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Snohomish County’s Kendee Yamaguchi Selected for WSCRC’s Board of Directors

Executive Director Yamaguchi will help lead efforts to forge a stronger relationship with China

EVERETT, Wash., February 8, 2018 – Today, the Snohomish County Executive’s Office and the Washington State China Relations Council (WSCRC) announced the confirmation of Executive Director Kendee Yamaguchi to the WSCRC Board of Directors. Yamaguchi is the top trade and economic development advisor in Snohomish County and has been serving as Executive Director for over two years. WSCRC is a leading statewide organization dedicated to establishing a stronger relationship and increased trade with China.

“Kendee is a smart leader with a list of impressive federal and state accomplishments. She has been working hard to advance Snohomish County’s visibility in the Pacific Rim to open up opportunities for our local businesses, governments, and communities,” said Dave Somers, Snohomish County Executive. “Her role on WSCRC’s board will be instrumental in strengthening our relationship with one of our top trading partners, China. We value our partnership with the Washington State China Relations Council and plan to collaborate closely with them in advancing our shared interests.”

“As a global-minded strategic thinker, Kendee Yamaguchi’s business savvy and seasoned policymaking experience at the national, state, county, and city levels will be a critical leadership asset in charting the future direction of WSCRC and the Council’s collaboration with Snohomish County,” stated Mercy Kuo, WSCRC President.

“Strengthening Snohomish County and the region’s existing relationships with China, one of our state’s top trading partners, is ever more important given how connected our world has become” said Yamaguchi. “China is an important part of our future, and it is vital for us to ensure their government leaders, businesses, and investors know that we are open for business and welcome them.”

As a member of the WSCRC Board of Directors, Yamaguchi will contribute to the region’s economic vitality and cultural diversity by working with board members to advocate for increased trade and other economic opportunities.

About the Washington State China Relations Council

The Washington State China Relations Council is the nation's leading statewide organization dedicated to promoting stronger commercial, educational, and cultural engagement with China. The WSCRC has actively worked for over 40 years and their membership is comprised of over 100 companies, financial institutions, ports, municipal governments, institutions of higher education, and cultural organizations. Learn more at: <https://wscrc.org/>

About Snohomish County

Snohomish County is the third largest county in the State of Washington by population and is one of the fastest growing counties in the country. Snohomish County is home to the largest manufacturing facility in the world and is one of the top tourist destinations in the region. From the waves of Puget Sound to the ice fields of Glacier Peak, Snohomish County has diverse ecosystems, while also being home to a thriving agriculture industry and dynamic urban centers. Learn more at: www.snohomishcountywa.gov.

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