

Special Election - Proposition No. 1

Submitted by Pierce County

FORMATION OF NEW KEY PENINSULA METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT



Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District

Commissioner, Position No. 1

Official Ballot Title:

The Pierce County Council passed Resolution No. R2004-17, proposing formation of the Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District by election. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will create a new metropolitan park district with the statutory power, among others, to levy annually a general tax on all property in the District not to exceed seventy-five cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The District's boundaries will be identical to those of the existing Key Peninsula Park & Recreation District. A five-member board of commissioners, elected at large, will govern the District.

Explanatory Statement:

If Proposition No. 1 passes, a new metropolitan park district will be created with boundaries identical to those of the existing Key Peninsula Park & Recreation District. The District, which will be known as the Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District, will be a municipal corporation with all the powers enumerated in Ch. 35.61 RCW including, but not limited to, the authority to manage, control, improve, maintain and acquire parks and recreational facilities; to contract indebtedness; to issue and sell revenue bonds; to exercise the power of eminent domain; and to levy general taxes upon real property within the District. The District will be governed by a board of commissioners consisting of five members elected at large from among residents within the District.

Statement For:

The Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District Formation Committee is requesting that the registered voters of the Key Peninsula vote for the creation of the Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District. This action will allow us to obtain funds from the ZooTrek sales taxes, already being collected, which will provide a dependable and ongoing funding source.

The existing Park Commissioners support this proposal and if this measure is passed they will take appropriate legal action to transfer all assets of the existing parks district to the newly formed Metropolitan Park District.

Candidates for the newly formed Metropolitan Park District will be elected on an accompanying ballot also at this time. The passage of this measure will require a simple majority (50% + 1) of yes votes.

Committee Members Include: Ben Thompson, Irene Torres, and Kip Clinton

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

This space is available each election for citizens and/or committees opposing measures to publish a "Statement Against." For information, contact the Pierce County Auditor's Office at (253) 798-7430.



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Education:

Occupation:

Professional Qualifications:

Personal Information:

Community Involvement:

Personal Views: I am running for the position as Park Commissioner to offer the voters a competent, informed, reliable candidate. I have been actively involved in the community in many ways for years. I have served as a Park Commissioner previously, so that experience will come with me. I am one of the longest serving members of the Key Peninsula Civic Center where I served as Vice-President and then as President. I am one of the founding three organizers of the Key Peninsula Fair. I've lived in this community since 1968 so I am acutely aware of the wants and needs of the citizens here. In years past, I have owned and operated several businesses and am now semi-retired. I own and operate "The Farm" which is a "you pick" vegetable place at Wauna.



Caril Ridley
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Education: Caril has a Bachelors in Environmental Planning with Minors in Psychology and Experiential Education, a Masters in Cultural Anthropology with Thesis in environmental adaptation, village form and cultural structure.

Occupation: As a Pierce County business owner and mental health professional for twenty-five years Caril has worked with an array of community resources providing Rehabilitative Community Programs for vulnerable citizens. She is an accomplished researcher in the fields of Psychology and Human Development who has studied cultures in fifty countries learning the value of communities working-together toward a-common-good.

Professional Qualifications: Caril is a practiced facilitator who has lectured the importance of recreation for growing communities, and as an environmentalist instructed responsible stewardship and long-term-planning.

Community Involvement: Numerous professional and civic groups such as Key Peninsula News, Key Peninsula Trails, Key Peninsula Comprehensive Planning, Key Peninsula Outdoor Club, Mountaineers, Sierra Club and the US Olympic Team.

Personal Views: Caril grew-up designing homes and platting residential communities with her father but more importantly she's the Mother of two boys and sees our community on the cusp of change. With her vision, experience and regional connections she hopes to build parks and recreational infrastructures into a diverse and growing community complete with recreational opportunities...

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Commissioner, Position No. 2



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Education: 1945 Graduated from Stadium HS (Tacoma); 1949 Graduated from Univ. of Puget Sound B.A. in Economics and Business Administration; 1951 Graduated from Univ. of Puget Sound B.A. in Education; 1974 W.S.U. certification for Vocational/Tech in Agriculture. Horticulture Education

Occupation: Currently retired teacher from Peninsula H.S. Agric, Horticulture and Fisheries. Active with Bischoffs Lakebay Farm and Apple Cider

Professional Qualifications:

Personal Information:

Community Involvement: Retired member of the Pierce County Agricultural Advisory Commission; Key Peninsula Community Services Advisory Board, Key Peninsula Business Association, and T.H.E. Farmers Market of Gig Harbor. I grew up in Tacoma and the Key Peninsula. And have lived at Home Wash since 1961. Married to my wife Joyce for 53 years. We have four children and nine grandchildren who all live locally. The Volunteer Park has been part of our lives since its startup. As the agriculture teacher at PHS our FFA and some of our 4H students were involved at the Park with raking and picking rocks, and leveling what today are the baseball fields. Later our school greenhouse supplied free landscaping plants for the Park.

Personal Views: I am very concerned about the financial accountability and long term vision and operation of our Park.

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Commissioner, Position No. 3



Ben Thompson
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Education: B.S. Civil Engineering, Montana State College; Registered Professional Engineer, Washington

Occupation: Retired, Assistant Director of Public Works, Tacoma, Washington

Professional Qualifications: Experienced in organization and management of projects and personnel. Experience in operating a personal business.

