



## City of Edmonds Media Release

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ~ 121 5<sup>th</sup> Ave N, Edmonds, WA

***FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 17 February 2016***

To: Media

Contact: Patrick Doherty, Director, Economic Development & Community Services

[patrick.doherty@edmondswa.gov](mailto:patrick.doherty@edmondswa.gov), 425-771-0251

### **DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR APPLICATIONS TO NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

***Applicants May Submit Applications till Friday, February 26, 2016***

**(Edmonds, WA)** - Tuesday evening the Edmonds City Council amended the recently approved ordinance establishing a new, nine-member Citizens Economic Development Commission (CEDC). The amendment strikes verbiage that provided eligibility requirements for Commissioners that some Councilmembers felt may have been too narrow in their focus. Consequently, the City is providing another week to submit applications, which allows even more individuals to consider applying for the new Commission.

Originally created in 2009, the previous 17-member CEDC expired at the end of December 2015. Mayor Earling took the initiative in January to propose a new CEDC, which was introduced to Council on 1/26/16 and approved on 2/2/16.

“Promoting economic activity and vitality in Edmonds is of paramount importance to our community by creating jobs, enhancing quality of life and generating municipal revenue,” stated Mayor Earling. “There are many qualified citizens in Edmonds interested in serving their

community to help us identify ways to promote economic activity, and this new commission is intended to harness that energy to serve that purpose.”

Both the Mayor and Council will appoint CEDC members, with two members to be appointed by Mayor Earling, and one each to be appointed by the Councilmembers. Commissioners will serve in a volunteer capacity, with terms initially staggered for two and three years, ultimately settling on two-year terms. Edmonds residents interested in serving on the Citizens Economic Development Commission are encouraged to fill out and submit the official city application form that may be found at this webpage:

[Board-Commission\\_Application.pdf](#)

Applications are due by 5pm, Friday, 2/26/16.

As the City of Edmonds encourages diversity among the members of its boards and commissions, women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

For more information, feel free to contact Economic Development and Community Services Director Patrick Doherty at [patrick.doherty@edmondswa.gov](mailto:patrick.doherty@edmondswa.gov) or 425-771-0251.

###