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Present Occupation Incumbent? How Long?	President, Kane Environmental, Inc, 5 years	COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (Leave Blank – For Committee Use Only)
Employer	Kane Environmental, Inc.	
Union Affiliations	None	

WHAT RATINGS AND ENDORSEMENTS HAVE YOU RECEIVED?			
Legislative District(s)/Unions	Municipal League	Women’s Political Caucus	SeaMEC

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.				
#	Question	Yes	No	Qualified*
1.	Are you a Democrat? Are you known as a Democrat? If not, explain.	X		
2.	Do you support the King County Democratic Platform?	X		
3.	Do you support the right of workers (excluding military) to bargain and strike?	X		
4.	Do you support affirmative action?	X		
5.	Do you support a woman’s right to choose? (Are you pro-choice?)	X		
6.	Do you support public funding for abortions for poor women?	X		
7.	Do you support school vouchers?		X	
8.	Do you support charter schools?		X	
9.	Do you support equal rights for women?	X		
10.	Do you support the Patriot Act?		X	
11.	Do you support the restoration of voting rights to persons convicted of a felony who have served their sentence?	X		
12.	How long have you been registered to vote? Have you missed any elections in the last three years?		X	WA State 1979
<i>If you answer “yes” to any of the following questions please explain on a separate sheet of paper.</i>		Yes	No	
14.	Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgments?			X
15.	Have you ever been found in violation of a Public Disclosure Commission, Federal Election Commission or Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission regulation?			X
16.	Have you ever been convicted of a felony?			X

* - If you wish to qualify your answer, please provide an explanation on a separate sheet of paper.

***PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS
(YOU MAY USE A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER FOR ANSWERS)***

1. Are you a member of another political party? **No.** If so, which ones? Have you ever supported or given money to a candidate from another party in a partisan race? If so, whom?

I gave an equal amount of money to both candidates running for Attorney General in 2004.

2. Are you a member of your local Democratic District Party? **Yes.** Have you contributed financially to the County Democratic Party? Have you been a Precinct Committee Officer? When/Where?

I have provided funds to the County Democratic Party over the years. I have not been a PCO.

3. What are the main messages of your campaign? What is your campaign plan? How many doors have you knocked on to date, pieces of mail planned, budgeting, staffing? Why will you win? What is the fundraising goal for your campaign? How much have you raised to date? **My main messages are reducing the tax levy, actively supporting the retention and growth of our existing maritime industry, creating new local jobs in maritime and export industries, environmental stewardship by redeveloping Port Brownfield sites, security for our airport and seaport, and enhancing freight mobility throughout our region.**

My campaign plan includes sending mailers, radio advertisements, going door to door, group neighborhood coffee meetings and endorsements from businesses, individuals and organizations throughout King County. I have started organizing coffee meetings for the month of August and my mailing piece is completed and mailing will occur in mid-August in time for absentee ballots. The fundraising goal is \$50,000 and I have raised, including pledges, \$15,000. Fundraising efforts will continue throughout August.

4. What is the single most pressing issue facing your jurisdiction, and what actions would you take if elected? **Excessive property tax levy taken by the Port of Seattle that competes with dollars that should be going to our public schools. I would not support any more long-term planning efforts for North Bay/Interbay, the next step is to find maritime tenants.**

5. **Non Partisan Races A.** If you do not win the primary, is there any reason you could not support your primary opponent(s) in the general election? **Do not know at this time.**

Partisan Races B. If you do not receive the nomination, is there any reason you could not support your Democratic opponent in the general election? Please explain.

6. Do you believe the current structure of taxes and/or fees that generate funds in your area are fair? If not, how would you change it? **I believe that the Port's tax levy should be reduced. King County residents should not be taxed for excessive Port planning projects, such as North Bay, purchasing unusable property (South Tsubota Steel), and financing the Alaska Way trolley. The Port needs to institute an annual performance audit to decrease its costs and minimize the need for the tax levy.**

7. What is the Davis-Bacon Act? Do you support it? **The Act was passed in 1931 to provide "prevailing wages" for construction projects funded wholly or in part by the federal government. I support the Act.**

