Jane has been deeply committed to community and neighborhood interests for many years before becoming a Metro Councilor. She served as chairman of the Foster-Powell Neighborhood Association for four years and was vice-chairman for a year. Jane also directed a neighborhood clean-up and land use project and has held several crime prevention block parties. She was on the Governor's Mt. Hood Task Force for Freeway Property Disposal. She assisted in coordinating a neighborhood comprehensive plan, and worked on the neighborhood Housing and Community Development Study. For Metro, Jane serves as chairman of the Johnson Creek Task Force.

Equally active at the community service level, Jane currently serves on the YMCA Board of Directors, is a member of the YMCA Urban Services Committee, is a member of the Children's Ministries Committee of the First Methodist Church, and is a Democratic precinct chairperson. Past activities include membership on the Traffic Safety Commission and fund raising for various human service causes.

Jane formerly worked as a math teacher at Madison High School, having obtained degrees at Oregon State University and Indiana University.

Jane's involvement in education extends beyond her teaching career. She has served on advisory committees for schools in the southeast Portland area and was a volunteer teacher at several schools in the vicinity for five years.

Jane is married to Frank Rhodes, a Portland teacher, and they have two daughters.

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