



Snohomish County Council

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Sale of North Kelsey Property to City of Monroe Finalized**

[Everett, Wash.] Snohomish County Councilman Jeff Sax joined Mayor Donetta Walser and Executive Aaron Reardon today to sign the final papers selling the North Kelsey property to the City of Monroe.

“The North Kelsey property has long served the county’s public works department, but that need is no longer there for us,” stated Councilman Jeff Sax. “However, given Monroe’s growth plans and the location of the property, it is an ideal fit for the City of Monroe.”

After years of speculation, serious negotiations began last fall. The County and Monroe reached an agreement allowing the city to purchase 23 acres, commonly referred to as “North Kelsey,” and at the recommendation of Councilman Sax, the sale was approved last month. The acquisition gives the city 69 acres total to develop in the North Kelsey area.

The city plans to build a mixed-use development, including retail and office space, and possibly residential buildings such as condominiums. Monroe has taken steps already to prepare for receipt of the land, including ordering an environmental report, and hiring a broker to study possibilities for the land, including necessary improvements.

“Putting this property back on the tax rolls and creating opportunity for commercial expansion with accompanying tax dollars will add much needed revenue for the city and new jobs for the residents,” stated Sax. “It’s just the boost that Monroe needs not only to its economy, but to its identity as a growing city as well.”

The county’s public works operations currently housed at North Kelsey will be moved to a new site at the County’s property at the Cathcart Landfill.

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