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Preeti vows to make Port of Seattle world leader in maritime and aviation *Port Commission candidate promises to grow jobs and build an inclusive economy*

Preeti Shridhar, 27-year resident of King County and long-time public servant, today announced her candidacy for Port Commission, Position 2, the seat currently held by Commissioner Courtney Gregoire, who will not run for re-election. Shridhar brings years of experience and a commitment to create opportunity, build an inclusive economy, and protect our natural environment.

"I will deliver on the promise of being the most competitive Port globally and grow our job-generating maritime business, and thriving tourism industry," said Shridhar. "I will work to boost our local economy, protect our workers, and create career pathways for our youth."

Shridhar brings 13 years of experience working with south King County cities, businesses, and community organizations. She currently works for the City of Renton and has helped the city achieve significant growth, economic development, and recognition as one of the region's leading cities. She has reached out to immigrant communities and other residents to make sure they have the services they need. Shridhar also helped to launch the City of Seattle's Climate Protection Initiative and introduced the City's recycling and water conservation programs.

"I have served the people of King County for more than a dozen years and I bring an unwavering commitment to transparency and accountability," said Shridhar. "I will honor the people's trust and confidence in me."

Shridhar is endorsed by many local leaders:

"Preeti is very well qualified to be a Port Commissioner," said Renton Mayor Denis Law. "She is a highly capable leader who has dedicated her career to make a positive difference in our region. I admire her brilliance, compassion and her ability to inspire those around her."

Also endorsed by:

Washington State Senator Patty Kuderer (48th District)
Washington State Senator Lisa Welmman (41st District)
Washington State Representative My Linh-Thai (41st District)
Washington State Representative Gael Tarleton (36th District)
Washington State Representative Steve Bergquist (11th District)
Mayor Denis Law, Renton
Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn
Mayor Dana Ralph, Kent
Renton City Councilmember Armondo Pavone
Renton City Councilmember Ruth Perez
Renton City Councilmember Ryan McIrvine
Redmond City Councilmember Angela Birney
Woodinville City Councilmember James Evans
Former State Representative Marcie Maxwell
Michael Christ, President, CEO SECO Development

As Port Commissioner, Shridhar will improve accountability:

"I will make sure that the Port's decisions are balanced in the best interest of all King County," said Shridhar. "I will uphold our community values and work hard to create opportunities for all."

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