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Commissioner/Board Member Application

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Commissioner Application
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Name	Janne Kaje
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Date of Application	6/1/22

1. Which commission or board are you interested in? Planning Commission
2. Do you live in Lake Forest Park? Yes
3. How long have you lived in Lake Forest Park? 10 yrs

4. What are your interests in our City and what experiences or special knowledge can you bring to the commission?

My wife and I love living in Lake Forest Park, raised our kids here, and plan to live here for the rest of our days. For that reason, I would like to bring my expertise, energy and values to discussions about the city's future. As detailed further below, I am deeply committed to reducing the environmental impacts of past and future development, while recognizing the importance of smart economic development and inevitable population growth in the years ahead. With growth comes a need for diversification of housing types, a focus on both motorized and non-motorized transportation, as well as equity.

I have worked in environmental science, planning and policy for my entire professional career. For the past 16 years I have worked for King County in the Department of Natural Resources and Parks, Water and Land Resources Division, on issues related to salmon recovery, watershed health, climate resilience and open space acquisition. I am very familiar with the environmental challenges faced by smaller cities around Puget Sound, having also worked as an environmental consultant in the past focusing on environmental analysis to support land use policy.

Prior to living in Lake Forest Park, I lived in Shoreline for a decade, and served on the Planning Commission from 2008-2012. During that period, the Commission was engaged in a variety of issues

that have parallels in Lake Forest Park, such as planning for the economic revitalization of the Aurora Corridor, the city's tree policies and regulations, planning for light rail and its implications for housing, transportation and zoning more generally, and a variety of other issues. Just prior to joining the Planning Commission in Shoreline, I served on a citizen advisory committee to develop a housing strategy for the city – a topic that I also see reflected in the Lake Forest Park Planning Commission's work plan.

5. What do you hope to accomplish as a commissioner?

I believe that my professional background and past civic engagement have helped me to develop a broad, pragmatic and balanced perspective on the needs of communities and their residents. Yes, I feel strongly about environmental issues and the importance of addressing legacy harms like inadequate stormwater management and numerous fish passage barriers in our stream systems. But I also understand the needs of public infrastructure and development, and how development and re-development can in fact lead to better environmental outcomes. While I do not have a specific hope for a specific accomplishment, I hope that my contributions would be recognized by all around the table as knowledgeable, balanced and constructive.

6. If you are appointed to a commission you will be required to attend monthly meetings. Are you available to attend evening meetings? ____ Yes _____
7. In addition to monthly meetings, there are often additional time commitments. Do you anticipate this being a problem for you? _____ No _____
8. Do you have any issues that you are especially concerned about and think the commission should be addressing?

There are a couple of topics – not really concerns – that I would like to help advance if given the opportunity. 1) the connection of Town Center to light rail at the future 185th Street station. The new station will add tremendous pressure on roadways to support both motorized and non-motorized transport on very limited viable corridors. I am aware that the idea of converting Perkins into a one-way street for a portion of its length has been considered in the past. I think the time is right to look at this very seriously as a way to address a trifecta of issues – transportation and safety for vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians; risks to infrastructure, such as the road itself and the sewer line beneath it; and the several fish passage barriers along McAleer Creek. Solutions that couple these issues could be winners in seeking state and federal funding in the future.

2) Artificial light on the lake. Recent science is pointing to the harm to endangered salmon posed by excess lighting on the lakeshore, mainly by increasing predation by invasive fish like bass. There are some really exciting new ideas taking shape around Lake Sammamish focusing on lakeshore homeowner education and financial incentives to replace/design/operate lighting in a way that reduces these risks while reducing energy use. Some cities are looking at these for potential inclusion in their Shoreline Master Plans.

9. Do you have any additional information or comments?

No additional comments. Thank you for your consideration. Resume attached.

Thank you for your interest in Lake Forest Park volunteer commissions.

Information on City Commissions and Boards

Thank you for your interest in becoming a commissioner. Members of all commissions and boards provide an important link between the public, City departments, the City Council and the Mayor. The information that members provide about community needs and opinions can have a profound effect on local policies and lead to improved public service. Advisory commission and board members play a very special role in creating recommendations on important societal and governmental issues.

