

February 10, 1995

Introduced By:

CYNTHIA SULLIVAN

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MOTION NO. **9533**

A MOTION confirming the Executive's appointment of  
Christine Curtis to the King County Agriculture Commission.

BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

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

PASSED by a vote of 13 to 0 this 17<sup>th</sup> 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 Christine Curtis

Phone Number:

Home Address 4219 Corliss Ave No.  
Seattle, WA 98103

Day 633-1024

Night 633-1024

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 \_\_\_\_\_

- Feed/Seed Supply
- Processing
- Wholesale Mktg
- Retail Mktg
- Produce Handler
- Finance/Banking
- Real Estate
- Other Provide direct-sale opportunity at local Farmer's Market.

2. If you are a producer:

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

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\_\_\_\_\_

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? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Board Member, Washington State  
Farmers Market Association.

FFA Sweetheart, Burlington-Edison H.S.  
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4. Describe an issue in which you played a problem-solving role.

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*Please see attached.*  
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5. Give an example of where your mind has been changed by new information.

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*Please see attached*  
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6. Why are you interested in serving on the King County Agriculture Commission?

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*Please see attached*  
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**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caucasian	<input type="checkbox"/> Native American
<input type="checkbox"/> African American	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic	Other _____
Year of Birth <u>49</u>	Sex (F/M) <u>F</u>	Handicap (Y/N) _____

**Please return completed form to:**

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

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

From the beginning, the organizers of the University District Farmers Market have worked hard to determine what the primary purpose of our Farmers Market should be. It was evident early on in the start-up process that the Market needed strong guidelines regarding *what* was sold, and *who* would sell it. As start-up coordinator for the Market, I spent many hours speaking with other Farmers Market managers and board members who stressed the all important link that Farmers Markets play in supporting direct-sale opportunities for the state's small farms.

To this end, I arranged information meetings for potential grower/vendors, and did significant outreach into the U-District community. I established a Farmers Market steering committee made up of growers, the local business community and U-District residents. Everyone at the table was interested in developing a successful Market in the neighborhood, and creating Market policies that would support local farmers. I went on to facilitate several meetings where it was collectively decided that Market guidelines would specifically limit vendor participation to food and nursery products. Within that perimeter, Market policies would prioritize fresh fruits and vegetables that are grown in Washington state by the vendor. Priority consideration within that category is given to local (Puget Sound) vendors.

The process for determining these Market guidelines was slow, but worth the consensual effort. The Market knows what it is about.

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

Recently, the University District was offered a possible new transportation plan from the RTA board which provided an alternative to Phase I Options. This plan was aimed at reducing costs of Phase I and would make an extension to Snohomish county more feasible. Instead of tunneling under the U-District, the new plan routed an above-surface light rail line to run the length of University Way, from North Campus Parkway to Ravenna Blvd. The "Ave" was to be converted to a pedestrian/transit mall.

My initial reaction to a pedestrian/transit mall was very positive. There's been a long held vision of such a mall in this neighborhood.

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People have often suggested the "Ave" was a perfect site for a mall that would support the pedestrian nature of the area and get cars off the street. This neighborhood, perhaps more than any other in the city, seems an appropriate place for the duplication of European-style street malls, and would benefit from pedestrian mall capital improvements.

Further discussion with friends, neighbors, and even a few transportation specialists (outside the RTA organization) altered my position. The long-term goals of the RTA have been to provide fast, convenient transportation from suburban locations into the city. Getting people to use a transit system and out of their precious cars means offering them a better alternative. Each time a transportation system comes up to grade from a tunnel, precious commuter time is lost. The overall commuter time from Northgate to downtown would be slowed considerably by routing surface trains down University Way. The cost savings of a surface route would ultimately sacrifice the primary reasons behind rapid transit systems.

I haven't abandoned my interest in the possibilities of a pedestrian mall on University Way, but I do recognize the necessity of tunnels to keep the system *rapid*.

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

One of the main goals of my leadership at the University District Farmers Market has been to provide a strong, direct-sale opportunity for local farmers. Serving on the King Co. Agricultural Commission would allow me more involvement in the political process necessary to support and sustain local agricultural efforts. I'd like to see more King County land farmed, and I'd like to see more farmers at Farmers Markets.



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

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**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: 1/31/95

NAME: Christine G. Curtis

ADDRESS: 4219 Cortliss Ave. No. Seattle, WA 98103

BOARD OR COMMISSION: King County Agricultural Commission

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

Source of Income	Type of Business	Address
University District Farmers Market	Farmers Market	4714 University Way NE, Sea 98105
Northshore School District	Teacher	18315 Bothell Way NE, Bothell 98011-1983



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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
Merrill Lynch Ready Assets	Ready Assets Trust	Financial Data Services PO Box 45290 Jacksonville, Florida 32232-5290

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
4219 Corliss Ave No, 98103	Timothy and Christine G. CURTIS	Husband and wife

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:

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


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


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- 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:  


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ATTESTATION

I, Christine G. CURTIS, certify under penalty of perjury that this statement is true, accurate, and complete.

*Christine G. Curtis*  
Signature

Signed this 6th day of February, 1995.