to include representation from its unincorporated areas and specifically from the rural areas to ensure balanced representation.

King County government appears to be so completely absorbed by its attention on regional issues and its budget problems that it all but ignores its rural areas. The failure to appoint anyone who represents the unincorporated areas – particularly the rural areas – is just one more reflection of the county's change in focus. The King County Governance Commission's focus should concentrate as much on how all citizens are to be represented as it does on the requirements of and the structure of King County government, or the county's CX Budget.

The Rural Areas along with the Agricultural District and the Forest Production Districts are as much a part of the regional resources and need to be represented and protected just as much as urban areas.

The Growth Management Act and the King County Comprehensive Plan are a start, but far more needs to be done to ensure that the "Vision" is fulfilled and not "frittered" away in piece-meal" fashion.

I have decided to put my name forth as a candidate for the King County Governance Commission. My wife and I have owned property in the Rural Area of King County for more than 35 years and have lived in the Rural Area 17 years. I am a retired Boeing executive with more than 37 years experience in Manufacturing Engineering, project and program management – including foreign assignments. I am currently the Chairman of the Greater Maple Valley Area Council and have served as a Chairman of a Land Use Subcommittee of the Cedar River Council.

I have discussed my interest in this subject with David Irons, Jr., who is my King County Council representative and Larry Phillips – both of whom I believe would support my candidacy for this commission.

Sincerely,

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Cc: King County Council Members Cynthia Sullivan, David Irons, Jr., Larry Phillips, Jane Hague; Norm Maeling, King County Prosecutor; Richard Eadie, Presiding Judge – King County Superior Court