



SeaTac City Councilmember Joel Wachtel Steps Down from Council Seat



SeaTac, WA (May 27, 2020) - During the May 26, 2020 Regular Council Meeting, SeaTac City Councilmember Joel Wachtel (Position 2) announced he was stepping down effective May 31, 2020.

“I have to say, that the time I spent on the Council has been a wonderful time and I am proud of what we have accomplished,” said Wachtel. “My reasons for doing this are personal...because of situations that impacted us and health situations.”

“I am thankful for the passion and extensive experience Councilmember Wachtel brought to his elected seat,” says City Manager Carl Cole. “During his tenure, Wachtel guided the region’s first Municipal Airport Advisory Committee which ensured SeaTac’s relationship with community partner Port of Seattle was maintained.”

Councilmember Wachtel joined the Council in January 2018. In addition to the Airport Advisory Committee, during his time with the City, Wachtel chaired the Public Safety & Justice Committee and the Planning and Economic Development Committee. He also served as a member of the Sidewalk Advisory Committee and a Member of the Law Enforcement Officers' and Fire Fighters' Retirement System One Disability Board. Wachtel also served as a representative on the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority Governance Board.

“I am very proud of what we have accomplished. I am very proud to be part of this Council,” said Wachtel. “The many important things that we have done, overcoming a deficit, increasing revenues, the SeaTac Center project, really we have done a lot for the City together.”

Wachtel is a resident of SeaTac. He and his wife Maria have several adult children. Following the meeting, Wachtel shared that he and his family are planning to move out-of-state.

“This is the time for my wife and I to enjoy our golden years as they are called, I plan to take full advantage of that time,” said Wachtel.

Wachtel’s term runs until December 2021. The City Council will announce the process of filling the empty council seat in the near future.

About the City of SeaTac:

Incorporated in February 1990, the City of SeaTac is located approximately midway between the cities of Seattle and Tacoma. The City of SeaTac is 10 square miles in area and has a population of 29,140. The City is a vibrant community, economically strong, environmentally sensitive, and people-oriented. The City boundaries surround the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, (approximately three-square miles in area) which is owned and operated by the Port of Seattle.*

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