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Port of Olympia Commissioner Steve Pottle to Take Economic Development Position in Snohomish County

Port of Olympia Commission President Steve Pottle announced Monday that he will be resigning his Commission post in the near future. A Port Commissioner since 1997, he is leaving to pursue a new job opportunity as Manager of Economic Development for Snohomish County

“In Snohomish County, the county government plays a key role in job development and job retention,” said Pottle. “Jobs and economic opportunity are my passion, and I just could not pass up this chance to do what I love most. This is an exciting time and an exciting job opportunity.”

Pottle plans to remain on the Port Commission as President until such time as the Port has established a process and timeline to select his replacement. The remaining two Commissioners have 90 days from the time of his resignation to appoint a successor. If they cannot come to a decision, the Thurston County Commission will appoint a replacement. Whoever is appointed will serve until the next election, which will occur in 2007.

“I want to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Thurston County for their strong support during the nine years I have been a Port Commissioner,” said Pottle. “In selecting my replacement, I hope the Commission will consider and choose someone who values the Port, its mission and its responsibility to this community.”

Pottle and his family will not be leaving the Olympia area. He plans to remain involved in select activities in the community.

“The Port will miss the strong leadership and sound vision Commissioner Pottle has provided over the last nine years,” said Port Commissioner Bob Van Schoorl. “He has been a strong champion for economic opportunity in Thurston County and has helped set the stage for the tremendous possibilities yet to come. We wish him well in his new position.”

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