Appointed members of an advisory commission are expected to:

- Listen carefully to community opinions, attitudes, and needs and report to the Mayor and the Council;
- Study programs and services and analyze problems and needs;
- Offer new proposals and recommend changes in programs, policies, and standards;
- Provide the public with information and interpretation of policies, programs, and budgets.

Commissions make important recommendations about policy. Commissions, however, do not create or administer policy, programs, or services. Advisory commissions do not have the authority to enforce policy or create rules, but their analysis and recommendations can play an important role in furthering the effective operation of City government.

The Volunteer Commission System is described in the Chapter 2.22 of the Lake Forest Park Municipal Code. It names the commissions and their responsibilities.

- A. Planning Commission.** Develops the City's comprehensive plan and updates for recommendation to the Mayor and the City Council and performs other duties as required by law.
- B. Civil Service Commission.** Police personnel as required by state law. The additional duties of this commission shall be defined in the civil service code of the City.

Boards established by City Code

Ch. 2.35.010 Tree Board. Makes policy and regulatory recommendations concerning the management of trees and forest canopy in Lake Forest Park.

Ch. 2.37.010 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Advises the city council and mayor on park master plan development, recreation program evaluation and development, and park comprehensive planning.

Commissioners and board members are nominated by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. The term is three years. For more information, you can get a copy of the Commissioner's Manual on the City website or at City Hall. You can call the Mayor directly at (206) 368-5440.

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Regional Partnerships Unit Supervisor (2017 – Present)

King County – Water and Land Resources Division

Responsibilities

- **Oversees intergovernmental service delivery for salmon recovery efforts throughout King County.** Mr. Kaje supervises the three salmon recovery planning and implementation teams in each of the County's major watersheds, including the Snoqualmie/South Fork Skykomish Rivers, Cedar River/Lake Washington, and Green/Duwamish Rivers. Each watershed team is funded through an inter-local agreement between King County, local cities and tribes. Mr. Kaje is responsible for the quality of service provided pursuant to the agreements.
- **Develops and prioritizes King County's capital budget for salmon habitat restoration.** Mr. Kaje plays a lead role in developing the capital budget for habitat restoration for each biennium. Project types range from small scale stream and wetland restoration to marine shoreline armoring removal and large scale floodplain restoration efforts that may cost up to \$20M. Supports county grant applicants to secure local, state and federal funds for a long-term project portfolio of approximately \$500M.
- **Oversees strategic land acquisitions to enable capital project delivery and to protect high-quality open space.** Mr. Kaje oversees King County's Basin Steward team who pursue acquisitions throughout the county to support salmon recovery and watershed health. His team closes on more than \$10M of fee and easement property acquisitions in a typical year.
- **Supervises a unit of seventeen environmental professionals.** As Unit Supervisor, Mr. Kaje is charged with performance management, evaluation, mentoring, budget development, hiring and overall program management for eleven direct reports and six additional team members.

Snoqualmie Watershed Salmon Recovery Manager (2013 – 2016)

King County – Water and Land Resources Division

Responsibilities

- **Coordinated intergovernmental service delivery to the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum,** pursuant to an inter-local Agreement between King County, the Snoqualmie Tribe, the Tulalip Tribes, the cities of Carnation, Duvall, North Bend and Snoqualmie, and the Town of Skykomish.
- **Built partnerships** with governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations and individual landowners to advance salmon recovery and watershed health in the Snoqualmie and South Fork Skykomish Watersheds and the broader Snohomish River Basin.

- **Led a multi-disciplinary team** responsible for technical, policy, outreach, capital, and administrative aspects of watershed management and salmon recovery.
- **Developed budgets, work plans and priorities** jointly with elected officials and staff from member jurisdictions of the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum.
- **Managed a multi-disciplinary stakeholder committee** that is developing recommendations to the County Council and Executive about how to forge a balance between salmon recovery, strengthening agricultural viability and reducing flood risks in the Snoqualmie valley.

