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Tim Koss Appointed to County Planning Commission

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The Snohomish County Council has approved the appointment of Tim Koss to a four-year term on the county Planning Commission. Koss will represent second county council district. He is a resident of Everett and was nominated by County Councilmember Brian Sullivan.

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“Tim is a great choice for the planning commission,” said Sullivan. “He brings an unprecedented wealth of direct planning experience to this important and challenging position.”

Koss is retired, having worked as a senior planner and demographer in the Snohomish County Planning Department for 26 years. He earned B.A. from the University of Washington in 1972, and a B.S. in environmental planning from Western Washington University in 1977.

Koss continues to work as a professional musician, studio musician and piano tuner. He has been a performing member with the Everett Symphony Orchestra for nearly 25 years.

He is currently a member of the Everett Cultural Arts Commission and the Everett Community Development Block Grant Citizens' Advisory Committee. He served of the Everett Board of Adjustment from 2001 to 2006, chairing the board for two years.

He is married to Kathy Koss, who works at Everett Community College. They have one child, Amanda Snyder of Pullman, and one grandchild.

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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