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## **Snohomish County Seeking Applicants for Council on Aging**

*Senior leadership in action – apply now*

**EVERETT, Wash., Sept. 1, 2016**—Openings are available for volunteers interested in senior issues in Snohomish County. Snohomish County’s Council on Aging (COA) is looking for new members to serve three year terms beginning in January 2017. The COA assists in managing local, state, and federal funds targeted toward elderly residents and younger residents with disabilities, and helps advise the county’s Long Term Care and Aging office.

“Building a more effective Council on Aging benefits the entire community,” said COA Chair Nora Todd. “It’s important to provide our senior residents with services to promote positive physical and emotional wellbeing.”

COA members often serve in a variety of roles, including community representatives, planners for funding and program issues, and activists for legislative matters. The 30-member COA advisory board advises not only the county’s Long Term Care and Aging office but the Snohomish County’s Department of Human Services.

The COA meets monthly from 10: 00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of every month (no meeting in December). Smaller committee groups – such as advocacy, healthy aging, diversity, and senior centers meet as needed.

Snohomish County actively encourages members of diverse communities to apply. The Council on Aging strives for a membership that represents all the areas of the county. Snohomish County residents who represent the needs of ethnic and racial minority communities, older persons wishing to improve the quality of life for senior citizens, persons who represent organizations which serve older and younger persons with disabilities, locally elected officials, and members of the general public are all encouraged to apply.

Those interested in serving on the COA must complete and file an application with Snohomish County Long Term Care and Aging by Friday, Sept. 23. To receive an application, contact [Joyce Frasu](mailto:j.frasu@snoco.org) at [j.frasu@snoco.org](mailto:j.frasu@snoco.org), 425-388-7377 or print one directly from the COA website, at <http://snohomishcountywa.gov/961/Council-on-Aging>

The **Snohomish County Human Services Department** helps all persons meet their basic needs and develop their potential by providing timely, effective human services and building community. The purpose of the Council shall be to advise the Snohomish County Long Term Care/Aging Division, Human Services Department, and the County Executive on all matters of policy and implementation of the Snohomish County Area Plan on Aging in order to secure and maintain maximum independence and dignity for older residents of Snohomish County and all individuals receiving services administered by the Long Term Care/Aging Division.

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