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Page 1: Campaign Contact Information

**Q1**

Campaign contact information

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**Q2**

Position Sought

**County Conservation District Supervisor**

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**Q3**

Jurisdiction

**King County**

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**Q4**

Position number

**3**

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**Q5**

Campaign Manager information (optional)

**Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q6**

Campaign Treasurer information (optional)

**Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q7**

Campaign Consultant information (optional)

**Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q8** Respondent skipped this question

Other paid staff or full-time volunteers (optional)

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**Q9**  
Additional Campaign contact information (all optional)

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Page 2: Yes / No Questions

**Q10** Yes

Are you a Democrat?

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**Q11**  
Yes/No Questions

	Yes/No
Have you ever been a member of another political party?	No
Have you ever been found in violation of a Public Disclosure Commission, Federal Election Commission, or Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission regulation?	No
Do you have a code of conduct for staff and volunteers?	No
If you have paid campaign staff, would you support them joining a labor union?	Yes
Is there anything from your past that might hamper your success as a candidate?	No

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Page 3: Candidate Background

## Q12

Please describe your background (education, employment, community and civic activity, labor union affiliation etc.) in 200 words or less.

As Chair of the Sierra Club Seattle Group, I have championed environmental causes in Seattle and King County since 2017. Highlights of my work include:

- Leading the push for the strongest possible 2020 Seattle Transportation Benefit District renewal package, and being part of the team that got it passed with over 80% approval at the ballot box.
- Supporting frontline organizations as part of the stakeholder working group when the Seattle Green New Deal was put together in 2019.
- Continuing to fight for GND values and policies, including nation-leading clean building codes, signed by Mayor Durkan this week, that keep dirty fracked gas out of most new buildings in Seattle.
- Heading one of the first Sierra Club groups in the nation to explicitly connect overpolicing and the environment, and educating our supporters statewide on the importance of environmental allyship with racial justice movements.
- Serving as part of an eight-member nationwide work group writing national Sierra Club guidance on sustainable development.

Past affiliations include the Vera Project board, Queen Anne Community Council, and the Institute for a Democratic Future 2018 Fellowship Cohort.

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## Q13

Please describe your history of involvement in Washington state politics in 200 words or less.

I was raised by my mom to always vote, and vote thoughtfully, but my political involvement leveled up in 2015 when I sat in the Hec Ed Pavilion at UW and watched Bernie Sanders declare that we could have free college for all. I hadn't even known this was POSSIBLE, and the idea opened so many doors in my head that I literally burst into tears.

I began phonebanking for Bernie, and spoke for him at my 2016 precinct caucus. I was elected as a Bernie delegate and served in this capacity up to the state level, a position I was honored to fill again in 2020. I have served two terms on the 36th District Democrats board, and recently entered my third term as an elected PCO.

Outside of the party structure, I am the acting Political Chair (in addition to Board Chair) of Sierra Club Seattle Group, where I lead our local endorsements work and represent Seattle in voting on statewide endorsements. I also volunteer with individual campaigns, including sitting on the Steering Committee for the 2020 Yes for Transit! ballot measure and doing doorbelling, GOTV, and endorsement work for Shaun Scott's 2019 City Council campaign.

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## Q14

Please describe the progress of your campaign and goals in 200 words or less. Why are you running for this position? How do you plan to win?

I am seeking a seat on the King Conservation District Board of Supervisors because I want to bring my environmental and political knowledge and my Democratic values to a position where I can benefit residents across King County. The depth of my experience is compelling to voters, and my broad network, connections in community, and relentless work ethic will allow me to turn out a significant number of votes. I've assembled a grassroots network of area leaders in conservation, transit, housing, and politics ready to help mobilize voters as soon as ballots are available.

I'm also building on my existing reach by addressing and seeking endorsement from the King County Democrats, county LDs, and other endorsing organizations and bodies.

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### Q15

What issues do you think aren't getting enough attention from media or elected officials? How would you seek to remedy that through your campaign or when elected?

