



A RURAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR RURAL LANE COUNTY

As a Lane County native, and a 25-year resident of East Lane County, Kevin wants a better future for our rural communities. Born in Eugene, the son of a social worker and a physicist, Kevin brings both a human and a technical perspective to community problem-solving and building win-win solutions.

Kevin worked his way through college at a variety of jobs from blacksmith and carpenter to cannery worker. One season he drove a bean harvester for Delmonte, out of Salem. Kevin graduated from the University of California, Santa Cruz with a Bachelor's degree in environmental planning, and then earned a Master of Architecture degree from UC Berkeley.

After college, Kevin returned to Lane County, built a successful publishing business, and worked as Editor in Chief of ArchitectureWeek.

Kevin and his wife Patty live at Swan Farm, on the Middle Fork Willamette in Dexter, where they are working to preserve an endangered breed of horses.

Kevin takes an active role as a community leader, something he grew into gradually, volunteering as a community advocate up and down the watersheds of Lane County.

For 20-odd years now, Kevin has helped grassroots folks in Lane County get heard, when the system wouldn't listen to them.

Kevin's Volunteer and Work Experience includes

Lane Community College Budget Committee
Dexter Rural Fire Protection District Budget Committee
BLM Eugene District Secure Rural Schools Resource Advisory Committee
Conversations on the Forest Co-Leader
West Eugene Collaborative, Mapping Chair
Eugene Neighborhood Leaders Council, 12 years
Southeast Neighbors President, 12 years
Friends of Eugene, Board President
Eugene Parks Now, Publicity Chair
LRAPA Budget Committee Chair
Jobs and Land Use Roundtable
Citizens Nature Project, Coordinator
Willamette Resources and Education Network Board
Architecture Faculty, University of Oregon
Santa Cruz Neighborhood Food Coop Board
Organizer, Santa Cruz Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO



Kevin and Patty live on their farm in Dexter, with their dogs and horses.



Kevin with his stallion Ehyr Atlaz, born & raised at their farm.

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