



Cathy Dahlquist

Quick Facts

Birth: 1960 California

Death:

Occupation: Architecture

Party Affiliation: Republican

Years served: 2011-present

Office: Representative

District: 31 (King (part), Pierce (part) Counties)

PERSONAL:

Rep. Cathy Dahlquist serves as the ranking Republican on the House Education Committee and is a member of the House Appropriations and Technology and Economic Development committees. She was appointed to serve as an alternate member on the Joint Task Force on Education Funding, which was formed to address legislative compliance with the McCleary v. State state Supreme Court ruling on education funding.

She is a mother of three children and a small-business owner. She has experience in our state's education system and is passionate about ensuring every child has the opportunity to succeed in school.

As a small-business owner, she also understands the impact of government and the economy on employers. She and her husband have faced the challenges created by government and the financial downturn. She understands that government must do the same as employers and families are doing – live within current income.

EDUCATION:

- BS, University of Alabama

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE:

- **Enumclaw School Board Member:** Two-term Enumclaw School Board, serving two years as president.
- **Grant writer:** She secured two King County Youth Sports Facility Grants and managed the volunteer work to build the 7,000 and 8,000 square-foot playground facilities.
- **Washington State School Directors Association (“WSSDA”)** Conference Presenter: In 2008 and 2009, she was chosen to be the presenter at the group's event on the topics leadership responsibilities to communicate with constituents, particularly in a difficult economy

LEGISLATIVE AWARDS:

- **“Legislator of the Year” from the Fraternal Order of Police** for sponsoring public safety legislation, House Bill 1206, signed into law in 2011
- **“Guardian of Small Business Award” from the National Federation of Independent Business** for work during the 2011-12 sessions supporting legislation to help small-business owners create and retain jobs

- **“Cornerstone Award” from the Association of Washington Business** for working to improve the state’s business climate

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

- Sacred Heart Catholic Church
- Enumclaw Symphony Guild Board President
- Rowan County King County 4-H advisor
- Kibler Elementary PTA WSSDA
- Member Auburn Youth Soccer Association
- Mount Rainer Soccer Association
- Cascade Foothills Soccer Association
- Holy Rosary Catholic School
- Seattle Holy Rosary Catholic Church