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A MOTION confirming the Executive's appointment of Robert Gregson to the King County Agriculture Commission.

BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

The county executive's appointment of Robert Gregson to the King County Agriculture Commission, term to expire on January 31, 1998, is hereby confirmed.

PASSED by a vote of 2 to 0 this 3rd day of April, 1995

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Kent Pullen
Chair

ATTEST:

Gerald A. Peterson
Clerk of the Council

Attachments: Application
Financial Disclosure Statement

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KING COUNTY AGRICULTURE COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name Robert Gregson

Phone Number:

Home Address Island Meadow Farm
10301 SW Cemetery Rd
Vashon 98070

Day 463-9065

Night "

1. What is your area(s) of involvement in agriculture? Please check all applicable boxes.

Producer

Support Services

- Dairy/Beef
- Horse
- Sheep/Goats
- Fowl/Rabbits
- Hay/Grain
- Vegetables
- Ornamentals
- Other Nuts

- Feed/Seed Supply
- Processing
- Whsle Mktg
- Retail Mktg
- Produce Handler
- Finance/Banking
- Real Estate
- Other _____

2. If you are a producer:

A. What is the address of your farm if different from above?

B. What is your average gross annual sales? (please circle one)

Less than \$1,000 \$1-5,000 \$5-25,000 \$25-50,000 over \$50,000

C. How many acres do you farm? 7

3. List all agriculture related organizations to which you are or have been associated.

Univ. District Farmers Market Adv. Board
Founding member, Vashon Island Growers Assn
Farm Bureau member

4. Describe an issue in which you played a problem-solving role.

See attached

5. Give an example of where your mind has been changed by new information.

See attached

6. Why are you interested in serving on the King County Agriculture Commission?

See attached

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM AND PERSONAL INFORMATION

The Executive seeks a diverse representation on boards and commissions. The following information will assist in achieving this goal and is voluntary on your part.

<input type="checkbox"/> Asian	<input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian	<input type="checkbox"/> Native American
<input type="checkbox"/> African American	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic	Other _____
Year of Birth _____	Sex (F/M) _____	Handicap (Y/N) _____

Please return completed form to:

**King County Agriculture Commission
2040 84th Ave Southeast
Mercer Island, WA 98040**

4. Problem-solving role: In recent years, the problem to be solved was how best to make a living from farming on Vashon. My wife and I tried several approaches (cut flowers, retail craft sales at the farm, gourmet salad business to wholesale customers) and after analysis plus experience chose to retail a broad mix of edibles directly to consumers via subscription farming. In earlier years, my formal training (B.S. in Engineering, West Point; MBA, Dartmouth) and over 20 years business/military experience (6 years military, 4 years Ford Mo. Co., 5 years public utility, 5 years small business executive or owner, 2 years medical center facilities management) involved constant and substantial problem solving.

5. Changing one's mind with new information: Data obtained from agricultural periodicals and conferences led us to change from frequent deep tillage to mulching and shallow tilling as a better way to improve production and long term soil health.

6. Why serve on Commission? We left other successful careers in '87-'88 to pursue a passionate interest in farming. As natives, we chose to do it in this area. We believed that there were ways to succeed close to urban areas, and selected an old farm that allowed several options. It is now clear, after 7 years experience, that the Community Supported Agriculture type farm can be successful on a very small piece of property, and indeed is probably the best hope to continue agriculture in King County. Our farm, and the several others like it nearby, can be a model for a resurgence of numerous financially successful small farms on the urban fringe. This kind of non-capital intensive farming operation is one of the few bright spots in an otherwise often-gloomy industry. I want to share and encourage this vision of a new-old style of agriculture that is good for the land, the local economy, the health of local residents, and potential family farmers, and is ideally suited for King County.



King County Board of Ethics
King County Administration Building
500 Fourth Avenue Room 553
Seattle, Washington 98104
206-296-1586

**KING COUNTY
FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

All Board and Commission Members

In accordance with Section 3.04.050 of the King County Code, all King County board and commission members are required to complete a financial disclosure statement within ten (10) days of appointment and by April 15 of each year.

For reporting purposes, "immediate family" includes spouse, dependent children, and other dependent relatives residing in the employee's household. "Person" designates any individual, partnership, association, corporation, firm, institution, or other entity, whether or not operated for profit.

Type or print all information and sign this form on page three.
Use additional sheets if necessary.

Return to the Director, Community Relations
King County Executive Office
400 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

DATE: 1/30/95

NAME: Robert M. Gregson

ADDRESS: 10301 SW Cemetery Rd, Vashon 9807

BOARD OR COMMISSION: Agriculture Commission

A. List all sources of income over \$1500.00 (include salary, retirement, and dividend income):

Source of Income	Type of Business	Address
Self-employed farming	Farm	10301 SW Cemetery Rd
Self-employed upholstery	Upholstery	" " "



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B. Do you have a direct financial interest in any mutual fund or other "person" or enterprise in excess of \$1500.00 (insurance issued either to yourself or your spouse, accounts in banks, savings and loan associations or credit unions are not considered financial interest; however, municipal bonds, trusts, and stocks and all other types of financial interest are included)?

YES

NO

If you answered yes, please list:

Mutual Fund or Enterprise	Type of Business	Address
Parnassus Mutual Fund		
244 CA St.		
San Francisco	CA 94111	

C. List any office, directorship, or trusteeship in any "person" or other governmental entity which does business in King County and which is held by you or members of your immediate family:

Name/Relationship	Type of Business	Position Held
N/A		

D. List by legal description or popular address all real property owned by you or a member of your immediate family in King County. Include options to buy if the property is valued in excess of \$1500.00.

Address	Name of Owner	Relationship to Employee
10301 SW Cemetery Rd Washon	Self	—
27130 NE Miller Duvall	Scott M. Segala	Stepson

E. List all real property located in King County and divested by you or a member of your immediate family during the reporting year and valued in excess of \$1500.00:

Address	Name of Owner	Amount Divested
N/A		

F. This section is only to be completed by attorneys who practiced before state and local regulatory agencies within the preceding twelve-month period:

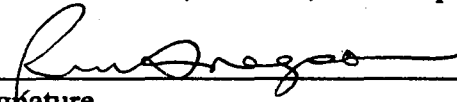
1. List the name of the "person of which you are a member, partner, or employee:

2. List the name(s) of the agencies that you practice before:

3. List the amount of gross compensation in excess of \$1500.00 received by the "person" and attorney respectively as a result of your practice before such agencies in the past twelve months:

ATTESTATION

I, Robert M. Gregson, certify under penalty of perjury that this statement is true, accurate, and complete.


Signature

Signed this 30th day of January, 199 5.