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## County Council

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## County Council Clerk Honored

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Kathryn Bratcher, Clerk of the Snohomish County Council, received the "President's Award of Distinction" from the Washington Municipal Clerks Association (WMCA) at the group's recent annual conference in Wenatchee. Bratcher is the first county municipal clerk to receive this award.

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In presenting the award, WMCA President Alice Bush cited Bratcher's outstanding dedication to public service and the profession of municipal clerk. Bush is General Services Director/City Clerk for the City of Lakewood in Pierce County.

Bratcher has worked for the county council for over 25 years, serving as chief Clerk of the Council since 1985. She supervises a staff of five. Bratcher's primary duties are to support the work of the council by supervising administrative functions, maintaining the official county code, scheduling council meetings and hearings, supervising public notification, and maintaining the official calendar.

"Bratcher also serves as the council's network administrator, handling day-to-day technological issues and overseeing major upgrades of equipment and software," said Council Chief of Staff Marcia Isenberg, who nominated her for the award, "She was also instrumental in the development of the council's webpage."

"Most recently," said Isenberg, "in response to a recommendation from the county Charter Review Commission she researched options to improve government transparency and accessibility via the internet."

Bratcher served as the project manager and worked with the county's information services staff to identify vendors, prepare a scope of work, and negotiate a services contract. As a direct result of her efforts, the council started broadcasting or webcasting all its meetings in February. Past meetings and all the associated paperwork will be permanently archived and easily accessible to the public.

Bratcher has completed professional development courses leading to her recognition as a Certified Municipal Clerk in 1993, and her acceptance into the Master Municipal Clerk Academy in 2004. She has also served as board member, treasurer and president of the Washington Municipal Clerks Association, and belongs to the Washington Association of County Commissioners/Council Clerks, and the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

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