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## Snohomish County Boards & Commissions Application Form

### ***SNOHOMISH COUNTY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS APPLICATION FORM***

NOMINEE: Please fill in this section

Name of Board/Commission: Agricultural Advisory Board

New Appointment

Snohomish County Council District (Please choose one):

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Name Curt Krause

Home Address

[REDACTED] (if different)

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City Lake Stevens

State WA

Zip Code 98258

Telephone (Home)

Telephone (Work)

Email

Current Employer Self Employed- Sunnyside Organic Farm

Occupation Farmer

Education BS-Horticulture (Washington State University)

Licenses held (if applicable)

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As our county becomes more and more developed and our

Why would you like to serve on this board/commission?

diverse population increases, our citizens still need access to locally grown nutrient dense food. I would like to be a voice to promote locally grown/sourced food in Snohomish County. Food grown in Snohomish County and consumed here not only reduces our carbon footprint but also reduces our dependence on food coming in from other states or even from other countries. Snohomish County's mild climate and ecologically rich land make it a great place to farm and if promoted, food grown in our county will continue to be a priceless resource to our citizens.

Please explain why you are a qualified candidate, including relevant professional experience, to serve on the board/commission.

I see myself as a very qualified candidate from my diverse background connected to farming but also having many experiences outside of farming. I grew up on a dairy farm that transitioned to Agri-tourism in my teenage years. I spent many years being involved on my family farm into my mid-twenties, mostly involved growing/selling sweet corn wholesale to Haggens and Wholefoods grocers. I received a Horticulture-Viticulture and Enology degree from Washington State University. I worked for a few wineries for 7 years before committing myself to the art of Market Gardening. In 2013 I started a small diversified market garden operation on leased land before purchasing the farm that we are on now in 2021. Along the way, I've been a construction contractor, a touring musician and a commercial fisherman. I've been a sucker to have a new experience in life but always with growing food on my mind and a true passion of sharing that with others. With starting a family now and buying a farm my focus on farming in this community has become more precise. I feel I would be a good fit for this board as I am passionate about locally grown food and all the people that are involved, from the farmer to the consumer. All my life experiences has provided me with a lot of empathy and I would like to share that in promoting our the farming portion of our food system in Snohomish County.

Please list community involvement/volunteer activities

Our farm has worked with the Snohomish Food Bank, Snohomish Healing project and have plans to start working with the Lake Stevens Food Bank this year.

How did you learn of this opportunity?

Linda Neunzig asked if I'd be interested in applying.

Do you currently serve on a Snohomish County board or commission?\*

No

*\*2.03.060SCC - Candidates for appointment to county boards or commission must meet the following requirements:*

(1) Possess qualifications for the appointment sought, as shown by the candidate's

written documentation and any hearing testimony;

(2) *If a reappointment, demonstrate the continuing benefits of retaining the board member as discussed in the executive's recommendation and a satisfactory attendance record, as determined by adopted criteria of the particular board;*

(3) *Reside or work in Snohomish County, or show evidence of special interest in Snohomish County, PROVIDED That a candidate may not be a County employee.*

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**\*\*People joining identified boards and commissions will be required to complete a background check. Boards and commissions identified as subject to requiring background checks include Children's Commission, Community Services Advisory Council, Council on Aging, CDMH (Chemical Dependency and Mental Health Program Advisory Board), Climate Action Advisory, Developmental Disabilities, Evergreen State Fair, Human Rights, Marine Resources, Performance Audit, and Planning Commission.**

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*By signing this Application Form, Nominee acknowledges that he/she will comply with all county policies, county code, and state law. Nominee also acknowledges that any record, including personal e-mail, prepared, owned, used, or retained by Nominee in the conduct of Board/Commission business is a public record, and Nominee agrees to produce said records to County upon request. Failure to comply with the above provisions may result in Nominee's removal from Board/Commission.*

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Signature Curt Krause

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Date 1/28/2025

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