Education

Master of Marine Affairs, 1998
University of Washington

Degree emphasis: Natural resource management and public policy

Bachelor of Arts, Biology, 1991
University of California, San Diego

Degree emphasis: Ecology, conservation biology

Key Accomplishments

- **Inter-local agreement ten-year renewal and membership expansion.** During 2014-2015, Mr. Kaje led the effort to renew the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum inter-local agreement and associated cost-share commitments by its member governments for ten additional years through 2025. The agreement renewal was accompanied by the expansion of the Forum's membership to include a second federally recognized tribe and one additional municipality, the first expansion in membership in more than a decade.
- **Snoqualmie Fish, Farm, Flood agreement.** Mr. Kaje played a leading role as the project manager in a three-year effort to forge an agreement between local tribes, the farming community and other stakeholders to advance salmon recovery, strengthen agriculture and reduce flood risk in the Snoqualmie Watershed. The multi-objective agreement-in-principle was reached in spring 2016, with a final agreement signed in summer 2017.

Snoqualmie Watershed Technical Coordinator (2006 – 2012)

King County – Water and Land Resources Division

Responsibilities

- **Performed technical and policy analyses** to support the activities of the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum, an intergovernmental forum that strives to protect and improve the health of the Snoqualmie Watershed and to restore depleted salmon and steelhead populations.
- **Provided direct support to the Water and Land Resources Division on natural resource management issues**, such as water quality in rural areas, the management of large wood in county rivers, habitat restoration project prioritization and hydroelectric dam licensing.
- **Co-chaired the Snohomish Basin Salmonid Recovery Technical Committee.** Worked with local, state, federal, tribal and non-profit partners to implement the technical elements of the basin salmon conservation plan, including monitoring and adaptive management. Developed the committee's annual work plan. Evaluated habitat restoration project proposals under the Salmon Recovery Funding Board's annual grant round.

- **Legislative review for the King County Water and Land Resources Division.** From 2007-2012, Mr. Kaje served on a team of Division staff charged with analyzing pending legislation during the Washington State legislative session and providing recommendations to Division management.

[Key Accomplishments](#)

- **Snoqualmie Watershed Water Quality Synthesis Report.** This report fills an important data gap in the Snoqualmie watershed by providing a sub-basin by sub-basin synthesis of all available water quality information. The report identifies restoration and protection priorities in each sub-basin, highlights additional research and monitoring needs, and issues a report card for water quality in each of sixteen sub-basins.
- **Large Wood Stakeholder Committee and Public Rule Development.** In 2009-2010, Mr. Kaje played a key role in the development of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks' Public Rule to guide large wood placement projects and associated public involvement in county rivers. Mr. Kaje recruited a balanced stakeholder committee to review existing policies and to make recommendations. He also coordinated the public meetings during the Public Rule process.
- **Instream Flow and Viable Salmonid Populations report.** The Washington Department of Ecology contracted with King County to have Mr. Kaje write a summary report on the state of the science regarding the role of instream flow in supporting salmonid population viability. The report synthesizes the workshop discussions of invited experts from the western states and British Columbia and identifies key priorities for further research and model development. The report links an important limiting factor for salmon populations to the Viable Salmonid Population framework that is used to evaluate the status of salmon populations under the Endangered Species Act.
- **All-H Analyzer Report for WRIA 7.** Mr. Kaje is the lead author of a report that analyzed the interdependencies of hatchery, harvest and habitat management through the lens of the All-H Analyzer model developed by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Hatchery Scientific Review Group and tribal co-managers. The report and supporting analysis has been presented at three conferences focusing on salmon recovery in the Pacific Northwest.

Senior Fisheries Consultant (2001-2006)

Steward & Associates. Snohomish, Washington.

[Selected projects](#)

Lewis River Hydroelectric Relicensing: From 2001-2005, Mr. Kaje represented the Cowlitz Indian Tribe in a variety of technical work groups and negotiation proceedings related to the development of license terms and conditions in the context of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission hydroelectric relicensing process.

City of Bothell Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) Update – Best Available Science: Pursuant to the Growth Management Act, the City of Bothell, Washington, updated its CAO to reflect Best Available Science (BAS) and to provide special consideration for anadromous fish. Mr. Kaje was the lead author of the BAS report for the protection of Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas. The report describes the functions and values of riparian areas, the impacts of riparian degradation on stream ecosystems and organisms, and the ability of “buffers” of variable quantity and quality to protect streams and riparian areas.

