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David Hambelton Appointed to County Planning Commission

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The Snohomish County Council has approved the appointment of David Hambelton to a four-year term on the county Planning Commission. Hambelton will represent the second county council district. He is a resident of Everett and was nominated by County Councilmember Brian Sullivan.

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Hambelton previously served on the Planning Commission for 11 years (1982~1993), including over four years chairperson.

“David brings to this important job his valuable experience and a strong commitment to public service,” said Sullivan. “We are very glad to have him back.”

Hambelton is senior project manager with The Boeing Company. He earned a B.S. from the Washington State University in 1975, and a M.S. in project management from City University in 1999.

“I have been a Snohomish County resident for 30 years,” said Hambelton, “and I’ve seen a tremendous amount of growth and development, most of it within appropriate county development guidelines. I want to continue enjoying living in here and help the county continue to develop in an organized and logical manner.”

He is married to Marilyn Hambelton, who works at Kamiak High School. They have two children, Teresa and Alan, who live in the Seattle area.

The Snohomish County Planning Commission is comprised of eleven volunteers who review proposed comprehensive plans and land use regulations on behalf of the citizens of Snohomish County.

The commission conducts public hearings concerning land use and zoning issues and makes recommendations to the County Council about how these land use issues should be resolved. Planning Commissioners are not policy makers or legislators and they do not work for the county.

Their role is to represent the perspective of local citizens as a counter-balance to the technical perspective of a professional planning and engineering staff in a policy advisory capacity to the County Council. Commissioners listen to complex testimony and strive to find an appropriate balance between competing goals and values before submitting their recommendations to the County Council.

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