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### News Release

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## New Snoqualmie City Council Members Bring Passion for Community

**Snoqualmie, WA** – Katherine Ross and Sean Sundwall are the newest city council members for the City of Snoqualmie. Appointed unanimously by the city council members, they will fill two open positions on the council until the results of the 2017 general elections are certified. At that time, individuals elected by Snoqualmie voters will begin serving immediately at the end of November 2017.

Katherine and Sean are both very active in the Snoqualmie community and bring dedication and commitment to serve the residents, businesses, and visitors of our city.

Katherine has been a resident of Snoqualmie for more than 13 years, raising a family and contributing her time and energy to many local organizations. She currently serves on the board of directors for Encompass NW, previously holding the positions of president and vice president. For several years, she served on the City of Snoqualmie Human Services Committee and Library Board. Katherine has a Masters of Business Administration from Seattle University.

“As a council member, I hope to contribute to strengthening economic development and ensure local growth protects the health, welfare, and quality of life for its residents and businesses,” said Katherine. “I will take a balanced, pragmatic approach to issues and make decisions that will preserve the heritage, culture, and lifestyle of our community.”

A resident of Snoqualmie for more than 12 years, Sean currently has two successful businesses in town including American Family Insurance and Run Snoqualmie, which hosts four local fun runs each year to promote fitness and tourism. He is an assistant Track and Cross Country coach at Mount Si High School where he has enjoyed serving the youth of the Valley for the last seven years. For several years he volunteered for Valley Voters for Education, educating voters about the importance of passing school bonds. He also led the recount effort in the infamous 2011 school bond election which failed by one vote, but subsequently pass in 2015. Sean has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communications from Brigham Young University.

“I want to give back to this community that I love, and I want to do everything I can to make sure it is a city I am even more proud of 10 or 20 years from now,” said Sean. “I envision a city that is home to a diverse set of people and a more diverse business environment that can employ people who live here. We live in such a desirable place, we have the opportunity to diversify our tax base and create a more dynamic economic and employment environment.”

Katherine and Sean will begin committee work immediately and will attend their first city council meeting on April 24.

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