Joe for Kenmore

Your Advocate. Your Neighbor. Your Voice for Kenmore City Council Pos. 2

I grew up in Kenmore, hiking in Saint Edward State Park, biking to Log Boom, cheering on the Inglemoor Vikings, and building a life rooted in this caring community.

As a dad, I care deeply about the Kenmore we're building for our families - one that's sustainable, equitable, accessible, inclusive, and affordable!

When local democracy is threatened, so are our voices. Just this week, I've had to advocate again for Kenmore's right to control its own land use, ensuring our council and community can truly collaborate, engage, and learn from one another.

I humbly ask to continue representing you on the Kenmore City Council. I'm committed to continuing to advocate for the community that raised me.

Your neighbor,
Joe Marshall

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Vision & Values for Kenmore

As a proud Democrat and two-term Kenmore council member, it's been an honor to drive progress shaped by your voices and a long-term vision for Kenmore. Here are some accomplishments we've (City Council, City Staff, and You) achieved together and issues I've advocated for.

Grow Green

- Completed the Walkways & Waterways Parks Plan to expand parks, wetlands, and safety
- Opened 17 park-ish ideas Park
- Fought for protective buffers for Kenmore's heron rookery
- Found grants for 18 salmon habitat culverts
- Kenmore's first Climate Action Plan
- Tree protections to preserve our canopy

Grow Smart

- Imagine Housing - 100 new affordable family units
- Built miles of new sidewalks
- Ranked "Fiscal Responsibility" second out of ten city priorities recently
- Distributed federal Covid funds to small businesses & our low-income neighbors
- Stood up for local input on zoning and land use
- Kenmore's balanced Middle Housing Plan - keeping neighborhoods walkable
- Blaise Fix Adoption - keeping hard drugs illegal in Kenmore

Grow with Heart

- Secured greater protections for mobile home residents
- New Senior Women's Shelter
- Kenmore's first Pride Proclamation
- Kenmore's first Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion initiative
- LGBTQIA+ Flag on City Hall steps
- Supported sensible policies for cold-weather church shelters
- Launched the Community Court to connect people with help, not punishment

Moving Forward, Here's Our Goals

Environment

Growing up in Kenmore, I watched the stream and woods where I played get buried and bulldozed. That shaped my essays to protect our trees, waterways, and expand our parks. My voting record reflects this commitment. Together, we can preserve and increase the green spaces where we gather and play for generations to come.

Affordable Housing

As a public defender, I've stood up for our most vulnerable neighbors. I've seen firsthand how housing insecurity impacts lives, and I understand the importance of affordable options that allow people to thrive. Partnering with Imagine Housing and Lake City Partners is a good step, but there's still more work to do.

Community Gathering Places

I won't stop fighting for a public pool to ensure all residents have year-round recreation and swimming lessons for families who may not be able to afford private facilities. In recent months, I've advocated for a new splash park or playground on the City Hall Property. We have the room to make a welcoming place for teens and kids to play, connect, and have fun.

Local Voices, Local Choices

In a democracy, you deserve to have a say in how your voice is heard. I'm vibrant that I listen carefully to all viewpoints, whether you run into me at the grocery store or at a City Council Meeting. I've proven that I've let your support or concerns guide my decisions. I will continue to stand firm for Kenmore residents to have a real say in how our land is used.

Financial Sustainability

At the 2025 Council Planning Retreat, I voted Fiscal Responsibility as the second priority - helping elevate it to the city's top priority. We must have a representational force and staff resources devoted to cost savings and economic sustainability while still preserving essential services for you.

Endorsements

These are just a few of the community members and leaders standing with us!
We're proud that 90% of our endorsements live or run a small business in Kenmore.

(All titles are for identification purposes only)

Elected Officials

- Girmay Zahilay - King County Councilmember
- Rod Dembowski - King County Councilmember
- Melanie O'Cain - Kenmore Deputy Mayor
- Nathan Loutsis - Kenmore Councilmember
- David Baker - Former Kenmore Mayor
- Javier Valdez - State Senator (D)
- Gerry Pollet - State Representative (D)
- Brent Smith - Former Kenmore Councilmember
- Stacey Denuski - Former Kenmore Councilmember
- Jon Pascal - Kirkland City Councilmember

