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Hunter serves as chief communications and public affairs officer for Metro Parks Tacoma. His role involves managing media relations, community relations and intergovernmental relations for an independent agency providing parks, recreation and zoological services for the citizens of Tacoma and beyond.

Before joining the park district, Hunter served for 6 1/2 years as director of communications for Pierce County. His responsibilities included leading the county's community outreach plans as a member of the U.S. Open Operating Committee as well as during the formation of South Sound 911, a new emergency communications agency.

Hunter previously spent eight years as a news editor at The News Tribune in Tacoma, and he started his career as a reporter and editor with The Associated Press in Raleigh, N.C., Harrisburg, Penn., and Olympia Wash.

He grew up in Raleigh and has a bachelor's degree in history from N.C. State University. Hunter and his wife Kathleen live in the Commons at Fircrest. He is a member of the PTA at Evergreen Primary and Curtis Junior High, as well as the Kiwanis Club of Fircrest. He was first elected to the Fircrest City Council in 2011, and he was re-elected in 2015.