Personal Information:

Community Involvement: Chairman, Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District Formation Committee

Personal Views: Key Peninsula resident for over 20 years; Married with five (5) children and eight (8) grandchildren; Retired City Engineer; owned and operated private construction company for five (5) years in the Tacoma, Bremerton, and Gig Harbor area. The Key Peninsula needs a solvent, responsible and progressive park system. I would like to help make this happen.

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Paula DeMoss
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Education: I received my A.A.S. in 1999 from Olympic Community College, my B.A. in Arts from the University of Washington in 2001 and my Teaching Certification at Central Washington University in 2002.

Occupation: I am an elementary music teacher in the Peninsula School District. Prior to my job placement in September 2003 I was a substitute in all the Key Peninsula Schools.

Professional Qualifications: I have been the President of Key Peninsula Little League for the past three years and I have a degree in teaching.

Personal Information: My husband and I are enjoying three sons. I spend my time volunteering for organizations trying to better our community for the future.

Community Involvement: I am a teacher and an advocate for the children of our community. I have been involved in building "community" through teaching and organizing sporting groups over the past eight years.

Personal Views: As our community continues to grow I see our parks as being one of our greatest benefits. We may use the parks to further community growth and encourage life choices that don't include any form of crime. This may be established through the versatile growth of the Key Peninsula Metro Parks in an attempt to meet many of the communities needs.

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The election of park commissioners shall be null and void if the metropolitan park district is not created. The terms of office for each position shall be determined by the outcome of the election.

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Commissioner, Position No. 4



Jerry Schick
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Education: Pierce College from 1987 thru 1991; majoring in math, science and pre-engineering. Green River Community College 1998; received Fiber Optics Technician certification. Currently pursuing professional certification in computer networking and security.

Occupation: Fiber Optics Technician

Professional Qualifications: Lucent and 3M certified Fiber Optics Technician. Key Peninsula Park & Recreation District Commissioner and Park Manager.

Personal Information: Hobbies include: computer system design and integration; audio engineering, loudspeaker design, and acoustics; colorimetry. I participate in a variety of sports and recreational activities including: hiking and trekking, mountain biking, off-road motorsports, whitewater rafting, tennis, and slow-pitch softball.

Community Involvement: As a Key Peninsula Park & Recreation District commissioner I have been working to improve Key Peninsula parks with the expectation of expanding the number of park programs available to the community. I am presently involved in the administration and organization of adult softball on the Key Peninsula.

Personal Views: My goal is to continue to work with the community, as well as various businesses and organizations, to promote and develop a safe, clean, accessible, and efficient park system that will provide a diverse range of activities and programs for the residents of the Key Peninsula and neighboring communities.

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Education: Attended Tacoma Community College, Rillos Engineering, Green River Community College, Lake Washington, Bates and Clover Park Vocation Technical Colleges.

Occupation: Electrical Designer for 24 years, contract engineer currently.

Professional Qualifications: Grant writer, engineering background love for community service.

Personal Information: Born and raised in the Tacoma area. Married to wife, Wanda for 20 years with two boys.

Community Involvement: I have served my community for over 14 years through Cub/Boys Scouts, Little League, School District Committees, Gig Harbor Chamber Commerce, including grant writing projects.

Personal Views: Parks are important assets to the children and adult lives in our community. I believe the new Metro Park District holds many advantages. It opens doors to not only existing tax monies but also a plethora of grants and other funds. But I do not believe we should expand the District until we have met our present obligations. I do not support raising taxes. We also need to decide if Metro employees should be full/part time, and whether or not Park Commissioners should have a salary. These last issues would be determined by the operating budget. I believe together we can build a strong, healthy Metro Park District. Please Vote Edward Duke.

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Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District



Commissioner, Position No. 5



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Education:

Occupation: Network Systems Engineer, Ignition MTS. Owner and Consultant, Wauna Networks.

Professional Qualifications:

Personal Information: Married for 17 years, to my best friend Elaine. My son, Michael "Smiles", is active in sports, and a freshman at Peninsula High School.

Community Involvement: Chair, Pierce County Youth Violence Allocations Committee. Member, Peninsula School District Safety Advisory. Member, Peninsula High School Truancy Task Force and Prevention Advisory Council. Board Member and Baseball Chair, Peninsula Athletics Association (PAA).

Personal Views: Parks are a vital part of our community fabric. They enhance the quality of living and provide space for all of us to join together to enjoy this beautiful area we live in. Each park whether they are active or passive by design provides us the ability to enjoy, learn, and play. We must have a structure in place to maintain them as well as seek new locations working with the community and Pierce County Parks. I believe that I can help make this happen for our community and its future.

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Education: B.S. Biology University of Washington, 2 years University of Puget Sound Law School.

Occupation: President and Manager of Clinton's Music House, Inc. in Tacoma, an old family owned piano sales business.

Professional Qualifications: I worked for the Department of Ecology for 4 years after college in the SEPA permit department and also participated with D.O.E.'s legal council on the Northern Tier Pipeline project.

Personal Information: My family moved out to Home on a permanent basis in the early 1970's. We were lucky to be able to afford waterfront at the time, so I enjoy all watersports as well as horseback riding.

Community Involvement: I have been involved in trying to develop a K.P. Park Plan over the last 2 years. Some of you may have seen me at those meetings. I am also interested in, and intend to participate in, the upcoming Key Peninsula Community Land Use Plan. I am currently a Key Peninsula Park & Recreation District Commissioner.

Personal Views: I support a full park system, but it has to be managed in a business like and responsible manner. Current park assets must be repaired and expanded upon but all commissioners must be creative and open minded. I will not raise taxes or take any per diem.