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Marilyn “Mimi” Walsh Terwilliger Appointed to County Planning Commission

The Snohomish County council has approved the appointment of Marilyn “Mimi” Walsh Terwilliger to the county Planning Commission. Walsh will represent fourth county council district. She is a resident of Brier and was nominated by County Councilmember Dave Gossett.

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“Mimi is well respected in the county,” said Gossett. “She has a good background in elected office and local government, both with service on the school board and the Brier City Council, and understands land use issues. I know she will do a great job.”

Since 1999, Walsh has been employed by the Seattle Police Department as a senior policy advisor. She earned doctorate and masters degrees in criminal justice from the State University of New York at Albany, and a bachelor’s degree in economics from Wilson College in Chambersburg, PA.

Among other jobs, Walsh served as the Snohomish County Chief Deputy Clerk from 1984 to 1997. She served on the Brier City Council from 1986 to 1989, and on Edmonds School District board of directors from 1998 to 2004.

Walsh is married to Bob Terwilliger. They have two adult children.

The Snohomish County Planning Commission is comprised of eleven volunteers who review proposed comprehensive plans and land use regulations on behalf of the citizens of Snohomish County.

The commission conducts public hearings concerning land use and zoning issues and makes recommendations to the County Council about how these land use issues should be resolved. Planning Commissioners are not policy makers or legislators and they do not work for the county.

Their role is to represent the perspective of local citizens as a counter-balance to the technical perspective of a professional planning and engineering staff in a policy advisory capacity to the County Council. Commissioners listen to complex testimony and strive to find an appropriate balance between competing goals and values before submitting their recommendations to the County Council.

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