

Christine Rolfes

Kitsap County Commissioner

Kitsap County Commissioner Christine Rolfes represents District 1, the north end of the county. The Kitsap County Board of Commissioners appointed her to the position June 5, 2023 to replace Commissioner Rob Gelder who resigned in May 2023. She will serve in the current term until the November 2024 election is certified.

Prior to joining the Board of Commissioners, Christine represented the 23rd Legislative District in the Washington State Senate. She was first elected to the House of Representatives in 2006 and served in the State Senate between 2011 and 2023. For the last six of those years, she served as chair of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, responsible for development of the state's \$60 billion biennial budget. In addition to writing the budget, she was a recognized leader on environment, education, and transportation policy and was a member of the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors; the William D. Ruckelshaus Center Advisory Board; the Economic and Revenue Forecast Council; the Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children, and the Puget Sound Partnership's Ecosystem Coordination Board.

Christine earned a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Washington Evans School of Public Affairs and Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from the University of Virginia. She and her husband, Leonard, began their public service careers in Kitsap County, he as a deputy prosecutor and she with the Dept. of Community Development. They raised their two adult daughters on Bainbridge Island, where the couple still resides with four chickens and one pet rabbit.