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## *Reardon to host first Citizens Cabinet meeting*

**Who:** Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon  
**What:** The first meeting of his Citizens Cabinet  
**When:** Friday, February 27  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**Where:** The Spring Hill Suites – Marriott  
3850 Monte Villa Parkway  
Bothell, WA

Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon is convening the first meeting of his Citizens Cabinet, a 19-member group that will write an economic development action plan for the County.

The Citizens Cabinet will produce a report in late July that will address issues in four areas: Regulatory reform, taxes and fees, human capital and physical infrastructure.

The Citizens Cabinet is co-chaired by Mike Martino, president and Chief Executive Officer of Bothell-based Sonus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Connie Niva, a Washington State University regent who has also served on the Washington State Transportation Commission and the Everett City Council. Cabinet members, who have executive-level experience, are drawn from a broad cross-section of the County, including agriculture, environmental, higher education, the life sciences, aerospace, labor, health, homebuilding and high-technology sectors.

Reardon will outline the challenges and opportunities ahead of Snohomish County in opening remarks. Fred Kiga, Governor Gary Locke's former chief of staff, will also address the Citizens Cabinet. Kiga helped direct the activities of the Washington State Competitiveness Council, a state commission that produced an economic development package in 2002 and 2003.

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