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**Eastside Business Alliance Offers Early Endorsements for 2017 Elections**  
*All candidates endorsed for their records of support for the Eastside business community*

Bellevue, WA – The Eastside Business Alliance (EBA), a political action committee consisting of Eastside business leaders, today announced early endorsements in select local contests this year. Each of the endorsed candidates have received past support from the EBA and received an early nod because of their strong support for public policies promoting economic growth, low taxes and a reasonable regulatory environment.

The candidates receiving an early endorsement this year include the following:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Candidate</u>
Port of Seattle Commission, Position 3	Stephanie Bowman
Bellevue City Council, Position 2	Conrad Lee
Kirkland Mayor	Amy Walen

According to EBA Chairman Randy Pepple, “Each of these candidates have demonstrated a commitment to working on behalf of small and medium sized business not just for a year or two, but over several terms in office.”

Port Commissioner Stephanie Bowman noted that “An endorsement for EBA is a real plus in a countywide race. I’m grateful for their support and will be a voice for Eastside businesses on the Port Commission.”

According to Bellevue Councilmember Conrad Lee, a longtime public servant, “We can never take continued economic growth for granted. I’ll work hard to make certain Bellevue remains open for business and am grateful for the EBA endorsement.”

Amy Walen, a small businessperson in her own right, commented that ensuring a transparent regulatory environment for small businesses is an ongoing battle. She added, “I’m proud to be known as a pro-business candidate and thank EBA for its strong support of my reelection.”

*The Eastside Business Alliance will announce additional endorsements for the 2017 election cycle in the coming weeks.*

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