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**Lisa Anderson Announces Candidacy for Bellingham City Council**

*A 30-year resident and seasoned community advocate pledges to*

*collaborate with all stakeholders to find pathways for smart growth.*

I am pleased to announce my candidacy for Bellingham City Council’s Ward 5 position. I am a 30-year resident of Bellingham and currently serve on the City Planning and Development Commission. Previously, I was a member of the Mayor’s Neighborhood Advisory Commission (MNAC), the York Neighborhood Association Board from 2009 to 2015, and the Bellingham Shoreline Committee.

As a York board member in 2014, I co-founded the Samish Way Task Force with the late Senator Harriett Spanel and other community leaders to improve the safety and vitality of the Samish Way corridor. We brought the public’s attention to the crime-ridden area and successfully pressured the City Council to condemn the Aloha Motel. Today, the property is being redeveloped as publicly subsidized housing with office and commercial spaces. It symbolizes a thriving future for the Samish Way Urban Village.

Collaboration was key to achieving these results. If elected, I pledge to collaborate with all stakeholders to find pathways for smart growth, while honoring the unique qualities and needs of our diverse community and neighborhoods.

I hold a Master’s Degree in Student Personnel Administration from Western Washington University, where I was employed for 10 years. Since 2005 I have been employed at Whatcom Community College where I have the opportunity to assist individuals with their educational goals. I look forward to the upcoming opportunities my election campaign creates for me to hear about citizens’ concerns, neighborhoods’ needs, business and employment goals, while working together to create solutions for our complex environmental and housing challenges.

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