



Karen Fraser

Quick Facts

Birth: 1944
Seattle, Washington

Death:

Occupation:

Party Affiliation: Democrat

Years served: 1989-1993 (H)
1993-present (S)

Office: Representative; Senator;
Thurston County Commissioner;
Mayor of Lacey; Lacey Council Member

District: 22 (Thurston County)

Personal:

- Teaches master's level class in public administration at The Evergreen State College one quarter per year.
- Served as Thurston County Commissioner, 1981-88
- Served as Mayor of Lacey, 1976-80
- Served as City of Lacey Council Member, 1973-80
- Former legislative liaison for several state agencies
- Married to Tim Malone, retired Assistant Attorney General, they have an adopted daughter

Education:

- University of Washington, Master of Public Administration, 1969
- University of Washington, Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, 1966

Community Service:

- Puget Sound Council member

Affiliations:

- Washington State Association of Counties, past President
- Water Rights Disputes Task Force
- Non-highway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Task Force
- Deaf Education Task Force
- Council of State Governments, River Governance Task Force
- Energy Committee of Western Region Council of State Governments
- Episcopal Diocese of Olympia, Environment Committee
- Olympic Trials Legacy Committee

Awards:

- Seventh Generation Legacy Award, 2004
- Combined Fund Drive Leadership Award, 2004
- Panorama Democrat Study Group, 2004
- "Fearless Leader, Justice Seeker, Faithful to the Democratic Vision" Award, 2004
- Washington Rural Electric Cooperative Association Service Award
- Washington Chapter of American Planning Association for outstanding leadership in planning, 2003
- "Puget Sound Hero Award", People for Puget Sound, 2001
- "Leadership Award," Washington Association of School Administrators, District 113, 2001
- "Leadership Counts" -- Washington Public Employees Association, 2000
- "Legislator of the Year" -- Washington Council of Police & Sheriffs, 2000
- Washington Combined Fund Drive Leadership Award, 1999
- Legislative Citation of Merit, Washington Recreation & Parks Association, 1998
- Program Leadership Award, Nisqually River Management Program, 1998
- Distinguished Leadership Recognition, Association of Washington Housing Authorities, 1998
- Certificate of Appreciation, Judicial Staff of the Board of Industrial Insurance Appeals, Washington Federation of State Employees, 1998
- Legislator of the Year, Washington Chapter of the American Planning Association, 1996
- Legislator of the Year, Washington Health Care Association, 1996
- Legislator of the Year/Puget Sound Hero, People for Puget Sound, 1995
- Woman of Distinction, Pacific Peaks Girl Scout Council, 1995
- Toll Fellow, Council of State Governments, 1993
- Outstanding Leadership Award, Washington State Boating Safety Officers Association, 1993
- Silver Beaver Award for services to youth, Boy Scouts of America
- Woman Who Wins Award, a community recognition award sponsored by *The Olympian* and KGY radio
- Thurston County Citizen of the Year, finalist twice
- Legislator of the Year, Washington Federation of State Employees, 1993

Legislative & State Service:

- Joint Administrative Rules Review Committee, 1995-2004
- Capitol Campus Design Advisory Committee, 1995-2004.
- Washington State Parks Centennial Advisory Committee
- Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition
- Washington Combined Fund Drive Board
- Was the first female non-clerical employee of the Legislative Council

Committees: (1989) Capital Facilities and Financing; Environmental Affairs; Higher Education; Revenue **(1991)** Revenue, vice-chair; Capital Facilities and Financing; Higher Education; Natural Resources and Parks **(1993)** Ecology and Parks, chair; Health and Human Services; Labor and Commerce **(1995)** Ecology and Parks, chair; Financial Institutions and Housing, vice-chair; Labor, Commerce and Trade; Ways and Means **(1997)** Agriculture and Environment; Commerce and Labor; Ways and Means, ranking minority member **(1999)** Environmental Quality and Water Resources, chair; Energy, Technology and Telecommunications; Ways and Means **(2001)** Environmental, Energy and Water, chair; Health and Long-Term Care; Ways and Means **(2003)** Natural Resources, Energy & Water, ranking Member; Ways & Means

Leadership, Positions & Appointments:

- Assistant Majority Whip, 1989
- Joint Legislative Committee on Energy Supply, Chair
- Select Committee on Pension Policy, Chair, 2003
- Legislative International Caucus, Co-Chair, 1994-2004;
- Washington-Hyogo Legislative Friendship Association, Chair, 1994-2004

Sources:

- "Fraser chooses efficiency over flash," by Patrick Condon, *The Olympian*, February 15, 2003.
- "Fraser has impressive political depth," by John S. Robinson, *The South Sounder*, January, 1996.