



## Snohomish County Council

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## **Hans Dunshee Appointed to County Council**

On Monday, February 29, 2016, the Snohomish County Council appointed Hans Dunshee to the council's vacant District 5 seat. This council seat has been empty since Dave Somers resigned the post after being elected to the Snohomish County Executive position.

District 5 encompasses the cities of Monroe, Snohomish, Sultan, Gold Bar, Index, Lake Stevens, and Parts of Bothell, as well as large portions of unincorporated Snohomish County.

Per state law, the Snohomish County Democratic Party nominated three candidates for the council to consider to fill the vacant council seat. The council held interviews with the three candidates in a public meeting on Monday.

“We had three great candidates and it was a difficult decision,” said Council Chair Terry Ryan. “Hans had a unique skill set which will help the council with current projects and he has legislative experience. I look forward to working with him.”

“I'm very excited to work with Hans. This was a difficult decision, but in the end his experience with budgeting and his reputation as a collaborator with strong relationships on both sides of the aisle made the difference. The council had three tremendous candidates, and I want to commend all for their willingness to step forward to serve our county,” Vice Chair Brian Sullivan confirmed.

Newly appointed Councilmember Dunshee will be sworn into office in the coming days.

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