

I have a long track record of success in leading on these issues, fighting well-heeled vested interests (the BIAW, highway lobby, oil industries) to protect the public's interest, and implementing change that matters for conservation and the environment. I am a proven environmental change agent, and I would be honored to have your backing.

2. What community groups have you been most involved in?

I am a founder and the National Co-Chair of Climate Communities, a national alliance of locally elected officials who lobby the federal government for support of local climate change initiatives. We were excited to receive over \$7 billion in the recently approved federal economic stimulus bill to be distributed to local governments nationwide for energy efficiency grants and vehicle emissions reduction programs. We have met on several occasions with U.S. Senators Boxer, Lieberman, and Warner to gain their active commitment that Climate Communities, representing local governments, will have and will write chapters in any federal legislation affecting climate change, like Cap and Trade. For more on Climate Communities, please see www.climatecommunities.us.

I am also active on many local boards, including being a founding boardmember for the Evergreen Forest Trust, the Greater Lake Washington (WRIA 8) Salmon Recovery Council, and the Cedar River Council, which I have chaired since inception. I am also a very active boardmember for Sound Transit, chairing its Central Link Oversight Committee to ensure the initial segment from Downtown Seattle to SeaTac comes in on time, and on budget. This will occur this summer, with service beginning on July 18th, and at a savings of \$135,000,000 under budget! I also helped lead the Board past opposition putting ST II

back on the ballot in 2008, and campaigned relentlessly for its passage last fall to expand our regional transit system.

I am also a member of 4Culture, King County's Public Development Authority charged with promoting the arts, cultural opportunity, and historic preservation; and the Woodland Park Zoo Board.

3. Fundraising:

- a. What is your fundraising goal? \$750,000
- b. How much money have you raised to date? \$250,000.
- c. How much has your opponent raised to date? According to the latest PDC filings, Councilmember Constantine, our only opponent actively raising money, has raised \$98,904.

4. What are your field goals (such as doorbelling, volunteer events & phone banking)?

We will run a robust but targeted field campaign to reach out to voters on the phone and at the door. We've already started to phone bank at our campaign headquarters and will dramatically increase grassroots political outreach as our campaign progresses. We plan to speak to thousands of voters in their own communities, host dozens of volunteer events (with several done already) and phonebank relentlessly before Election Day. We have also tirelessly attended legislative district events across the county, earning the active support of more than 100 PCOs and more than 1,000 individuals.

5. Do you have a plan for online outreach or organizing?

Yes. Our website is www.larryphillips.com, our email address is info@larryphillips.com, and our campaign is heavily organized around

electronic media. Our campaign will continue to use email, social networks like Facebook and tools like Twitter and Tatango to reach out to voters, especially younger voters, throughout the campaign. As our presence and reach increases during the campaign, we will leverage these resources, translating online activity into grassroots advocacy.

6. What are your top three campaign issues?

- a. Transforming our regional economy: King County, and in particular the King County Executive, must lead in not only revitalizing our regional economy, but in transforming it to a “green” sustainable model. Initially, this can be done by investing in major infrastructure projects like the completion and expansion of Sound Transit’s light rail, commuter rail and regional bus system. Completion and expansion of Sound Transit’s system will provide green, family-wage jobs with substantial federal and state stimulus funding matching our local investments. These dollars will not only be spent in our local communities, helping to revitalize our local economy, but will leave behind a transformed transportation system whereby people are getting to and from work in a clean, efficient, reliable manner. It will also spur denser urban residential and commercial development and re-development with new buildings built to LEED standards with abundant green jobs. King County must also continue to lead efforts in promoting and, in some cases, requiring sustainable building and urban planning practices.
- b. Natural resource conservation and environmental protection: I am passionate about natural resource conservation and protection, and have a lifelong record of public policy achievements to back it up. But there will be no “resting on my laurels” as Executive. As King County Executive, I will continue our efforts to fight global warming, reduce

our carbon footprint by reducing vehicle miles traveled, improving building codes and standards, and enhancing transit and multi-modal transportation options, including trails. I will continue to fight to preserve and protect our county's farms and forests, recover salmon stocks and Puget Sound, preserve habitat for fish and wildlife, increase standards for water quality, promote clean energy and implement and expand our program for reclaimed water. I will lead in this capacity not only for King County government but as a regional leader for 39 cities and a large rural, unincorporated area and population. Over the course of the last 25 years, I have helped change the conversation and discourse in our communities whereby the environmental ethic of conservation and "being green" are fully accepted. The leadership of the King County Executive is needed now to transform our shared values into consistent results for the environment, with a new, sustainable relationship for the land, air and water we all share.