Kenmore Leaders

- Caitlin Sullivan - STEP Housing Advisory Committee & my 2025 Primary Opponent
- Kara Macias - Kenmore Planning Commissioner
- Peter Lance - People for an Environmentally Responsible Kenmore (PERK) Board Member
- Josh Kurchinka - Kenmore STEP Housing Advisor
- Saad Qadri - Former Kenmore Planning Commissioner
- Nicole Derr - Kenmore Elementary PTA Secretary
- Bill Leek
- Vicki Rhodes

Kenmore Businesses

- Bob Donovan - Kenmore Camera
- Rob Pickering - Snapdoodle Toys
- Joe Nance - Lake Washington Physical Therapy
- Dan Shin - Shin's Taekwondo Academy
- Kris Gustafson - N.J.C Premium Finance
- Happy Ajda - Advanced European Auto
- Charles Choo - Uplake Grocery & Deli Owner
- Erik Dow - Erik D. Plumber
- Jessica Salazar - Jessica's Unique Bites

Kenmore Community

- Katrina Allemeier - Inglemoor Teacher
- Dave Allemeier - Inglemoor Teacher
- Carrie Bergstrom-Halls
- Michelle Cass
- Roger Cass
- Shannon Gay-Gunderson
- Sophia Gallant
- Ben Coop
- Jennifer Coop
- Beth Grim
- Steve Grim
- Lynda Gutowsky-O'Brien
- Matt Halls
- Joe Hanick
- Arila Hust
- Julie Hust
- Claudia Kibbee
- Jeanie McBee
- Dr. David Minahan
- Suhmer Miskin
- Erik Neumann
- Melissa Pendleton - Neighborhood Board of Directors President
- Sudha Pande
- Maaso Salmassi
- Amanda Scharler
- Dave Schafer
- Susmita Sharma
- Jeff Stockamp
- Catherine Wilson

Community Testimonials

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"Joe is a dedicated community leader whose efforts, from supporting the Kenmore Boathouse and Women's Shelter to initiating progress on N'aw'ah'dees park, demonstrate his commitment to Kenmore."

Girmay Zahilay
King County Councilmember

"Joe loves Kenmore and cares deeply about protecting the environment and his votes prove it. He's a proud Democrat whose unique voice matters to our community."

Melanie O'Cain
Kenmore Deputy Mayor

"I support Joe because he puts community first, politics second. He's a true bridge-builder who listens, learns, and leads with compassion. Joe is exactly the kind of leader Kenmore needs to bring people together and shape a stronger future".

Caitlin Sullivan
My Primary Opponent

"I trust Joe Marshall to lead Kenmore with compassion and practicality. Joe is a respected, vital partner who we can count on to help address our region's challenges while building up and protecting Kenmore. Let's keep him working for us".

Rod Dembowski
King County Councilmember

"Joe is a consistent advocate for financial sustainability, always mindful of how rising costs affect our families. He genuinely seeks out community input, showing the respect and empathy that define his leadership in every conversation."

Kara Macias
Kenmore Planning Commissioner

"Joe is a compassionate, independent thinker whose legal background brings invaluable policy insight. His track record reflects meaningful contributions to the City Council"

Brent Smith
Former Kenmore Councilmember

"Joe's professional experience gives him a deep understanding of how government impacts people from all walks of life. His ethics, values, and integrity remain unwavering, both as a lawyer and City Councilmember."

Saad Qadri
Former Kenmore Planning Commissioner

"Joe always takes time to explain city decisions clearly. Once, he spent 45 minutes answering my questions in detail, taking time out of his day. His clarity and willingness to engage are incredibly crucial in a community leader."

Vicki Rhoades
Kenmore Resident and Activist

Get to Know Joe!

I'm a proud dad of two students in the Northshore School District. My children have attended Kenmore Elementary, Kenmore Middle School, and Inglemoor High School. I'm also the proud husband of Leanne Hust, my high school sweetheart, and a dedicated educator who currently serves as the head counselor at Ingraham High School.

For more than 25 years, I've had the privilege to serve as a public defender and private attorney, standing up for our region's most vulnerable and fighting for fairness, dignity, and justice in the legal system. I've also had the opportunity to represent the Northshore Fire District, Northshore Utility District, and local businesses on a range of issues.

Get In Touch!

Passionate about an issue you didn't see on this page?
Want more details on my vision for Kenmore? Or just want to go on a neighborhood hike with me?
I would love to hear from you. Reach out anytime at jhmarshall_7@msn.com

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