

# News Release

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## Port Townsend Chamber President Moves On

Port Townsend, WA, October 23 -- After three years of continuous service on the Board and serving for the past ten months as President, Kim Jons announced today she is leaving the President's position at the Port Townsend Chamber of Commerce.

Jons said, "I've reached a critical point in developing my new business venture. This compels me to focus effort and energy where I can do the most good."

Under Jons' leadership, the Chamber's mission advanced significantly in many areas.

The Chamber achieved strong membership growth with the addition of dozens of new members, for a total of over 400 – and growing.

Jons worked on ferry and bridge mitigation, and also facilitated Chamber collaboration with the City, Main Street and other organizations, to bring about best possible outcomes for transportation issues. The Chamber was instrumental in supporting the new ferry reservation system and lobbying for appropriate replacement ferries.

A long-term goal of the Chamber was realized last week when the new Visitor and Information Center arrived -- following a cooperative effort with the City and the Transit Authority. The new location in the Jefferson Transit Park and Ride will encourage the use of public transit.

Even though 16-year General Manager, Tim Caldwell, left for a position with Puget Sound Energy, the Chamber retains Tim's expertise as a key member of the transportation committee because Jons recruited him to that post.

The Chamber retained professional accounting services with a new system to accurately track income and expenses.

Jons said, "I have really enjoyed my time with the Chamber, especially this past year. We have a very responsive and hard-working board. The executive board has a demanding work load, and each of us accepted our responsibilities and accomplished the work."

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