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## County Council

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Dave Gossett  
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Gary Nelson  
Kirke Sievers  
Dave Somers

## County Council Welcomes New Members

Pending certification of the Nov. 5 election, come January 1 the Snohomish County Council will officially welcome two new members, Mike Cooper of Edmonds and Brian Sullivan of Mukilteo, who will be respectively replacing retiring council members Gary Nelson and Kirke Sievers.

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"I eagerly look forward to working with Mike and Brian," said Council Chair Dave Gossett. "Both bring extensive experience in government at state and local levels, and have a great deal to offer the council and all the citizens of Snohomish County."

"I too am really looking forward to working with Brian and Mike next year," said Council Vice-Chair Dave Somers. "They have proven records as effective public servants and I know that they will continue to serve our county well."

Council member John Koster of Arlington will now be the only Republican on the five-member county council. "The elections are behind us and we have a lot of work to do," said Koster. "I've always felt the most important part of this job is building good relationships so we can do our work well. I've known both Mike and Brian from our days in the state legislature and I know we can work together."

Brian Sullivan will represent council district 2 which includes the cities of Everett and Mukilteo and portions of the unincorporated county. "Brian is a great choice for the county council," said Sievers, who has represented the second district for 12 years. "He brings to this job the same core public service values that have been my values and I wish him the very best."

"Mike Cooper previously represented the citizens of southwest Snohomish County," said Nelson, "and I would hope he would pursue efforts in county reforms, following up on his experience as a member of the county Charter Review Commission."

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