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Dear Applicant:

King County is seeking county residents to serve on the King County Agriculture Commission. The 15-member board recommends agriculture-related policies and programs to the King County Executive and Council. Those interested should:

- Have an interest in regional policies to preserve and enhance agricultural land;
- Have a strong knowledge of agriculture production, marketing, or financing in the region and county;
- Support and promote a viable agricultural community;
- Have an interest in educating the public about the benefits of local agricultural products.

Commission members serve as volunteers<sup>1</sup>. Appointees cannot be staff or board members of any agency with whom the King County Agriculture Program contracts for services. Prospective candidates should be able to devote approximately eight hours per month to Commission activities. Applicants must be able to prepare for and attend ten meetings per year, which are held on the second Thursdays of January through May, July and September through December. The meetings are usually held in Snoqualmie from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., but are occasionally held in other agricultural areas of the county. There are approximately two to six commission committee meetings annually, depending on need, and members are encouraged to serve on one, or more, committees.

The County is seeking diversity in age and ethnicity, geographic area and agricultural sector. A Commission member serves a 3-year term, renewable once.

To apply, complete and return the attached application form. An interview with some current commissioners and staff may be requested prior to submission of a list of candidates to the Executive for consideration. The Executive will select a slate of potential new Commission members and submit the list to the King County Council for confirmation.

For additional information about the King County King County Agriculture Commission, please see our web site at <http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/waterandland/agriculture/commission.aspx> or contact Patrice Barrentine at (206) 477-1556, or by e-mail at [Patrice.barrentine@kingcounty.gov](mailto:Patrice.barrentine@kingcounty.gov).

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<sup>1</sup> Therefore, commissioners are not compensated for their service. However, commissioners are eligible for reimbursement of mileage or ferry expenses to commission meetings.

## **King County Agriculture Commission Application for Appointment**

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**Please note that applicants must meet all of the following requirements:**

- ▶ Applicants must live in King County.
- ▶ Applicants must not be a staff or board member of any agency that contracts with the King County Agriculture Program.
- ▶ Applicants must be able to devote a minimum of 5 hours a month to Commission activities.
- ▶ Applicants must be able to attend 9 meetings of the full Commission, which are held on the second Thursdays of January through June and September through December. The Commission meets from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The meetings are usually held in Issaquah from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., but may be held in other agricultural areas of the county on occasion.
- ▶ Applicants should be able to serve in a sub-committee. Committee meeting days and times vary. There are approximately 2 – 6 meetings annually, depending on need.

Farmers and others who have a strong knowledge of agriculture, food marketing or related financing are encouraged to apply.

Applicants who are recommended for appointment to the Commission will be required to complete a financial disclosure form. For additional information about the King County Agricultural Commission, please see our web site at

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**King County**

# KING COUNTY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Thank you for your interest in serving on a King County board or commission. This application form is a “fill-able” form that includes some drop down menus. To answer a question with a drop down menu, click inside the box and a down-facing arrow (▼) will appear to the right of the box. Click on the arrow and the drop down menu will appear. Then scroll down until you find an answer for that question. Please return your completed form to the person and address on the last page of this form.

Individuals interested in serving on a King County board or commission will be required to complete a King County Ethics Program Financial Disclosure Form within two weeks of being nominated to serve on a King County board or commission. Individuals appointed to serve on a board or commission that is overseen by an agency independent of King County government are exempt from the financial disclosure filing requirement.

## APPLICATION FORM

(A résumé may be submitted in lieu of submitting a completed application form)

**Board/Commission for which you are applying:**

Agriculture Commission

**If you are not appointed to the board listed above, are you interested in serving on a different King County board or commission? If so, which one(s)?**

Please list boards of interest.

**Name – Please Print:**

Enter First Name

Enter Middle Initial.

Enter Last Name.

*First*

*Middle Initial*

*Last*

**Preferred Phone Contact Number:**

Enter preferred contact number.

**Preferred Phone Type (Home, work or cell):**

Select phone type.

**Personal Email Address:**

Enter personal email address.

**Preferred Mailing Address:**

Enter street address.

Enter City

WA

Enter zip

*City*

*State*

*Zip*

**Physical Home Address (if different):**

Enter physical home address (if different).

