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Jack Louws
County Executive

LOUWS ANNOUNCES DECISION NOT TO SEEK A THIRD TERM AS WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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Whatcom County Executive, Jack Louws, has announced that he will not seek another term. Louws is in his second term, which ends early January, 2020. He will be completing a combined 20 years of public service, having served as Mayor of Lynden, WA for two terms 2002-2010. He began his public service as a Lynden City Council member 1990-1994.

Louws' tenure has seen a significant advancement in technology for Whatcom County Government. Additionally, many capital projects have advanced under his leadership. Louws, with support of the Council, has a robust capital plan in place that will be accomplished in the next few years. He is pleased that the County is in a fiscally sound position to meet future challenges.

Louws says he expects that the next 11 months will continue to be business as usual. He plans to work to ensure that projects move forward, that budgets are adhered to, and that all departments and offices of government provide citizens with information and good customer service.

He says "My years of public service to Whatcom County have gone by quickly and I feel blessed to have been able to service the community I love. At the end of my term I'll be turning over the reins to a new administration. I intend to do whatever I can to make sure that the transition is a smooth one."

Louws and his wife, Cindy, expect to travel but will also continue to be active in the community.

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