





**OCCUPATION:**

**GREEN ECONOMIST (RETIRED)**

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:**

**URBAN PLANNER, STRATEGY CONSULTANT, AUTHOR, TECH ENTREPRENEUR,  
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISOR**

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:**

**COLUMBIA ACADEMY (BATTLEGROUND/WA);  
UNIVERSITY OF BRIDGEPORT (CT), BUSINESS ECONOMICS, BS;  
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY, URBAN ECONOMICS, MA;  
STANFORD UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT,  
MBA**

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:**

**TWICE-ELECTED, BOARD OF ALDERMEN, NEW HAVEN/CT; APPOINTED, COUNTY  
ECONOMIC AND SUSTAINABILITY ADVISOR, KAUAI/HI**

### Portland Boy

A 4<sup>th</sup>-generation 'native', Ken is a red-white-and-black American who lived all over this county as a kid, all over the country as an adult, and recently retired back home, seeking now to represent the Westside from his residence in Goose Hollow.

Blessed with a great mind, top schooling and multiple careers, Ken has helped community leaders across the U.S. cut through distractions to build consensus on complex policy challenges.

### Planetary Citizen

With broad experience as an urban planner and local elected official in New England, strategy consultant throughout North America, tech entrepreneur in California, and sustainability advisor and sovereignty activist in Hawaii, as well as training in urban economics and a Stanford MBA, Ken can contribute significantly to high-level deliberations focused on the County's strategic and financial challenges.

Over the decades, Ken has volunteered frequently for causes in which he believed, across a spectrum of neighborhood associations, environmental and indigenous groups, civic clubs, development NGOs, and sustainability initiatives.

### Progressive Leader

Ken has been a keynote speaker at sustainability and planning conferences, trained leaders from all sectors in sustainability thinking, and authored a popular book and blog on sustainability in Hawaii, where he lived for 25 years. He was an early participant in the 'ecol-econ listserv' which birthed the field of 'green economics'.

Ken intends to bring more 'Boomer wisdom' into our County decision-making, and will push for reshaping our 21<sup>st</sup> century government toward a 'civic tech' platform for enabling local action, with a special focus on strengthening community resilience.

### Personal Beliefs

- ***"What it is is up to us."***

*(quoting Reed-grad Howard Rheingold's famous 1985 email-signature)*

- ***Our choice: neither left nor right, but forward!***