



King County

Agriculture Commission

Water and Land Resources Division

Department of Natural Resources and Parks

King Street Center

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Dear King County Farmers and Agriculture Sector Professionals,

The King County Agriculture Commission is currently recruiting applicants for 7 open seats to be filled in 2025. Applications are due Sunday, December 1, 11:59pm.

Created in 1994, the Commission advises county managers and elected officials on policies and programs affecting agriculture, including land use issues, promoting and enhancing agriculture and agricultural products across the region, and more.

Agriculture Commission members commit to attend nine virtual meetings, two in-person fieldtrips, and some committee work each year. A standard term is three years.

King County agriculture faces challenges such as land development pressure, climate change, labor shortages, and competition from producers growing on less expensive ground elsewhere. While the challenges abound, farming and local food production play prominent roles in Executive Dow Constantine's [Local Food Initiative](#), [Land Conservation Initiative](#), as well as [Fish, Farm, Flood \(FFF\)](#). The Agriculture Commission's contribution to the success of the Initiatives and FFF's implementation will continue to be important.

King County residents who are interested in applying should have a working knowledge of agriculture and/or food systems in the county, and the ability to work with differing viewpoints to find solutions to complex problems.

2024 Recruitment priorities

To fully represent the mandate of the Commission's legislation and the County's commitment to Equity and Social Justice, the Commission is seeking to fill seven seats with applicants who have the following expertise, characteristics, and represent the following areas:

- Skills and Experience
 - **Producer:** includes first generation farmers, farmers leasing property, multigenerational/legacy farmers
 - **Real Estate:** includes those who do consulting on land, transactions, land-use regulations
 - **Food and Feed Processing:** includes value-added food processing, butchery, animal feed production
 - **Wholesale and Retail Marketing:** includes farmers experienced with wholesaling and retailing ag products to grocery stores, restaurants, institutions, as well as non-farmers that buy ag products such as distributors, grocery stores, etc.
 - **Produce Buying:** includes farmers with experience in commodity hay purchasing and/or purchasing other ag products (i.e., vegetables/fruit, nursery, livestock) to raise or to resale
 - **Direct Marketing:** includes farmers markets, farm stands, CSAs, online sales, etc.
 - **Supply:** includes feedstore, ag retail supply, farmer co-ops, ag equipment

- **Finance:** includes loan operations, finance/business degree, business operator/owner doing their own books, work experience in finance
- Live and/or work in/on
 - Upper or Lower Green APD
 - Enumclaw APD
 - Vashon
- Live in King County Council District
 - 4
 - 5
 - 6
 - 7
 - 8
 - 9
- Race/Ethnicity
 - American Indian/Alaska Native
 - Asian
 - Black/African American
 - Middle Eastern or North African
 - Hispanic/Latino, Latina, or Latinx, of any race
 - Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- Born outside of US, but immigrated
- Age
 - 30 or younger
 - 31-41
 - 75 or older
- Employee/Employer
 - Employee of an ag business other than your own
 - Employer of historically underserved farmers
 - Own land that I lease to historically underserved farmers

Apply

The application has two parts: 1) a standard application in Word or PDF *and* 2) a linked online supplemental application (at the bottom of the Word/PDF application) that looks like a survey. Please complete both parts and email the completed application to patrice.barrentine@kingcounty.gov and submit the online survey by Sunday, December 1, 11:59pm.

More information

To learn more about the Agriculture Commission and download an application, visit the [website](#) or contact King County's Agriculture Program at 206-477-1556; email patrice.barrentine@kingcounty.gov.

We hope you'll bring your valuable experience to a position on the King County Agriculture Commission!

Kind Regards,
Patrice Barrentine, Staff Liaison, King County Agriculture Commission

KING COUNTY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPLICATION FORM

(A resume may be substituted in lieu of submitting a completed application form)



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PLEASE NOTE: Information provided on this form will be a public record subject to free and open examination by any person under the Washington State Public Records Act (RCW 42.56.250). However, while we will disclose the applicant's name, the applicant's address, phone number and email address will be redacted.

Thank you for your interest in serving on a King County board or commission. Individuals selected to serve on a King County board or commission will also 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.

I'm Interested in Serving on the (Board or Commission Name):

Agriculture Commission

My Name Is:

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Preferred Contact Information:

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| Address | |
| City, State, Zip Code | |
| Home Phone | |
| Work Phone | |
| Cell Phone | |
| Email Address | |

Physical Home Address (REQUIRED if different from preferred mailing address)

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| Home Address | |
| City, State, Zip Code | |

Current Employer

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| Job Title | |
| Date of Employment | |
| Company Name | |
| Street Address | |
| City, State, Zip Code | |

King County Council District I reside in (Please type an "X" in the box to the right of your district):

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 Don't Know

Have you served on any other Board, Commission, or Committees (Please list them below)?

| Board, Commission or Committee Names | Year Appointed | Term Expired |
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Please explain why you feel you are the most qualified candidate for this appointment.

How did you learn of this opportunity?

Do you hold any professional licenses, registrations, or certificates in any field (Please type an "X" in the box)?

Yes No

If you hold any professional licenses, please list them here:

Person to Notify in Case of Emergency (OPTIONAL)

| | |
|------------|--|
| Name | |
| Home Phone | |
| Work Phone | |
| Cell Phone | |

Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that the information I have provided in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

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| Type your name | |
| Date | |

Please return completed form to:

(We are only accepting applications via email. You can scan your completed form and then send it to us as a PDF attachment; or you can complete the form online, then save the completed form to your hard drive, and then attach the completed form to an email.)

Please return your completed form to patrice.barrentine@kingcounty.gov by Sunday December 1, 11:59pm.

If you don't know the staff liaison's name, then send your completed form to:

Tala Mahmoud, Boards and Commissions Liaison
Office of the King County Executive Office
Email: tala.mahmoud@kingcounty.gov

**If you need this application in alternate formats, please contact:
tala.mahmoud@kingcounty.gov**

**PART 2: Please fill out the linked [SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE](#) to determine specific experience, geography and personal identity (optional) characteristics that can help the Commission represent the broadness of the Agriculture Sector in King County:
<https://forms.office.com/g/81Vxzitwir>**