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Whatcom Chapter of the Washington Conservation Voters Endorses Dan McShane

Bellingham, WA -- The Whatcom Chapter of the Washington Conservation Voters (WCV) endorsed Dan McShane for Mayor of Bellingham. The decision was focused around several key factors: proven leadership and integrity on environmental issues, prior endorsement and support by WCV, past environmental voting record and viability. The Chapter interviewed four of the candidates for mayor. The candidates interviewed were Don Keenan, Seth Fleetwood, Dan McShane and Dan Pike. Bill Gorman and Bob Ryan declined the Chapter's invitation to be interviewed.

"We have made the right choice in Dan McShane for Mayor and believe that the City of Bellingham will be well-served by his forward thinking leadership," says Ann Russell, Chapter Chair. Russell adds, "Dan has a proven track record on Lake Whatcom and will provide the kind of balanced leadership the City needs on Waterfront re-development and planning for growth."

"We were pleased to have seen such a strong commitment to the environment in all of the candidates we interviewed," said Todd Donovan Vice-Chair of the Whatcom Chapter. Donovan continues, "Seth Fleetwood's environmental voting record has earned him our strong support in the past. That made our final decision more complex, but in the end we saw Dan McShane as the best candidate."

As other city and county races shape up, the Whatcom Chapter of WCV, "looks forward to endorsing and holding accountable candidates who show strong leadership on environmental issues," says Russell. The Whatcom Chapter is a part of a state wide non-partisan political action organization that works to elect and support environmentally responsible candidates for political and judicial office at the state and local level. Candidates, both challengers and incumbents, are evaluated for endorsement based on their environmental record, their commitment to environmental values, and the viability of their campaign.

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