8. Do you support King County Initiative I-22? Explain your position. **Yes, all King County voters, including the rural voters have a right to petition for better representation. With the initiative on the ballot, then all King County voters can then decide.**

9. The caucus system helps Democratic Party members in a legislative body work together and stick together. Do you support determining leadership positions and committee chair positions *solely within* the ranks of the Democratic Caucus? **Yes.**

10. What role should government play in the healthcare system? **I would prefer a national health system that we would pay for with payroll deduction and that could be administered on either a state-wide or county basis.**

11. What is your position on civil rights for Gay, Lesbian, bisexual and trans gendered people? What is your position on equal rights for same-sex couples when it comes to benefits, civil unions, marriage and parental rights? **Same rights as married heterosexual couples.**

12. What creative solutions can you offer to address the problems of the economically disadvantaged? I believe in creating opportunity through education and job creation opportunities. As Port Commissioner, I would expand the "Seattle First" program currently managed by the Manufacturing Industrial Council (MIC) to include all of King County. This program would identify businesses that would want to expand their operations in export. The Port could act as a liaison for the businesses to identify new markets for their goods or services, creating more family-wage jobs throughout King County.

13. If you are a candidate in a contested primary race, what record of performance, ability, experience, personal qualities, and positions on issues distinguish you from your opponent(s)? I have spent the past five years as a member of the BINMIC Committee, and as Chair of the Committee for the past two years, to work to keep family wage jobs in Seattle and King County, many that are associated with the Maritime industry in King County. I have direct experience in working with Port of Seattle and City of Seattle staff. The Port's maritime projects are almost always reviewed by the city staff, and having worked with both parties over the past 7 years, I understand their differences and know how to successfully integrate ideas from both groups. A good recent example is the potential late night 8-hour closure of the Ballard Locks. I worked as the BINMIC Chair with city staff and with Port Commissioner Fisksen, to lobby the Corps of Engineers not to close the locks. Our combined efforts, as well as many others including our State Senators, resulted in successfully keeping the locks open. This was a group effort and showed that we can work together with a common purpose and goal.

I have an excellent ability to listen to opposing points of view and varying factual information and then synthesize the information into a clear and concise opinion. I have learned this ability from my training and years of work experience as a scientist and entrepreneur, where I learned how to think through complex problems in explaining them in straight forward terms to my clients and the general public.

Recent examples of too many important Port decisions that are not discussed publically include the purchase of the former South Tsubota Steel site (approximately \$6 million), the sale of the Charlie's Produce property (a loss of approximately \$10 million in potential revenue to the Port, and more importantly, King County taxpayers) and the initial \$10 million plan to save the waterfront trolley, all completed with no public input or review. These local Seattle issues are also a microcosm of a larger issue throughout King County; the Port needs to support the entire County, not just the Seattle area. That is why I support expanding the "Seattle First" program, currently managed by the Manufacturing Industrial Council (MIC), that contacts businesses directly to determine their problems with local government, to find solutions, and to make certain that they do not leave Seattle. I would support a similar program, with leadership from the Port of Seattle, to expand the Seattle First program throughout King County.

The current potential revenue shortage at SeaTac airport is also a cause of concern for two reasons: the lack of communication between the Port and their airline tenants and secondly, how fast the economics can change with Port projects. Better dialogue, including the public, could raise these concerns before bonds are issued and dollars are invested. Because of the potential shortfall, a recent Port Commissioners meeting revealed that some of the airport projects may need to be cancelled or reduced in scope. I believe that annual performance audits will provide financial information to reduce costs and prevent potential shortfalls for future Port projects.

When I was the Project Manager for the Ballard Interbay Northend Manufacturing Industrial Center (BINMIC) EIS, I authored a Brownfields Grant pro bono for the Port of Seattle to apply for a grant from the U.S Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to develop soil cleanup levels for the BINMIC that would be protective of human health and the environment and assist BINMIC property owners in cleaning up their property for redevelopment and investment, ultimately to expand their businesses and create more family-wage jobs. I worked with a senior Port attorney to finalize the proposal, and obtained support from two city of Seattle Mayors (Mayors Rice and Schell). The Port won the grant and the work was completed about two years ago. Since then, a number of businesses in the BINMIC have used the procedures provided in documentation, approved by the Washington State Department of Ecology, to cleanup and redevelop maritime businesses in the BINMIC. I believe that the Port can do more of these types of environmental programs throughout King County, to cleanup contaminated properties (Brownfields) and get them productive to create jobs increasing the tax base for King County.

