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Deanna Dawson named new Executive Director

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*Executive Reardon's appointee brings vast experience in
law & justice and human services fields to Snohomish County*

Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon announced today that Deanna Dawson, an expert in the fields of law, criminal justice and human services, will join his administration as an Executive Director.

“Deanna is a proven leader and expert on our key issues and top priorities,” Executive Reardon said. “She has clearly shown through her work and service to our community that she is committed to serving Snohomish County.”

Dawson will oversee issues that include law & justice, human services and corrections. She has extensive experience in the legal system as a domestic violence prosecutor, a judge pro-tem for more than seven years and a public defender, which will serve her well in her new role.

“I am excited to be working with Executive Reardon to make Snohomish County a safer and more livable community,” Dawson said.

In her second term on the Edmonds City Council, Dawson currently serves as council president. In addition, she serves on the Edmonds Economic Development Committee and is chair and a board member of SNOCOM, which is the Southwest Snohomish County Public Safety Communications Agency. Previously, she served as chair of the Edmonds Public Safety Committee.

Her community service includes:

- Charter member, South Snohomish County Domestic Violence Task Force

- Board member of the Washington State Women Lawyers Association, member of the judicial evaluation committee and immediate past president of the local chapter
- Washington State Bar Association Legislative Committee
- Presenter for the Washington State Women Lawyers Association on topics such as mentoring, legal economics and ethics
- Board member of TeamChild, an organization advocating for education opportunities, mental and medical health services, safe living situations and other support for youth
- Board member of the Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Snohomish County
- Executive Board member and immediate past president of the Snohomish County Cities and Towns Association
- Certified municipal leader through the Association of Washington Cities

She recently received the 'Making a Difference for Women Award,' by the Soroptimist International of Sno-King, a volunteer service organization for professional women. The award honors women making an extraordinary difference in the lives of other women. In granting the award, a Soroptimist spokesperson said, "Deanna Dawson holds public safety as a No. 1 priority."

Dawson replaces Susan Neely, an appointee of former County Executive Bob Drewel, who assisted in the transition between administrations.

"We thank Susan for her service to the County and wish her well in her new endeavors," Executive Reardon said.

Dawson earned her Juris Doctorate from the University of Washington.

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