

Conrad Lee

Conrad Lee is Bellevue's first minority City Council member, the longest continuous serving member of the council and the first mayor (2012 - 2013) of Asian (Chinese) ancestry. He represents Bellevue on the board of the Economic Development Council of Seattle and King County, and economic development is a priority for him.

The veteran council member also serves on the Association of Washington Cities Federal Board. For many years he was Bellevue's representative on the National League of Cities, and is a past president of the NLC Asian Pacific American Municipal Officials. In addition, he has been a member of the Economic Development District Board of the Puget Sound Regional Council.

As co-chair of the ACCESS Downtown Citizen Advisory Committee, Conrad was involved with critical freeway and arterial projects. He served on the I-405 Executive Committee and King County Regional Transit Committee.

He was the former president and chair of the Society of Chinese Engineers of Seattle, as well as the Chinese American Association for Professionals. He chaired the Ethnic Chinese New Year Festival and was president of the Chinese Garden Society.

Conrad holds a master's degree in business administration from the University of Washington and a bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Michigan. Conrad is retired, after working as the regional administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration and an engineer for the Boeing Co. and Seattle Solid Waste Utility.

Born in China, Conrad grew up in Hong Kong and has lived in Bellevue since 1967. He and his wife Winnie live in the Somerset neighborhood, where they raised their two children, Christopher and Jennifer. They have three granddaughters.

Council Assignments and Appointments

- AWC Federal Committee
- Economic Development Council of Seattle and King County Board

Past Council Assignments and Appointments

- U.S. Conference of Mayors (alternate)
- Bellevue Economic Partnership
- Transportation Commission Liaison
- Youth Link Board Liaison
- Bellevue School Board Liaison
- Bellevue Botanical Garden Board
- Bellevue Convention Center Authority Board
- Human Services Commission Liaison
- Summit Economic Roundtable

- Association of Washington Cities Legislative Committee
- AWC Utilities Committee
- AWC Resolutions Committee
- AWC Utility/Telecommunications Work Group
- I-405 Executive Committee
- Co-chair, ACCESS Downtown Citizen Advisory Committee
- Bellevue Economic Partnership Welcome/Retention Committee
- Eastside Transportation Partnership (alternate)
- King County Regional Transit Committee
- enterpriseSeattle Board of Directors
- Trade Development Alliance
- Regional Issues Committee
- Puget Sound Regional Economic Development District Board
- Transportation Commission Liaison

Additional Elections and Appointments

- Advisory Committee, National League of Cities Board of Directors
- Past President, NLC American Pacific American Municipal Officials
- Past Vice-Chair, NLC Immigration Task Force
- Past Vice-Chair, NLC Public Safety and Crime Prevention Steering Committee
- Economic Development Council of Seattle & King County
- Economic Development Council Board Subcommittee on Technology Issues
- Human Services Roundtable
- King County Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Community Service

- Cub Scout Master
- Little League Baseball Coach
- Past Chair, Bellevue Transportation Commission
- Chair, Ethnic Chinese New Year Festival
- Chair, 1992 Washington State Summer Games
- Past President, Chinese Engineers Society
- United Way Committee member
- Washington State Trade Mission delegate to China
- Past President, Chinese Garden Society
- President, Chinese American Association for Professionals

Employment

- Past Regional Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration
- Boeing Engineer
- Stockbroker
- METRO Consultant Coordinator
- Seattle Solid Waste Project Manager
- International Trade Consultant

Education

- University of Washington, Master of Business Administration
- University of Michigan, Bachelor of Science, Engineering

Personal

- Born in China
- Raised in Hong Kong
- Resident of Bellevue since 1967
- Wife, Winnie; son Christopher; daughter, Jennifer