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Reardon appoints Mark Soine to the Highest Appointed Post in His Administration

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*Executive praises former City of Everett Attorney as
“highly efficient and effective” administrator*

Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon today announced that he has hired City of Everett Attorney Mark Soine to fill the highest appointed post in his administration, Deputy Executive.

Executive Reardon praised Soine as a “dynamic and highly effective administrator” during his nearly decade-long stint as Everett’s chief attorney possessing unique skills that will make him a valuable addition to the Snohomish County Executive Office.

“I am excited that Mark has agreed to join my administration at a time when many of the initiatives launched during my first 18 months are paying dividends to our citizens,” Executive Reardon said.

“My administration began eighteen months ago by balancing the County’s budget, producing an economic development plan aimed at bringing new jobs to our County and increasing government accountability,” Executive Reardon said.

For the past six months, Executive Reardon has focused on a broad realignment of County government departments that promises greater efficiencies and the final stages of the campus redevelopment. He also has been working on local security initiatives by

bringing Snohomish County DEM into the County and creating a work plan for additional ball fields and parks.

Executive Reardon developed a strong working relationship with Soine when they worked together in Everett Mayor Ed Hansen's administration. Soine was appointed City Attorney in 1996. Prior to that, he was an attorney in private practice and elected to the Everett City Council in 1993.

"I am looking forward to working with Executive Reardon," Soine said. "He is a strong, innovative and focused leader. I am excited to work with an Executive who is committed to improving our economy, increasing government accountability and making Snohomish County a better place to raise a family."

During his career as City Attorney, Soine oversaw a successful drug house abatement program by the Everett prosecutor's office. He was instrumental in the development of Everett's nationally recognized Domestic Violence Prosecution Program and more recently the establishment of the Everett Office of Community Prosecution. He is currently in his second term as President of the Snohomish County Emergency Radio System (SERS).

Soine also played key roles in the development of the Everett Events Center and the planned Riverfront redevelopment among other major projects.

"Mark Soine is a strong administrator who will ensure we continue our goal of turning this County into the most effective service delivery system possible," Executive Reardon said.

Soine has been an attorney for more than 29 years. He was a founding member and past president of the Northwest Everett Neighborhood Association, board member of the Everett YMCA, a member of the Everett Rotary, and a board member and past president of the Drug Abuse Council of Snohomish County.

Soine will join the Reardon administration in late July.

Soine replaces outgoing Deputy Executive Gary Weikel, who remains with the administration as Special Projects Director, will act as interim Director of Parks and Recreation, with additional responsibilities for the County's Campus Redevelopment Initiative (CRI). Weikel will also be involved in the transition of the independent Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management (DEM) to a County agency.

"These last 18 months have been extremely exciting," Weikel said. "It has been a pleasure to serve as Executive Reardon's Deputy. I am proud to be part of a team that has accomplished so much in such a short period of time, and I look forward to continuing to serve the Executive in my new position."

Executive Reardon said, “Gary is a valuable member of our team and will continue to play an active role in many special projects that our County cares deeply about.”

Weikel has served 17 years in Snohomish County government and has held the Deputy Executive post since 2000.

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