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## **Brett Bonner Announces Whatcom County Council Candidacy**

Longtime community leader Brett Bonner has announced his candidacy for the Whatcom County Council.

Bonner, a 55-year old Bellingham resident, is running for the council's At-Large seat.

"I believe we have a bright future in Whatcom County. If we work together, we will solve the challenges facing our community," Bonner said. "We can find real solutions to affordable housing and homelessness. We can support our local businesses. We can protect the environment. We can create opportunities for the next generation.

"It's about people, not politics," Bonner said.

Bonner has been involved in local issues for many years. He has served on the boards of the United Way and Bellingham Boys and Girls Club, and also a financial task force for Northwest Youth Services. He was co-chair of the City of Bellingham Budget Advisory Committee and was appointed to the bi-partisan Whatcom County Districting Committee, which re-drew the political boundaries in Whatcom County following a voter-approved measure.

Bonner, a U.S. Navy veteran, spent 28-years as a broadcast journalist and talk show host, and was part of the team at KGMI radio which won the Edward R. Murrow Award for excellence in journalism. Following his broadcasting career, Bonner worked in Sustainable Investing at Saturna Capital, the Bellingham-based global asset manager. Drawing on his decades of experience as a journalist, he is currently a writer who focuses on public policy and government's impact on economic and social issues.

Brett and wife Kim have lived in Whatcom County for 30-years and raised their family in Bellingham's Cornwall Park neighborhood.