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Council Convenes Economic Task Force

The Snohomish County Economic Task Force will convene their first meeting on Tuesday, March 30th. The Task Force was established to advise the County Council on economic and workforce related issues and to recommend actions for the county to initiate that will result in measurable improvements in the local economy.

Councilmembers Dave Somers (D – Monroe) and Brian Sullivan (D – Everett) are co-chairing the task force. They are joined by an impressive list of local leaders including County Executive Aaron Reardon, Tribal leaders, the Economic Development Council, Chamber of Commerce, labor organizations and area community colleges. Representatives of key economic sectors will also participate including aerospace, agriculture, home builders, green jobs and technology, transportation and the tourism industry.

“I thank the members of this task force for their willingness to serve. We need their valuable input to make sure we’re doing everything we can to keep ours a competitive business climate – we can’t do it alone” said Somers.

The group was formed in response to a workshop hosted last year by the County Council with area business leaders. Participants expressed an interest in the formation of such a group to advise the Council and foster communication between the community and its legislative leaders on economic issues.

Sullivan added, “My hope is that by bringing all of these individuals and organizations together we can create synergy around ideas and improve how we communicate with each other.”

The Task Force is advisory to the County Council and the input they provide will help guide legislative actions to improve the local economy. A final written report is expected by the end of the year and will be presented during a public meeting of the Council.

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