

Germaine Kornegay

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Re: Skagit PUD Appointment

To Whom it may concern,

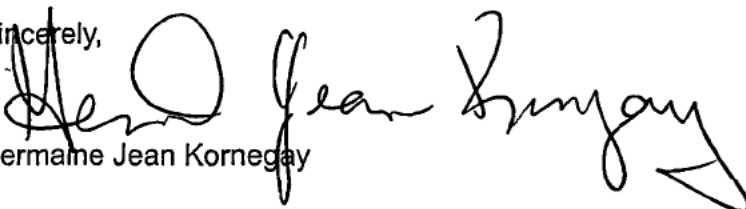
I am Germaine Kornegay and this is my statement of interest in the appointment for District 3 PUD Commissioner. I realize that it is up in 2022 and I would like to serve very much in this seat.

My qualifications and history are enclosed with this letter. If I could add in addition to this packet, a bit about myself, it would be elected experience and a calm demeanor along with a willingness to problem solve and love of challenge. I take my current elected position seriously but if appointed, if best, would be willing to resign my current position on the city council in Sedro-Woolley.

On the council, I have excellent attendance at meetings and would be just as excited to serve as a PUD Commissioner, bringing ideas to help Skagit PUD become even better than it is currently.

In closing, I look forward to serving with the current commissioners, staff, employees and Skagit County water drinkers.

Sincerely,

  
Germaine Jean Kornegay

# Application for Commissioner Appointment

Application Deadline: Thursday July 2, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

Applicant Name: Germaine Jean Korhegay  
Residence Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

To be appointed as a Commissioner of Public Utility District No. 1 of Skagit County, an individual must be a registered voter who resides within the boundaries of District 3 and not be a Skagit PUD employee (or spouse/significant other of) at the time of appointment. These are the same minimum requirements that apply per State law to elected PUD Commissioners [RCW 54.12.010 (3) and (5)].

- a. Do you reside within the boundaries of Commissioner District #3? Yes  No   
(On the attached map or an online map such as Google Maps, please clearly mark the location of your residence)
- b. Are you a registered voter of Commissioner District #3? Yes  No   
(Please attach proof of voter registration)
- c. Have you committed any criminal acts that resulted in a criminal record in the past ten years? If yes, explain on a separate sheet of paper. Yes  No

Appointment to the PUD Commission will require your attendance at regular and special meetings that occur on weekday afternoon/evenings and at certain special events throughout the year which may occur on evenings and weekends. PUD Commission regular meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. Commissioners also serve on WA State PUD Association committees, regional planning and watershed committees, and other committees where they represent the Commission. As a result, there may be the need to travel and stay overnight at meeting locations.

- d. Are you able to commit this amount of time and arrange your schedule to fully participate as a member of the PUD Commission? Yes  No

If you have lived at your current address less than one year, please list your previous address and state how long you lived at that address:

Applicant's Signature: Germaine Jean Korhegay Date Signed: 7/2/20

## Supplemental Questions

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Please respond to the following supplemental questions regarding your interest in the position of Commissioner for Public Utility District No. 1 of Skagit County. *Attach your answers on separate sheets of paper.*

1. Why are you interested in serving as a Skagit PUD Commissioner? I've been actively engaged over the years + very interested in our water. Specifically since the Nestle Company tried to come to Anacortes, I learned just how precious this resource is. I want to protect it. Thanks Commissioners!
2. What are the three highest priorities you believe the PUD needs to address and how would you propose to address these issues? Inequity, Rural businesses + schools. Offer incentives to attract businesses to pay upfront for fiber. Transparency. There are more cost effective options now. Stability. Yes, the budget is tight, but remaining in the black is imperative.
3. Please list your past community involvement (such as organizations, boards, commissions, and volunteerism), your role, and the dates of service. Describe the relevance of your community involvement to the position of a PUD Commissioner.  
(2014-current) Sedro-Woolley City Council. (1996-current) Owner (Animal House)  
(2019-current) Post 43 American Legion. (2014-current) Sedro-Woolley Scenic  
(2012-current) Community Thanksgiving Dinner. (2019-current) Skagit Trail Builder  
(2019-current) Sedro-Woolley Museum. (2014-current) Secret Harbor + Community Action
4. What are your impressions of Skagit PUD's contributions to the Skagit County communities? The more I learn, the more I want to learn. Education is key when it comes to public opinion. Tours are great, especially for children. Skagit River Festival was a great presence but why not, table farmers markets as well?
5. Provide your assessment of the strengths of the Commission of PUD No. 1 of Skagit County and describe the strengths you would add if appointed. The PUD is the best kept secret in the county. We all need water and Skagit PUD water is award winning, affordable + public. Public awareness of what the PUD does is something I'd like to see more of. My calm demeanor and sense of comradeship is something I'd like to bring to the PUD.
6. This appointment is effective until the end of 2022. What do you wish to accomplish during this appointed term as a PUD Commissioner?

I want to continue the new sense of comradeship on the Commission. And as stated above, advocate for public knowledge when it comes to all of the things that the Skagit PUD does. Specifically, water. An educated public will have vested interest in protecting it as well as a better understanding of rates in the event there needs to be an increase. I'd advocate for tabling at farmer's markets and also more internet access into priver communities for schools + to attract small businesses from out of town. Perhaps using government incentives.