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Mayor Earling Appoints Patrick Doherty to the Community Services Economic Development Director Position

(Edmonds, WA) Mayor Dave Earling is appointing Patrick Doherty to fill the Community Services Economic Development Director position, and will be seeking City Council confirmation on Tuesday, July 22, 2014. Mr. Doherty is scheduled to begin his work with the City on July 30, 2014.

The City opened this recruitment twice, and invited three candidates to interview with the City on July 7, 2014. Each applicant interviewed in front of three panels, including Directors, City staff, and a Council/Community member panel. The Mayor also interviewed all three applicants. After debriefing with the panels, Mayor Earling brought two candidates forward to meet with the Council at a special meeting on July 14, 2014.

After careful consideration, the Mayor selected Patrick Doherty as the number one candidate. The Human Resources Department then completed background, criminal history, education and reference checks. He was officially offered the position on July 16, 2014.

The Mayor was pleased to have two very good candidates for which to select from. Mayor Earling stated, "Patrick Doherty will be an outstanding addition to our staff. We continue to attract strong Directors from across the region. Edmonds is fortunate to have him join us".

Patrick Doherty studied Urban Planning at the University of Washington, getting his Bachelor degree in the field in 1981. He pursued a Master of Urban and Regional Planning at San Jose State University, where he focused on urban design, historic preservation and solar energy planning, graduating in May 1983. After serving as the Senior Planner for the City of Council Bluffs, Iowa for a year, Patrick returned to the Seattle area, first working

for the City of Kirkland for several months, after which time he was offered a job in the City of Seattle's Department of Construction and Land Use in August 1984. He rose quickly in the ranks there, serving as Senior Planner, leading a team of Planners covering Downtown Seattle the northern half of the City. For the last ten years of his tenure at Seattle Patrick served as the manager of the City's Design Review Program. In July 2001 Patrick was appointed as the Economic Development Director for the City of Federal Way, in charge of city center redevelopment efforts, business retention and expansion, business attraction, tourism promotion, and special projects. At the beginning of 2011 Mayor Skip Priest merged the Community Development and Economic Development Departments, with Patrick at the helm. In addition to economic development, the City's planning, building, code compliance, and social services programs have been under his leadership. In addition to the above duties, over the past four years Patrick has managed a major project for the City of Federal Way - that being a \$32M performing arts and conference center that just last month received unanimous support from the City Council.

Patrick lives on Queen Anne Hill in Seattle, enjoys many outdoor activities and excursions throughout the Northwest, patronizes the arts, and continues to serve on the Seattle Design Review Board.

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