



## **Bringing Sound Leadership for ALL of Edmonds.**

I am pleased to announce that I am running to serve as the next Mayor of Edmonds and to ask for your support.

We all live in Edmonds because it is an extraordinary and exceptional community. I am running to build on the great things that have been accomplished over many decades. With your help we will ensure that our future is as bright as our past.

I have experience where it counts and wide-ranging leadership skills to be a strong, thoughtful, collaborative and decisive mayor. For the past 10 years, I have served in leadership roles that have put me front and center on issues facing our community and am proud of my record while serving on the City Council, Transportation Committee, Parks, Planning and Public Works Committee and as Chair of the Planning Board.

In my professional capacity over the last 10 years I have helped organizations implement change at a board level. Budgeting, hiring and managing personnel are a big part of what goes into my consulting process. In the past, I have written training curriculum on Group Facilitation and Conflict Management. I consistently drew on those experiences as Chairman of the Planning Board and they have been particularly useful as a member of the City council. I know City systems and want to keep them humming.

I am committed to sound leadership for the ongoing development of current projects like the Waterfront Center and Civic Field. I pledge to continue working with the volunteers and community members who have given so much to build for our future.

One of the highest priorities of my administration will be to advance our plans for developing the Highway 99 corridor. The public process our community completed in 2017 continues to gain momentum with preliminary designs. Funding from State and Federal sources will be essential. I met recently with our local representatives in Olympia asking them to prioritize funding for planned improvements.

Regarding our environment, I worked to get Haines Wharf on the State's work plan for improvements. I also met with a group of County and National leaders to include restoration of habitat at Meadowdale Beach. And as a Councilmember, I supported improvements for our marsh.

I'll continue to promote enhancements for our neighborhood business zones like Perrinville, Westgate and Firdale Village. I helped rally support for the roundabout at Five Corners and will do so again for other large improvements that attract State and Federal funding.

There will be changes, but when we plan for them and involve our residents and business leaders, good things happen.

My family and friends have agreed with me that this is the time for me to run for Mayor. My wife, Margaret, teaches at Chase Lake School with the Edmonds School district and knows first hand about the increasing diversity and challenges that younger families face as they settle in our community. Her stories inspire me to assure that we have city services to include new people.

*"I have known Neil for over 10 years. I've watched as he has generously given of his time to the Edmonds community on a variety of boards and commissions. He has served Edmonds residents well during his time on the City Council and I look forward to his thoughtful, common sense approach as mayor. I'm happy to support his candidacy and encourage you to get to know him over the coming months." Gary Haakenson Edmonds Mayor 2000-2010"*

I plan to continue my focus on our community's ability to provide necessary services for our citizens, e.g., public safety, transportation, utilities in addition to the amenities that make Edmonds such a wonderful community. While it will be important for us to budget wisely as we move forward on significant public projects such as building Civic Park, implementing the Connector and improving the health of the Edmonds Marsh, we also need to facilitate important city-wide conversations regarding longer range plans. I believe we can be the city that gets growth right.

*"Neil exhibits the kind of representation that results in reaching the best outcome for the community." Darlene Stern*

I'm proud of the endorsement I've already received and the dedication of my Honorary Co-chairs, Gary Haakenson, Mike Schindler, Darlene Stern and Carl Zapora. For a growing list of supporters please visit my website... [www.neiltibbott.com](http://www.neiltibbott.com).

(Editors Note: Neil Tibbott is a graduate of the University of Washington school of Communications and has lived in Edmonds for over 20 years. He and his wife Margaret have raised four children who attended and graduated from Edmonds

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