



King County

**Metropolitan King County Council
Transportation, Economy and Environment Committee**

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item:	7	Name:	Mary Bourguignon
Proposed No.:	2015-0460	Date:	January 19, 2016

SUBJECT

Proposed Motion 2015-0460 would confirm the appointment of Shelby Jors, who resides in Council District 2, to the King County Agriculture Commission, for a partial term to expire on February 28, 2016.

BACKGROUND

The Agriculture Commission was created in 1994¹ to serve as a forum for farmers to provide input on land use decisions, policies and regulations affecting commercial agriculture. The Commission’s mission is to “actively influence regional policy to preserve and enhance agricultural land; support and promote a viable agricultural community; and educate the public about the benefits of local agricultural products.”

The Commission consists of 15 volunteer members, of which eight must be producers engaged in the business of producing an agricultural commodity for market in commercial quantities. Members serve three-year terms.

King County Code 2.40.040 outlines the duties of the Agriculture Commission, which is asked to advise the Council and Executive on agricultural policies and programs, including, but not limited to:

- Existing and proposed legislation and regulations affecting commercial agriculture;
- Land use issues that affect agriculture;
- Ways to maintain, enhance and promote agriculture and agricultural products in the region; and
- Livestock regulation implementation and monitoring.

Highlights of the Commission’s activities over the least year included reviewing and providing recommendations on the integration of agricultural improvements into the Farm Fish Flood process; reviewing the sale of the Tall Chief property; and continuing its oversight of the Farm Link and Puget Sound Fresh programs.

¹ Ordinance 11417

APPOINTEE INFORMATION

Shelby Jors is a resident of District 2 and the Produce Manager of the Central Co-op. Ms. Jors has a degree in Biology with a concentration in Conservation and Ecology from Boston University.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Motion 2015-0460 (attachments available upon request)
2. Agriculture Commission Profile
3. Transmittal Letter

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