14. What would you like us to know about you?

I am an owner of a small business that I started by myself five years ago, and I have grown the business to a total of six employees in 2005. I started the business by myself, but my success has been based on help from many people; my wife, my colleagues, and clients, all who have supported me over the past five years. I believe that with opportunity, many people in our community can do the same, and as Port Commissioner, creating opportunity for our entire King County community is paramount. The Port Commission must be more transparent to the citizens of King County; it amazes me how many times I have talked to people this year who have no idea that the Port includes King County, not just Seattle, and that their property taxes includes a Port levy. The citizens of our county deserve better, and I am the candidate to represent all of citizens of King County.

I also served as a member of the Executive Committee with the Manufacturing Industrial Council (MIC) from 2002 to 2004, and I was recently appointed for three years by Mayor Nichols to serve on the Restore Our Waters Committee. I also serve as an advisor for the maritime businesses on a Groundswell NW Committee that is looking to enhance salmon habitat west of the locks.

I have been an active member in athletic programs on Queen Anne from 1998 to 2005. I started, managed, and coached the first Queen Anne AA Girls FastPitch Softball team seven years ago, and I am pleased to say that the program is still succeeding today and that some of the girls I coached seven years ago are still playing organized softball on the team currently sponsored by my company, Kane Environmental Inc. I have also contributed as a coach and supporter for the QA community soccer league over the past seven years. Both of these efforts gave me new skills in communicating with parents, supporters and children from various backgrounds as well as an outlet to serve my community. My company has purchased books for my daughters public school.

In the interests of strengthening the Democratic Party and the ability of the Party to support me or any other candidate, I pledge to uphold high ethical standards. I am responsible for the content of literature, advertising, and statements disseminated by my campaign. If my campaign releases information regarding my opponent(s), I pledge that any such release will allow reasonable time for verification by the voters.

Signature



Date
July 31, 2005

Please attach a recent resume.

CREDENTIALS

- M.B.A., Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA, 1986
- B.S., Geoscience, Hobart College, Geneva, NY, 1979

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

Washington State Registered Geologist and Hydrogeologist #1193
Certified Geologist in Training (GIT),
State of Oregon

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Chair – Ballard Interbay North Manufacturing & Industrial Center (BINMIC) Committee
Past Member - Executive Committee Manufacturing Industrial Council (MIC) of Seattle

Company Sponsor and Coach of Girl's Fastpitch Softball Team
Company purchase of books for public middle school
Entrepreneur and President of start-up company, Kane Environmental, Inc.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE SUMMARY

Twenty-three years of experience as a geologist and hydrogeologist in Brownfields Redevelopment, Superfund Remedial Investigation/ Feasibility Study (RI/FS) projects, underground storage tank (UST) investigations, landfill investigations, Phase I/II/III Site Assessments, mining site investigations and evaluating remedial actions. Major skill areas include project management, field operations management, project planning and cost estimation, evaluating remedial technologies and representing clients during negotiations with agencies and citizen groups.

SELECTED KEY PROJECTS

- Completing a Brownfields Redevelopment remediation project under a Prospective Purchaser Agreement Consent Decree with the Washington State Department of Ecology for the Juanita Village commercial and residential development in Kirkland, WA.
- Managed twelve Brownfields redevelopment projects throughout Puget Sound region ranging from mixed-use development to low-income housing for disabled elderly.
- Managed Superfund team of technical and support staff to complete surface water, ground water, soil, marine sediment, and runway ditch sediment RI/FS for the Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island Ault Landing Field. Investigation covered three areas: a runway drainage ditch system that received influx of hazardous solvents and fuels from maintenance of Navy jets; an underground storage tank and oil/water separator system; and a freshwater lagoon as the potential receptor of the contamination. Project involved evaluating engineering alternatives to stormwater run-off of the jet runways. Completed Final RI/FS Reports and negotiated cleanup with EPA and Ecology. Project field work completed on time and within budget.