- c. Stabilizing basic services: An inordinate amount of time is spent by County elected officials dealing with an ever-present budget crisis in basic criminal justice, health and human services. It is vitally important to stabilize these basic services to not only strengthen the fabric of our communities, but to allow our leaders to focus on managing and transforming our future as growth continues to occur. Another 1.2 million people are expected to join us in our four county region in the next 20 years – many of them our children and grandchildren. Currently, we are pitting police officers against prosecutors, against public health nurses, against restaurant inspectors, against mental health providers, to the point where we're not only failing to plan effectively for tomorrow, but failing miserably to deal with the needs of today. Stabilizing funding for these basic needs will allow us to move on to the critical issues of transforming our economy, protecting and recovering our natural

resources and implementing the 100-year vision of the Cascade Land Conservancy's Cascade Agenda. I have a strong record of proven leadership you can count on to tackle tough challenges, prioritize resources and resolve issues so we can plan for and meet the future effectively.

7. Do you believe that the Critical Areas Ordinance should be amended?

How?

The CAO is a critical tool for protecting habitat, preventing urban sprawl, protecting open spaces, promoting urban growth, and preserving the rural character that makes King County such an incredible place to live. This landmark legislation also helps control flooding, maintains forests, protects wildlife habitat, and ensures that King County streams will be home to salmon.

I supported and voted for the adoption of King County's CAO, and as a prime sponsor of the state's Growth Management Act, am committed to regulatory protection for local critical areas. I remain so today, and was pleased that in Citizens' Alliance for Property Rights vs. Sims, only one section of one of the CAO ordinances we adopted was challenged, and that the underlying science for the 65/35% clearing and grading provision was not challenged at all. Consequently, the bulk of our CAO work stands!

However, our State Supreme Court determined that the 65/35% clearing and grading provision ran afoul of a state law prohibiting a "tax, fee, or charge" on land use, and therefore must be stricken. I disagree with the Court's reasoning and decision, but am aware it has left us with an untenable situation: the Growth Management Act requires us to use "best available science" to determine protection of critical areas, and best

available science leads us to a 65/35% clearing restriction standard. The Court has not undermined the science, yet it has stricken our scientifically supported clearing and grading requirement! Somehow, we must reconcile state law and the Court's finding, which may lead us to doing review of rural development proposals on a case-by-case basis for critical areas—a very expensive proposition for landowners. It may also lead us to a legislative fix in Olympia with regard to state law prohibiting a "tax, fee, or charge" on land use. As King County Executive, I will work with experts in the environmental community and citizens to propose the best, most effective ways to remedy this situation and enhance our protection of critical areas.

8. The County has invested two billion dollars in the Brightwater treatment plant. What other infrastructure does King County need for environmental quality in the coming decades?

- Transit: King County residents need expanded transit service now more than ever; fortunately, with light rail about to open, they are going to have it! And it makes sense for the environment and for our pocketbooks. I have been a tireless advocate for transit expansion, and as Executive I will continue to work to preserve and expand existing transit and multi-modal transportation services (bus, light rail, commuter rail, vanpools, ferries, and bicycle trails). Please see more about my work on Sound Transit below.
- Energy efficiency: As King County Executive, I will work to make county government facilities more energy efficient, and to promote green building standards. In the U.S., 40% of greenhouse gas emissions, 65% of our waste output, and 71% of our electrical consumption originates in commercial and residential buildings, and local government can positively affect change on this front. I was

prime sponsor of legislation requiring new county buildings and renovations to be LEED gold standard certified, and as Executive I will ensure that King County remains on the forefront of efforts to help residents and businesses to waste less, recycle more and reduce harmful output and emissions from their homes and offices.

Another initiative I support is the effort to reduce waste and emissions with infrastructure to recapture methane gas produced from decomposing garbage at the county-owned Cedar Hills landfill. This greenhouse gas should not be released into the atmosphere, and is too precious a resource to waste. I supported King County's efforts to partner with private companies to build facilities to capture gases at Cedar Hills and convert them to natural gas, a project that will be online soon.

- Wastewater treatment: Thank you for recognizing Brightwater's significance for improving water quality and effectively managing growth in a manner that respects our great natural resources. State-of-the-art wastewater treatment is necessary for the long-term environmental health of our region, and in particular, the recovery of Puget Sound. In addition to being the most populous county in Washington, King County is situated on the shores of Lake Washington and is home to five major river systems. It contains watershed habitats vital to sustaining fish and wildlife. As the longtime Chair of the Council's Regional Water Quality Committee, I have been a proponent and supporter of building Brightwater from the outset, beginning over a decade ago. Though King County supports multi-pronged efforts to clean up Puget Sound, wastewater treatment is one of the most important services King County provides in this critical effort to protect our waterways and the health of Puget Sound. Brightwater will employ membrane-bio reactor technology to accomplish secondary treatment,

as well as advanced odor control techniques. As is true for all King County wastewater treatment plants, biosolids produced there will be used to fertilize forests along the Mountains to Sound Greenway, and cropland in Eastern Washington. Brightwater will also produce “Class A” reclaimed water, the cleanest non-potable water recognized by the state, for use to irrigate crops and open space, thus diverting outflow to Puget Sound and recharging groundwater. King County must also preserve and enhance its efforts to build the infrastructure necessary to significantly reduce combined sewer overflow (CSO) events. Since inception, King County’s regional wastewater treatment system has reduced untreated CSO events by 95%, ensuring that the treatment system minimizes overflow during storm events. Without CSO facilities, untreated wastewater would dump directly into area waterways and Puget Sound during heavy rainfall.

