



Kristin Kelly has a Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Resources Communications from Humboldt State University, Arcata, California. She moved to Snohomish County in 1989, and co-owned and operated a small business in District 5 for 14 years, raising her son through the Snohomish School District. While a small business owner, she became involved with a land use issue in her neighborhood that would have allowed an urban growth area expansion into the rural area, and a big box commercial development just above the Highway 2 trestle at Hewitt Avenue and Cavalero Road. She organized her neighborhood, appealed the county's land use and zoning change, and won before the Growth Management Hearings Board. She continued the work for five years with the community as a volunteer against further attempts to change the land use and zoning for the big box store, and now the 33-acre parcel is a county park.

In 2002 she was hired by Futurewise, a statewide land use advocacy organization, as their Snohomish County Program Director, to work on a variety of land use and environmental issues. In 2005, she was also hired by Pilchuck Audubon Society as their Smart Growth Executive Director, working in tandem with Futurewise garnering more capacity and garnering more successes with issues that affect District 5 residents.



Kristin now works full-time for Pilchuck Audubon Society as both the Smart Growth Executive Director and as Executive Director for the entire organization's work.

In 2005 and 2015, she ran and was elected to serve as **Snohomish County Charter Review Commissioner for District 5**, and won the most votes each election. As Commissioner she championed for more transparency and accountability in government, and the voters agreed to adopt changes that would mandate public comment time every time the County Council meets, night public hearings for budgets and comprehensive plan amendments or updates, and at least one council meeting to be held in the evenings in each of the council districts once a year.

Kristin's interests outside of her work life include traveling, dancing, swimming, cooking and a host of fun activities with her family and friends. She's a published writer and photographer.

*Photo: Kristin worked on preventing a proposed new city of 15,000 people near Lake Roesiger by getting the County Council to overturn the policies and regulations that allowed for a Fully Contained Community.*

