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Press Release

Jay Witherbee Announces Candidacy

Seeks Office of Chelan County Commission, District 3

Chelan, February 20, 2008: Jay Witherbee of Chelan announced today (Wed) his candidacy for Chelan County Commission, District 3. Witherbee, a Republican, is seeking the position currently held by incumbent Commissioner Buell Hawkins who has announced his intention to retire when his current term expires at the end of 2008.

Witherbee, 51, is a longtime Chelan resident who just completed a four-year term as Chelan Mayor. Prior to that, he served four years as a member of the Chelan City Council. He has a long history of community and civic involvement, including board service on the Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce, Association of Washington Cities, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Wenatchee Valley, Chelan-Douglas Board of Health, Chelan Senior Center, and the Rotary Club of Chelan. Professionally, Witherbee has been a small business owner for over 25 years. He recently surrendered his real estate license to focus all of his energy on being first a candidate, and then the elected Chelan County Commissioner, District 3.

In making the announcement to seek election to the County Commission, Witherbee said "I am dedicated to public service, particularly when it comes to serving the residents of Chelan County. There are few places anywhere in the world that offer the kinds of recreational amenities, rich historical foundation, vibrant and diversified local economy, and extraordinary quality of life that we enjoy. I will provide the strong, visionary leadership needed to preserve Chelan County's future."

Regarding his position on issues of critical importance to Chelan County, Witherbee stated, "Community values need to drive strategic policy development and implementation. Whether we're talking about growth & development, property taxes, transportation or water issues, it all comes under the heading of quality of life. The preservation and enhancement of quality of life is priority one."

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Witherbee acknowledged Commissioner Hawkins for his distinguished service to the residents of Chelan County: “Buell Hawkins will leave a legacy of accomplishment and dedication. His passion for public service and doing what’s right regardless of the political consequences will long be remembered.”

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