9. What are your top three transportation priorities for King County?

1. Building and expanding light rail: As a citizen, and now as a member of the Sound Transit Board, I have long fought for a multi-modal transportation system that includes light rail, commuter rail, and regional bus service. We are now about to realize the benefit of those efforts with the opening of light rail revenue service on July 18th. I also fought after the 2007 defeat of Proposition 1 to quickly bring back a transit-only package for voter consideration in 2008. I prevailed in this effort, with the ST Board voting 16 – 2 to place the measure on the 2008 ballot. With resounding approval of ST II last November, our region is now poised to finally be served by a fast, reliable, energy efficient transit system that many other international cities on par with Seattle have enjoyed for decades. As Chair of the Sound Transit Central Link

Oversight Committee, I have overseen delivery the initial segment on time and within budget, a goal we will achieve this year. As CLOC chair, I am also committed to expanding light rail east, north and south as fast as we can.

2. Preserving and expanding Metro Transit service: Metro Transit is a workhorse for our region, with nearly 120 million riders per year using our bus system. But Metro is largely dependent on sales tax revenue to operate, so while ridership is soaring the tough economy means that revenue is plummeting and it is increasingly tough to find enough money to keep current service levels operating. I am committed to finding efficiencies within Metro Transit—I have already initiated a audit—to free up more money to maintain services. And I will also continue to work with the State Legislature to help provide more revenue flexibility to cover existing transit costs. In the worst case scenario, should cuts become necessary, I am committed to making those cuts equitably across our region, and, when the funding outlook improves, to restoring service equitably in the same manner that it was cut. (Please see my op-ed in the Seattle Times to learn more: “Act Now to Preserve Metro Service : http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/opinion/2008916639_opinc25phillips.html)

3. Transit Oriented Development: In addition to advocating for expanded multi-modal and transit service, I have long advocated that our transit agencies operating in King County must make the best use of historic opportunities to combine great land use planning with transit investments for light rail, commuter rail, and Metro expansion (like RapidRide). Redevelopment around existing stations and routes, as well as planned expansions, provide a great opportunity to reduce auto dependency and riving while creating dense, quality urban environments.

Making TOD a “transportation” priority not only maximizes our public investment of transit dollars, it also helps avoid the extraordinary added cost of expanded road and highway capacity. TOD is already working in the redevelopment neighborhoods like Belltown, Uptown and South Lake Union, where high quality urban neighborhoods are emerging using the existing street pattern with enhanced bus and street car service. The same—or better—will occur around Sound Transit’s light rail stations. One great example is the City of Bellevue and City of Redmond’s planning for the Bel-Red and Overlake communities planned around future light rail stations.

10. How do you distinguish your environmental record and priorities from your opponent(s)?

My opponents include environmentalists, and I applaud and thank them for their efforts to protect our environment. However, my environmental record and conservation priorities run deeper and wider than any of my opponents. In comparison to my opponents, I have built a career as a “conservation forerunner” with the vision to see the environmental challenges facing our region, the strategic ability to chart new effective ways in which to deal with them, and then push for environmental initiatives to help solve those problems. From the inception of the Growth Management Act to salmon recovery, from preservation of over 100,000 acres of forest in the Cascade foothills to working on climate change, I have taken the lead on the most critical issues facing our county’s environment. Finally, over many years I have established trust and a large network of colleagues, friends and working relationships in King County’s rural area, which is often “ground zero” for important environmental initiatives. I understand how to bring opposite parties to the negotiating table and build

consensus to get things done. This isn't easy and it takes time, but it pays off in the long term and would help King County overcome the regional divisions that have prevented honest dialogue between all parties. My background, knowledge, network, and commitment—all proven over time—distinguish my ability to fight for and enact significant, positive change for our environment.

Additionally, my candidacy for King County Executive is supported by the following environment leaders:

- Denis Hayes
- Maryanne Tagney Jones and David Jones
- Rob Johnson
- Doug and Maggie Walker
- Kathy Fletcher
- Ron Sher
- Jim Ellis
- Gene Duvernoy
- Charlie Raines
- Bill Pope
- John Howell
- Jennifer Belcher