Habitat Restoration Prioritization Strategy – Friends of the Hylebos Wetlands: Hylebos Creek is a heavily urbanized basin that straddles the border between King and Pierce Counties. The Friends group has worked tirelessly for many years to implement habitat protection and restoration projects throughout the basin and its associated wetlands. Mr. Kaje served as an advisor to the group for many years. In 2006, working with colleagues and client staff, Mr. Kaje helped to develop a prioritization strategy for a suite of potential acquisition and restoration projects distributed throughout the watershed. The strategy adapts a conceptual prioritization approach developed by scientists at the National Marine Fisheries Service to an urbanized environment.

Stillaguamish Instream Flow and Hydrology: Under contract with the Washington State Department of Ecology, Steward and Associates (working with a sub-contractor) performed a hydraulic and hydrologic study of the Stillaguamish Basin. Mr. Kaje conducted hydraulic and fish habitat modeling using the PHABSIM approach for 14 sites including over 100 transects, and synthesized existing information regarding the relationships between fish habitat and instream flow in the basin. The information was used by the Department, local Tribes and basin planning groups to develop administrative instream flows.

Sultan River Hydroelectric Dam Relicensing: As a technical advisor to the Tulalip Tribes, Mr. Kaje represented the Tribes in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s hydroelectric relicensing proceedings for the Jackson Project. Working closely with Tribal technical and policy staff, Mr. Kaje helped to define technical information needs to inform the relicensing process and to define the Tribes’ strategy for effective participation in this formal, multi-year proceeding.

Marine Fisheries Bycatch Report: Mr. Kaje was the lead author of a 2006 report prepared on behalf of the Marine Fish Conservation Network that evaluates the actions of eight regional Fishery Management Councils to reduce bycatch in marine fisheries and to improve bycatch data collection and reporting. The report focuses on the efforts of each Council to meet the requirements of the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, ten years after the Act was amended by Congress to make bycatch reduction a national priority.

Walla Walla and Tucannon Instream Flow Assessment: As part of the Watershed Planning efforts in the Walla Walla and Tucannon basins, Steward and Associates provided instream flow modeling and analysis expertise to the respective watershed planning units in the two basins. As a sub-contractor to EES, Mr. Kaje assumed a lead role in the development of IFIM/PHABSIM-based instream flow recommendations through technical analysis and workshop facilitation in the Walla Walla watershed. In the Tucannon basin, Mr. Kaje provided preliminary flow recommendations and technical review of instream flow studies that had been completed in support of the planning effort.

Additional Professional Background

Research Scientist, UW Climate Impacts Group, 1998-2000
University of Washington, Seattle

Research Assistant, 1996-1998
University of Washington, Seattle

Marine Science Instructor, 1993-1995
Marine Science Institute, Redwood City, California

NMFS Fishery Observer, North Pacific Ocean, 1992

Frank Orth & Associates, Contractor

Civic Engagement

Planning Commissioner, City of Shoreline, 2008-2012. Mr. Kaje served a four-year term as a planning commissioner for the City of Shoreline. The Commission advises the City Council on matters related to long-term planning, oversees public hearings regarding revisions to the City's Municipal Code, and conducts quasi-judicial hearings for proposed land use actions. Mr. Kaje moved away from the City of Shoreline in January 2012 and was thus required to vacate his position three months prior to the end of his term.

Co-Founder and Chair, Friends of Aldercrest, Shoreline, Washington, 2009-2012. The Friends of Aldercrest is a non-profit organization formed by members of the Shoreline and Lake Forest Park community with a commitment to preserving Aldercrest Annex, former site of Kellogg Middle School, as a public asset. Mr. Kaje played an instrumental role in crafting an agreement between the Shoreline School District (the property owner), the City of Shoreline, and neighborhood representatives that creates a permanent public park at the site, while also creating an economically viable multi-family development plan for the remainder of the property.

Board President, Finnish School of Seattle, 2008-2010. Founded in 1995, the Finnish School of Seattle provides Finnish language instruction and cultural experiences for children in the greater Seattle area. Mr. Kaje oversaw the operations of the school, built partnerships with other community organizations to support the school's mission, and provided leadership to the eleven-member School Board.