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Reardon brings Citizens Cabinet to South Snohomish County

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*Former head of Washington State Competitiveness Council
invited to address group writing economic development plan*

Who: Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon
What: The third meeting of his Citizens Cabinet
When: 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 28
Where: Edmonds Community College
Snohomish Hall, Room 304
20000-68th Avenue W.
Lynnwood, WA

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

The meeting will take place at Edmonds Community College in South Snohomish County and is open to the public.

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

Dick Thompson, a former local government official in Snohomish County who was appointed executive director of the Washington State Competitiveness Council by Gov. Gary Locke, has been invited to address the Cabinet. Thompson currently serves as interim Athletic Director at the University of Washington.

Several South Snohomish County representatives service on the Cabinet, including Jack Oharah, president of Edmonds Community College; Ray Gould, a former Edmonds City Council member and chair of Sound Transit's Citizen Oversight Panel; and Larry Sundquist, owner of Lynnwood-based Sundquist Homes.

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 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.

Cliff Bailey, a former Washington State Senator and Snohomish County Council member, chairs the Human Capital subcommittee. Charlie Earl, President of Everett Community College, chairs the Physical Infrastructure subcommittee. The Taxes and Fees subcommittee is chaired by Carol Nelson, CEO of Cascade Bank. Everett attorney James Shipman is chair of the Regulatory Reform subcommittee.

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