



Nick Cunetta

Geology Staff at
Shannon &
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Seattle, WA

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Dear Seattle City Council,

I am a licensed Geologist-In-Training at Shannon & Wilson applying for the District 5 Seattle City Council vacancy. I grew up in District 5 (Maple Leaf), attended Seattle Public Schools (Garfield, 2014), and now work on a variety of large-scale geotechnical engineering projects across Puget Sound. I am grateful to be a product of Seattle's superior infrastructure: vibrant neighborhoods, world class parks, and excellent schools. I fundamentally believe that Seattle is the greatest city on earth. I am running for council as a "normal guy" who loves this city and is committed to improving it.

As Geology Staff at Shannon & Wilson, I specialize in subsurface exploration and geologic interpretation, soil and rock core logging, and construction observation. I have provided geologic services for several multimillion dollar infrastructure projects owned by Sound Transit and Puget Sound Energy. Prior to starting at Shannon & Wilson, I have worked for the U.S. Geological Survey Earthquake Science Center, studying earthquake hazards in Puget Sound and the Bay Area. For my graduate research at Western Washington University, I employed field geologic mapping, microscopic thin section analysis, and radiometric dating to better understand the tectonic history of the North Cascades. I defended my master's thesis in March 2024 and published my master's research in a peer-reviewed Geological Society of America Bulletin research article in May 2025.

Outside of work, I love long distance running, Southeast Asian food, and the Mariners. I have hiked the Washington section of the Pacific Crest Trail. I've ridden my bike from Maple Leaf to Montana. I walk from Northgate to Climate Pledge Arena every New Year's Eve. For the past three years, I've hosted Maple Fest, an annual music festival/block party, in my yard. I love Seattle and am eager to give back to a city that has given me so much.

Thank you for considering my application,
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Work Experience

Geology Staff, Shannon & Wilson

Seattle, WA — April 2024 - present

Assist a variety of geotechnical engineering projects for large-scale infrastructure (light rail, hydroelectric dams, tunnels, etc.) with soil and rock core logging, subsurface exploration and interpretation, construction observation, and report writing.

Geologist Intern, U.S. Geological Survey

Seattle, WA, Moffett Field, CA — June 2022 - September 2022, June 2023 - September 2023

Provided summer field and GIS assistance to several paleoseismology and neotectonics projects at the USGS Earthquake Science Center. Projects include paleoseismic trenches of the Wallula and Rodgers Creek faults, ground magnetic and shallow seismic data acquisition, and lidar-based landform mapping. Demonstrated expertise in field reconnaissance, data compilation and interpretation, and figure drafting.

Graduate Teaching/Research Assistant, Western Washington University

Bellingham, WA — September 2021 - June 2022, September 2022 - June 2023

Served as a classroom, lab, and field teaching assistant while working toward an M.S. in Geology. Courses taught include Spring Field Camp, Geomorphology, and Glacial Geology. Assisted primary instructors with lab activity curriculum development, field instruction and logistics, and grading.

Retail Sales Specialist, REI Co-op

Seattle, WA, Boston, MA, Madison, WI — April 2018 - April 2019, January - June 2021

Outfitted customers in the Footwear, Clothing, and Frontline Departments. Demonstrated brand expertise, interpersonal communication skills, and flexibility in a fast-paced retail environment.

Project Manager, Epic Systems

Madison, WI — July 2019 - November 2020

Managed a team of five analysts on a year-long medical software implementation. Worked with a client to scope the project, configured a software package that fit their workflows, tested the build, coordinated end user training, and launched a final product. Traveled regularly to client sites to provide technical support.

Trip Leader, Apogee Adventures

Brunswick, ME — June - August 2016, 2017, 2018

Led outdoor adventure trips for high school students in Yosemite, the Swiss Alps, and the American Southwest. Organized trip logistics, facilitated safe and meaningful outdoor experiences, and communicated regularly with the Maine office.

Education

Western Washington University

Bellingham, WA — September 2021 - March 2024

Degree: Geology (M.S.)

