



Dear Chamber Members and Strategic Partners,

I'm honored to serve once again as the Board Chair of the Seattle Southside Chamber of Commerce. We have accomplished much over the last three years under the leadership and dedication of our President and CEO Andrea Reay, loyal staff, supportive membership, strategic partners, and the past as well as current Board of Directors.

As we start a new decade and face new challenges, let us reflect on our organization's vision and mission:

Vision: *Seattle Southside Chamber of Commerce is the leading business membership organization in the South Puget Sound region and a guiding voice for our business community and the communities we serve.*

Mission: *Seattle Southside Chamber of Commerce creates success for our members; advances our region; and maintains a strong economic environment in Southwest King County through support, service, and advocacy at all levels of government, and by connecting our members to our communities.*

Our regional economy continues to be strong. However, with that prosperity come new challenges as it relates to available workforce and housing. Our strategic partners, staff, board, and volunteers are eager to take on the challenge and find creative solutions. Together we can support each local community while at the same time increasing the overall economic development and growth in our region.

As we move forward, we will continue our involvement in local politics, government, and education to encourage additional public/private partnerships that help produce additional family-wage jobs in our local economy to benefit the communities we live and work in.

At the same time, we will continue to increase our legislative involvement in the South Sound Chambers of Commerce Legislative Coalition and the Association of Washington Business (AWB) to further advance and enhance the overall business environment.

We look forward to another great year and thank you for your support and participation. Together we are stronger and I'm excited to see what we accomplish in the years ahead.

Thanks for all that you do!

Dan Mathews, Kidder Mathews
2020 Board Chair
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