

February 3, 1995

Introduced By:

KENT PULLEN

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MOTION NO. **9517**

A MOTION confirming the Executive's appointment of
Judy Taylor to the King County Agriculture Commission.

BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

The county executive's appointment of Judy Taylor to the King County Agriculture
Commission, term to expire on January 31, 1997, is hereby confirmed.

PASSED by a vote of 12 to 0 this 3rd day of April, 1995

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Kent Pullen
Chair

ATTEST:

Gerald A. Patten
Clerk of the Council

Attachments: Application
Financial Disclosure Statement

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KING COUNTY AGRICULTURE COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name JUDY TAYLOR

Phone Number:

Home Address 15429 SE GREEN VALLEY RD.

Day 939-1350

AUBURN, WA 98092

Night SAME

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

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

- Support Services
- Feed/Seed Supply
 - Processing FIBER
 - Wholesale Mktg
 - Retail Mktg
 - Produce Handler
 - Finance/Banking
 - Real Estate
 - Other TEACHING RUG HOOKING, SPINNING, DEMONSTRATING FARM CRAFTS - PRACTICES PRODUCING HOW-TO VIDEOS WRITING ARTICLES

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.

WASHINGTON WOOL GROWERS ASSN. AMERICAN LIVESTOCK BREEDS CONSERVATION
JACOB SHEEP BREEDERS ASSN. NW REGIONAL SPINNERS ASSN.
AMERICAN ANGORA GOAT BREEDERS ASSN. UPPER GREEN VALLEY PRESERVATION
CASHMERE PRODUCERS OF AMERICA SOCIETY (PRESIDENT)

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

SEE ATTACHMENT

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

SEE ATTACHMENT

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

SEE ATTACHMENT

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.

____ Asian Caucasian ____ Native American
____ African American ____ Hispanic Other _____
Year of Birth 1961 Sex (F/M) F Handicap (Y/N) N

Please return completed form to:

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

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

As soon as I was informed about the proposed Upper Green River Trail, I was determined to do what I could to stop it, because I was convinced that it would disrupt farming, harm the environment and especially, would have a detrimental impact on the Farmland Preservation Program (our farm is in the FPP). Mounting an opposition campaign against a project which was so far into the planning stages required many problem-solving skills, but I have always believed that our King County government is responsive to its citizens' concerns. It may require persistence, preparation and patience, but these efforts are always worthwhile.

An example of a problem which I helped to solve was our insistence that the County do a full EIS before acquiring any land for the Upper Green River Trail. Even if the trail eventually was routed through our farms, I believed it would be a better trail if the County took into account our very serious environmental concerns. And although it was an unprecedented action on the part of the County, they agreed and a full EIS was planned.

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

I have always considered myself to be a strong environmentalist and believed that our government should do all it can to protect our remaining natural resources. I must admit that I wasn't too impressed by the cries of the property-rights advocates. I didn't believe that anyone had the "right" to harm the environment.

Since my experience fighting the trail, I've found out what its like to be on the other side of the property-rights debate. Although it hasn't altered my belief that government needs to do all it can to protect our environment, I'm not so quick to dismiss the concerns of the people who's livelihood and life savings is tied-up in their land. Hopefully, "walking a mile in another man's shoes" has helped me to see that there are many sides to the environmental debate and therefore, many ways to find effective solutions.

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

My number one priority as a citizen and farmer, it to work for a stronger agricultural policy in King County. I believe this will be accomplished in two ways; first, by informing the County when its own actions could have a detrimental impact on agriculture, and second, working toward greater cooperation between the government and county farmers when future decisions are being made.

My experience fighting the trail convinced me that our government was sadly lacking in a comprehensive policy regarding agricultural lands. After all, the Office of Open Space was merely doing its job, exactly what the department was created to do. The problem was that at the time that the Upper Green River Trail was being planned, and later when farmers started to express their concerns about the project, there simply was no mechanism within County government where agricultural issues could be considered when projects were being developed, or when the County was implementing a project that conflicted with agriculture.

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The problem with the proposed conversion of agricultural land outside of Kent is a perfect example of this "missing link" in County planning. I have great hopes that the new Agricultural Commission will be able to advise the Metro Council so that our government will not take steps which will harm agriculture, and will work toward a stronger agricultural industry.

The way I see it, last year the threat to agriculture took the form of a recreational trail. This year its industry grabbing at a cheap land resource. Next year it may be a housing development, golf course, mall--you name it! Our government needs to acknowledge that farmland will always be vulnerable to the pressures of our economy because it will always be the cheapest land around.

But the economy is not the only pressure affecting agricultural lands. Our government's desire to protect our salmon resource has also placed heavy burdens on county farmers. I believe that the County's livestock fencing requirements backfired because farmers were essentially being ignored by their government when agricultural lands were being converted or agricultural practices were being threatened, and the buffer requirements were the "straw that broke the camel's back".

It is my hope that the new Agricultural Commission will encourage greater cooperation between farmers and the County when attempting to solve these difficult problems. When county farmers see that their concerns are being acknowledged and their expertise sought, we may begin to see more support from county farmers for programs to protect salmon, water and air quality and other issues affecting the environment.



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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: 1-28-95

NAME: JUDY TAYLOR

ADDRESS: 15429 SE GREEN VALLEY RD

AUBURN, WA 98092
BOARD OR COMMISSION: AGRICULTURE

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

Source of Income	Type of Business	Address
SELF EMPLOYED	FARM	15429 SE GREEN VALLEY RD, AUBURN,
GREEN RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE	COLLEGE	12401 SE 320 th , AUBURN



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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
VANGUARD	INVESTMENT COMPANY	P.O. BOX 2600, VALLEY FORGE, PA 19482
IDS	" "	IDS TOWER 10, MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55440
TIAA/CREF	" "	730 3rd AVE, NY NY 10017-3206
JANUS	MUTUAL FUND	P.O. BOX 17335, DENVER, CO 80217

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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

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
15429 SE GREEN VALLEY RD	GARY + JUDY TAYLOR	SELF + SPOUSE

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

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, JUDY TAYLOR
Judy Taylor, certify under penalty of perjury that this statement is true, accurate, and complete.

Judy Taylor
Signature

Signed this 28th day of JANUARY, 1995.

Question B - Continued:

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ADDRESS

MUTUAL FUND

TYPE OF BUSINESS

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MUTUAL FUND

3700 FIRST BANK PLAC
P.O. BOX 357
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55440

INVESCO FUNDS

MUTUAL FUND

P.O. BOX 173706
DENVER, CO 80217-3706

FOUNDERS FUNDS

MUTUAL FUND

PO BOX 173655
DENVER, CO 80217-3655

TWENTIETH CENTURY

MUTUAL FUND

PO BOX 419200
KANSAS CITY, MO
64141-6200

EE SAVINGS BONDS

US GOVT.

FEDERAL RESERVE
925 GRAND BLVD
KANSAS CITY, MO
64198-0001