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PRESS RELEASE

Sumner City Administrator Taking New Position in Tumwater

Sumner, WA—On December 23, 2009, the City of Tumwater announced that they have selected Sumner City Administrator John Doan to be their new city administrator. Doan's new position in Tumwater will begin on January 26, 2010. This change will mark the end of over 18 years that Doan has worked for the City of Sumner.

Doan was first employed by Sumner in September 1991 as the Community Development Director. This was a key role as the City was starting to do Growth Management Planning. In the following years, Doan served as Sumner's Parks and Facilities Manager and Deputy City Administrator before being named the City Administrator in April 2005. "Sumner is a very tight-knit community, and I have so enjoyed being welcomed as part of that community while having the opportunity to help Sumner shape its future. While I will miss the many wonderful people I have met, Sumner will remain a part of me," said Doan.

The city administrator serves as the city's chief operating officer, managing the daily operations of the City under the supervision of the mayor. During Doan's tenure as city administrator, Sumner has received many honors for its leadership, including the Local Government Commission's Awanahnee Award for the Comprehensive Plan, State-wide awards for the City's urban forestry program, and receiving a bond rating upgrade to A+. It was under his leadership that the City of Sumner formed a new partnership with East Pierce Fire & Rescue for fire service, converted to a biennial budget, opened the new Rainier View Park, constructed the City Hall renovation, and was awarded numerous grant funds, especially in the areas of transportation and police.

Sumner Mayor Dave Enslow said, "John has done so many wonderful things for us here in Sumner that we will be enjoying the benefits of his knowledge and leadership for many, many years to come." Over the next month, Mayor Enslow will work with the City's staff and Council to choose Sumner's next administrator.

The City of Tumwater is a city of approximately 16,700 residents in Thurston County. Doan will replace Tumwater administrator Doug Baker who is retiring this month and will serve under newly elected Mayor Pete Kmet.

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