

When I hired Pat as News Director, I knew we were getting someone special. Over the past few years I've realized just how truly lucky we have been. He has taken our team into the #1 leadership position in the market. So it is with immense pride, and great sadness, I'm sharing the news that Pat has decided to retire at the end of his contract in February. Here is an excerpt from Pat's resignation letter:

*"Thank you for giving me the chance to lead this outstanding group of journalists here at KOMO-TV. We are a newsroom which advocates on behalf of the community we serve. We have found the balance between reporting issues that trouble us as well as stories about people who swell us with regional pride. The KOMO team is as good as any working today and it has been my honor to be their news director. I love KOMO News, and the staff that plies their craft with such excellence. I am in awe of the work they produce."*

Pat is an incredible leader. He knows people in every market, in every station, and at every network in the country. I'm honored to have had him as a mentor and friend. We will make sure to say good-bye in fine fashion, when the time comes. Please know you are in good hands. Michele Morin and I will work together to identify the next leader of this incredible team. He or she has big shoes to fill.

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