

## 2024 Board Election Candidates

*In order by last name*

### **Bruce King**



I grew up fishing and hunting in Washington state, received my education here and have spent my life living and working in our great state. I joined Microsoft at age 22 and worked there for 10 years as an engineer and training engineers.

I went from there to operate several small businesses for the next 25 years and in 2006 I bought my first farm acreage. I've had a lifelong interest in farming, starting with 4 pigs and a few chickens and have operated the farm full-time since then, growing from 12 acres to my current 450 acres.

I'd like to see us all have the opportunity to enjoy clean water and abundant fish runs and the conservation district has an important role in that work. I also seek to provide a voice for livestock farmers in Snohomish County in the work that the board does in approving and distributing funds from federal programs designed to help farmers with the challenges they face.

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### **Neil Landaas**



I moved to Snohomish County in 1995 and have been growing and selling organic produce from my own properties for 17 seasons. During the summer you will often find me at local farmers markets selling vine-ripened heirloom tomatoes, cucumbers and basil from our farm, Flying Tomato Farm. When I am not farming I am engaged in property maintenance or working with leather, repairing a saddle, tooling a custom belt or sewing up a bag.

I have a bachelors degree in Journalism from Seattle University and spent 6 years in the Marines working with Heavy Equipment. I have been serving on the board of directors for the Snohomish and Monroe Farmers Co-Op since 2017. I was the Manager of the Snohomish Farmers Market and the Edmonds Summer Market from 2002-2013.

It is my belief that it is important to nurture and support these local family farmers as they are stewards of the land they work, and they occupy a position on the front lines of our regional food system economy.

I have been serving on the Snohomish Conservation District Board of Supervisors for 1 year in an appointed position. I would be honored to be elected and serve the upcoming term.

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## **Lehneah Sorkin**



Growing up in Snohomish County, with our wealth of natural treasures, I have always been passionate about environmental issues, policy, and sustainability. Now, as a resident of beautiful Camano Island and mother of two small children, protecting the local environment is more important to me than ever.

I'm experienced with ecological restoration, responsible agriculture practices, and invasive species management – pressing issues for the Snohomish County Conservation District.

I earned a Masters in Public Administration with a Concentration in Environmental Policy, Management and Law from the University of Colorado and a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Studies from University of Washington.

I have hands-on experience with organizations across Washington – including Chelan County Natural Resource Department, Lake Chelan Research Institute, American Water Resources Association, SAgE Student Farm, Community Orchard of West Seattle, Mahonia Project, Bellevue Stream Team, and Friends of North Creek Forest.

My combination of first-hand experience, education, and investment in the future of our community uniquely qualifies me to help steward our priceless natural resources in Snohomish County, Camano, and the broader Puget Sound Region.