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**Eastside Business Alliance Announces Endorsements for Primary Election**

*All candidates endorsed for their positions in support of the Eastside business community*

Bellevue, WA – The Eastside Business Alliance (EBA) has announced endorsements of business-friendly candidates for the 2017 Primary Election.

The candidates endorsed today are as follows:

Bellevue City Council, Position 4  
Port of Seattle Commission, Position 1

Jared Nieuwenhuis  
John Creighton

EBA Chair Randy Pepple commented, "These two candidates stand out for their understanding of and commitment to, the needs of the business community in the I-405 suburban crescent."

Jared Nieuwenhuis, in his first race for public office, remarked "As the only candidate in this race with support from both the business community and the neighborhoods, I am grateful for EBA's endorsement. Together we can get things done the Bellevue Way."

John Creighton, a veteran Port Commissioner, added "Thanks very much to the Eastside Business Alliance for supporting my re-election. Having grown up on the Eastside, I have worked to make sure that the Eastside and Eastside businesses have a voice on the Commission and I will continue to do so."

In addition, EBA two weeks ago announced backing for the following candidates, each of whom had been endorsed in prior elections:

Port of Seattle Commission, Position 3  
Bellevue City Council, Position 2  
Kirkland Mayor

Stephanie Bowman  
Conrad Lee  
Amy Walen

*The Eastside Business Alliance will announce endorsements for additional candidates, prior to the 2017 General Election.*

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