GPA: 4.0 of a maximum 4.0

Thesis: Timing of subduction initiation and deformation history of amphibolite and blueschist in the Easton metamorphic suite, Northwest Cascades, Washington

Publication: Cunetta, N. S., Mulcahy, S. R., Schermer, E. R., & Smit, M. A. (2025). Early Jurassic subduction initiation recorded in the Easton metamorphic suite, Northwest Cascades (Washington, USA). *Geological Society of America Bulletin*.

Tufts University

Medford, MA — September 2015 - May 2019

Degree: Geological Sciences (B.S.) - Magna Cum Laude

GPA: 3.70 of a maximum 4.0

Awards: James D. Hume Field Geology Prize (2019), Dean's List (2015-2019)



City of Seattle

FINANCIAL INTEREST STATEMENT AND ADDRESS VERIFICATION

CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL DISTRICT 5

All City of Seattle officials and employees are subject to the provisions of Seattle Municipal Code (SMC), Chapter 4.16, (the "Ethics Code"). The purpose of the Ethics Code is to ensure that no public office is used for personal gain; and that the public have confidence in the integrity of its government. An individual with certain financial interests may be prohibited from participating in City business, as specified in the Ethics Code. Please click [HERE](#) to see SMC 4.16.070, a list of prohibited conduct.

The City Council is interested in knowing whether you have any financial interests that could be an issue with your service on the Council. Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability. Answering "Yes" does not necessarily disqualify you from consideration:

1. Do you, or any member of your family, **receive compensation** from any person or entity that engaged in any transactions or activities with Seattle City government in the past five years? ☐ No ☒ Yes, please complete item 1 on page 2.
2. Do you, or any member of your family, have a **direct financial interest** in any person or entity that engaged in any transactions or activities with Seattle City government in the past five years? ☒ No ☐ Yes, please complete item 2 on page 2.
3. Have you, or any member of your family, served in the past five years as an officer, director, trustee, or employee of an entity that engaged in any transactions or activities with Seattle City government? ☐ No ☒ Yes, please complete item 3 on page 2.
4. After referencing SMC 4.16.070, do you have any other relationships, employment history or financial interests that you feel could be an issue with your service on the Council under the Ethics Code? ☒ No ☐ Yes, please complete item 4 on page 3.

In order to be eligible for appointment to Council Position 5, you must be a resident of District 5 for at least 120 days (City Charter Article IV, Sec. 2; Article XIX). Please confirm your eligibility by clearly printing your current residential address and affirming the length of your residency at that address:

Street Address: [REDACTED]

Zip Code: [REDACTED]

Resident at this address since: 2023

Name of Candidate (as registered with King County Elections): Nicholas Steven Cunetta

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the information provided on this page and on page 2 and on all attached sheets is true and correct and that I have made reasonable inquiry to determine the truth, accuracy, and completeness of my responses.

Signature: [Signature]

Signed at Honolulu, Hawaii, ~~Washington~~

(City or other location must be filled in.)

Date: 7/9/2025

Note: If you are appointed to the City Council, you will be required to complete a "Personal Financial Affairs Statement" on a form provided by the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission (SEEC). You can see SEEC Form F1 by clicking [HERE](#).

EXPLANATIONS FOR RESPONSES ON PAGE 1: (Use additional sheets if necessary. For assistance, please call the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission at 206-684-8500.)

1. Please provide the name and address of each person or entity for which you answered Yes on page 1

Name: Shannon & Wilson

Address: REDACTED

2. Please provide the name and address of each entity for which you answered Yes on page 1.

Name: _____

Address: _____

3. Please indicate (i) the name of the person holding the position (you or an immediate family member); (ii) the title of the office, directorship, trusteeship or employment held; and (iii) the name and address of the entity.

Person holding the position: Nicholas Cunetta

Position held with entity: Geology Staff

Entity name: Shannon & Wilson

Entity address: REDACTED

4. Please describe the relationships, employment history or financial interests for which you answered YES on page 1.

I, Nicholas Cunetta, am employed at Shannon & Wilson, a geotechnical and environmental engineering firm headquartered in Seattle. Shannon & Wilson provides engineering services on a variety of local infrastructure projects, working with Sound Transit, SDOT, SPU, etc.