Conservation is not just a rural issue -- in fact, it doesn't belong to any one type of community or landscape. Every part of King County depends on every other. Protecting our streams and salmon means building more housing in cities to take the pressure off of fragile wild lands. Saving our orcas means keeping stormwater runoff cleaner by reducing tire dust and other road pollutants. Actions we take today can prevent wildfire "smoke days" in the future and give our kids (and us!) more days to play outside. I've spent years helping people connect the dots among urban, suburban and rural environmental issues. In my position on the Board of Supervisors I will continue to grow this work with new audiences and new resources.

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## Page 4: Questions for King County Conservation District Candidates

### Q16

What are your 6-month and long-term priorities with the King County Conservation District around conservation in King County and how would you achieve them?

6-Month priorities:

- Strengthen the District's connections with frontline community organizations, especially in the Southend, and explore ways to further assist these organizations with grants and other resources.
- Examine the District's roles in COVID recovery and relief, particularly with regard to food programs -- how can we help even more as food insecurity is almost certain to rise?
- Explore our part in Seattle's upcoming Comprehensive Plan updates and emphasize links between Environmental Stewardship and the Plan's other three main values (Community, Economic Opportunity and Security, and Race and Social Equity).

Long-term priorities:

- Educate individuals, organizations, and other government agencies about the connections between urban development and soil and wildlife conservation.
  - Support and strengthen the work of community-rooted BIPOC and other frontline organizations and assist them in capacity building.
  - Conserve our rural areas for agricultural and recreational use by encouraging infill development in cities and reducing sprawl.
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### Q17

There are cities, suburban, and rural areas that do not participate in the conservation district (i.e. Federal Way, Milton, Pacific, Skykomish, and Enumclaw), how would you bring awareness and engage them to join? How do you plan to bring awareness about conservation and KCD in the urban, suburban, and rural areas of King County?

Areas currently excluding themselves from the Conservation District are missing out on a wide variety of resources, including resources to support soil conservation, agricultural grants, and even community college scholarships for conservation-related degrees. Federal Way in particular sees high levels of soil contamination due to arsenic from the former ASARCO smelter in nearby Tacoma. Skykomish is still recovering from decades of harmful waste disposal practices by the railroad industry, and the South Fork Skykomish River faces dwindling fish populations.

Any rapprochement, however, must begin with robust community outreach. Any plan the District makes should involve listening carefully and openly to non-member cities about their needs and why they feel the District can't or won't meet them, and use these concerns as a starting point to inform future action.

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**Q18**

Please explain the intersection between racism, poverty, and climate change, and discuss how you would apply and prioritize Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in decision making.

Racism, poverty, and climate change are so tightly intertwined as to be nearly inextricable. Our BIPOC neighbors are, in almost every circumstance, both the most affected by climate change and poverty and the least empowered to change them. This is true worldwide, where the wealthy and predominantly white countries of the global north create most greenhouse gas emissions while Black and Brown residents of poorer nations bear the brunt of extreme weather and other negative effects. It is also illustrated clearly in South King County, where communities such as Georgetown, South Park, and Delridge experience an overlapping set of financial and environmental oppressions.

For years redlining, zoning restrictions, and depressed wages due to systemic racism have limited the areas where BIPOC residents of King County are able to live, denying many access to the wealthier and whiter northern parts of the county. At the same time, long-term soil and water pollution, toxin-spewing industrial sites, and noisy and polluting flight paths and highways have been concentrated in the Southend. The Duwamish, Seattle's only river, is a superfund site unsafe for nearby children to swim or play in. On top of all of this, food deserts and food swamps are widespread throughout the area, inhibiting access to affordable and healthy meals. The results are measured not just in quality of life but of quantity: people who live in the Duwamish Valley have a life expectancy thirteen years shorter than residents of North Seattle.

Fixing these problems demands centering the communities living on the front lines. People closest to the issues must be empowered to direct the solutions. King County is already home to many great organizations (Got Green, Puget Sound Sage, and the Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition, to name a few) who are leading positive change. The job of entities such as the Conservation District is to listen to these frontline communities and organizations, trust in their knowledge and their work, and figure out how to allocate resources and power to help them succeed and grow.

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Page 5: Submit Questionnaire

**Q19**

I affirm that all the information provided in response to this questionnaire is true, complete and correct, to the best of my ability, and that no relevant matter has been omitted. (Use Prev and Next buttons to review.)

Candidate full name (as signature)

**Brittney Bush Bollay**

Date

**16 February 2021**