Enter city.

WA

Enter zip.

*City*

*State*

*Zip*

**Current Employer:**

Enter job title	Enter date of employment.	
<i>Job Title</i>	<i>Date of Employment</i>	
Enter company name.	<i>Company Name</i>	
Enter company's street address.	<i>Street Address</i>	
Enter city.	WA	Enter city.
<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip</i>

**King County Council [District](#):**

**Education (High School, College/University):**

Enter school name.	Enter year graduated or degree.
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**Computer Program & Skill Level:**

All King County board and commission members are issued King County email accounts upon appointment for conducting board business only. In addition, meeting materials are only transmitted to board members via the board member's assigned King County email account (*If a board member does not own a computer we will make every effort to determine the best method for transmitting board material to them*). In an effort to know which computer programs you are most familiar with, below are the computer programs used most frequently by King County staff. Using the drop down menus next to each computer program listed below please click on the choice that best describes your skill level with each program. (*This information is for staff use only and is not a factor in the appointment process.*)

**Program:****Skill Level:**

MS Outlook (Email):

Choose one.

MS Word:

Choose one

Excel:

Choose one

PowerPoint:

Choose one

Adobe (PDF's, Adobe Reader, etc.):

Choose one

**Professional licenses held (If applicable to specific board/commission):**

**Memberships on any city and/or county boards, commissions or committees and dates of terms:**

**How did you learn of this opportunity?**

**Please explain why you feel you are the most qualified candidate for this appointment:**

What interests you about serving on the King County Agriculture Commission?

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**Please indicate which of the following categories best describes you: (check all that apply)**

- Family / Friend Advocate
- Consumer (Personal experience in King County mental health services)
- Professional
- Interested Citizen

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL INFORMATION (OPTIONAL):**

The King County Council and the King County Executive are committed to inclusiveness and outreach to all King County residents to ensure that King County boards and commissions are reflective of the community we serve. *Providing information in the section below is voluntary but will assist in achieving this goal.*

**Race/Ethnicity:**

Choose one.

**Gender:**

Choose one

**Do you have a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)?**

Choose one.

**Generation:**

Choose one.

**Orientation:**

Choose one.

**I am available to accept an appointment to the King County Agriculture Commission for a term not to exceed three years.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Please return completed form to (we accept scanned copies of the signed application):**

Patrice Barrentine  
201 S Jackson, Suite 600  
Seattle, WA 98104  
Direct Line: 206-477-1556

Patrice.barrentine@kingcounty.gov

**This material is available in alternate formats for persons with disabilities.  
Please contact 206-263-9651, TTY Relay: 711, or  
E-mail Rick.Ybarra@kingcounty.gov**

King County Agriculture Commission  
Application for Appointment – Supplemental Questions

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**PLEASE RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING.**

1. Section 2.40.030 of the King County Code specifies the interest categories that should be represented on the Commission. In the list below, check the box next the category (or categories) that you represent.

Beginning Farmer/Rancher (0-5 years)

Experienced Farmer/Rancher (6+ years)

Farm Worker/Employee

Farm or Food Financial/Business  
Manager

Restaurant

Grocery Store

Farmers Market/CSA\*/Farm Stand  
Management

\*Community Supported Agriculture

Food/Ag NGO

Food Truck/Catering Food

Food/Feed Processor

Food/Beverage Producer

Academic or agriculture associations

Agriculture Real Estate

Other. Please Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. What crops/products are you working with? Please check all that apply.

Dairy Fluid Milk

Cheese

Vegetables

Mushrooms

Tree Fruit/Berries

Eggs

Honey

Beef

Pork

Lamb

Poultry

Beverages

Hay

Forage

Grains

Cut flowers

Nursery Products

Christmas Trees

Other. Please Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. If a farmer/rancher, does your farm cover? Please check all that apply.

- 0-5 acres
- 6-20 acres
- 21-40 acres
- 41-100 acres
- 101-500 acres
- 501 acres or more

4. List your affiliations with organizations that are pertinent to the Commission and are not already listed on the Boards and Commissions Application Form.

Additional Pertinent Organizational Affiliations	Served from - to

5. References: please supply the names and phone numbers of two references.

Name	Phone Number

*Thank you!*