



Louise Miller

Quick Facts

Birth: 1936
California

Death:

Occupation: Music Teacher

Party Affiliation: Republican

Years served: 1983-94

Office: Representative;
Metropolitan King County Councilmember

District: 45 (King County)

Personal:

- The annual Louise Miller Advocacy Award, which recognizes a public official who has done outstanding service on behalf of the arts, was established by the Washington State Arts Alliance Foundation (WSAA/F) in 2001.
- Married, 2 children

Education:

- San Jose State University, B.A. in Music and teaching credential

Community Service:

- Woodinville Community Action Council, past president
- P.T.S.A.
- Woodinville Chamber of Commerce, honorary member
- Seattle Center Foundation, board of trustees
- King County Earth Legacy Initiative
- Helped with improvements to Cottage Lake Park. The administration pool building at this park is named the Louise Miller Pavilion.
- Eastside Forum

Affiliations:

- Mainstream Republicans of Washington, vice-chair of executive committee
- A.A.U.W.
- B.P.W.
- W.P.C.
- Elected Washington Women, co-chair
- State Associations of Water & Sewer Districts and Conservation Districts

Awards:

Legislative & State Service:

- Resigned January 23, 1994 to serve on the King County Council. Bill Backlund was appointed to serve the rest of her unexpired term.
- Strong proponent of clean water in Puget Sound, salmon, farmland preservation and expansion of farmers' markets. Helped push the Republican Party for the Growth Management Act. She also helped create branch campuses for state universities, including the University of Washington branch campus in Bothell.
- State Water Association, executive board

Committees: (1983) Constitution, Elections and Ethics, ranking minority vice-chair; Energy and Utilities; Higher Education; Natural Resources (1985) Constitution, Elections and Ethics; Energy and Utilities (1987) Energy and Utilities; Higher Education; Rules (1989) Energy and Utilities; Rules (1991) Energy and Utilities; Rules (1993) Transportation; Energy and Utilities; Rules

Leadership, Positions & Appointments:

- Minority Whip, 1987, 1989
- Republican Floor Leader, 1991
- Metropolitan King County Councilmember, 1994-2002, served as vice-chair and chair
- Washington State Arts Commission
- National Endowment for Arts, State Grant Panel
- Woodinville Water District 104, commissioner, 7 years
- Joint Legislative Advisory Committee on Governance, Tuition, Fees and Financial Aid
- National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL), Arts, Tourism and Cultural Affairs Committee, chair
- Women's Legislative Network of NCSL, President
- NCSL Women's Network, vice-chair
- Precinct committee officer

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