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Governor appoints Gossett to state Affordable Housing Advisory Board

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Governor Christine Gregoire has appointed Snohomish County Councilmember Dave Gossett to the state Affordable Housing Advisory Board. The Board serves as the principal advisory board to the Governor on housing and housing related issues.

"I am excited at this opportunity to work on housing issues at the state level," said Gossett. "This appointment puts Snohomish County in a strong position to advocate for more affordable housing."

The board is a collaborative effort between the public and private sector in setting public policy and priorities for affordable housing in Washington. The Affordable Housing Advisory Board is comprised of representatives from the counties, cities, housing authorities, the real estate industry (including homebuilders, for-profit and non-profit developers, lenders, and Realtors), as well as the general public.

"I am keenly aware of the need for affordable housing" said Gossett. "I particularly want to focus on how we can make housing more affordable to middle income, working class households."

"I'm also looking forward to working collaboratively with Snohomish County's Housing and Homelessness Policy Oversight Committee," said Gossett. "I can bring insights from the state to the local level and vice versa."

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