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## **REP. SHARON SHEWMAKE ANNOUNCES HER CAMPAIGN FOR WASHINGTON STATE SENATE IN THE 42ND DISTRICT**

**Bellingham, WA** -- Today Representative Sharon Shewmake announced that she is running to represent Whatcom County's 42nd Legislative District in the Washington State Senate. As the only economist in the Legislature she will continue to work hard for the people of Whatcom County. She's known for a pragmatic, bipartisan approach to solving problems. She shows up to meetings with a spreadsheet to make sure the numbers add up, and that decisions are based on facts and science, not ideology.

"As Whatcom County recovers from devastating floods, infrastructure is more important than ever," says Rep. Shewmake. "Our community shows up to help one another whether it is pulling people from vehicles or bringing a neighbor without power a hot meal, and now we need to pull together to rebuild our infrastructure and ensure we are building our economy on the higher ground for long term prosperity and stability. When a community shows up as much as Whatcom County does, it deserves a State Senator that works just as hard as you do. You can count on me every day to put the people of Whatcom County first. As we can see, decisions made in Olympia impact you, and we have an opportunity to be heard on the issues we care most about: economic recovery, rebuilding our roads, affordable housing, childcare, improving our floodplains, and sustainable farming."

"In 2018 I was elected to the House and now I'm ready to make sure you're represented in the Senate. I've enjoyed working for you in Olympia and when you reach out, I take the time to listen and make sure you get the help you need. This year I believe even more strongly that Whatcom County needs a Senator who understands the challenges you're facing and who will work every bit as hard as you do."

Sharon Shewmake is also a wife, a mom, a children's book author, and a college professor. She teaches Environmental, Housing, and Transportation Economics. She was first elected to represent Whatcom County's 42nd Legislative District in 2018 and has served in the State Legislature for four years. She serves on the State Covid Economic Recovery Commission, is Vice Chair of the House Rural Development, Agriculture, & Natural Resources Committee, and serves on the Capital Budget and Environment and Energy Committees.

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