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## **STRICKLAND TO RUN FOR MAYOR**

TACOMA, WA - Tacoma City Councilwoman Marilyn Strickland has announced her candidacy for mayor. She will seek the open seat to be vacated by Mayor Bill Baarsma, who is term limited at the end of 2009.

Elected to the Tacoma City Council in 2007, Strickland currently serves as Vice-Chair of the Public Safety, Human Services & Education Committee, and serves on the Government Performance and Finance Committee. She also serves on the board of Safe Streets, the Pierce County Regional Council and is a member of the Theatre District Association.

Strickland is running for mayor because she believes that Tacoma has made dramatic progress over the past decade and must maintain its momentum. "The current economic climate has touched each and every one of us. It's important that we evaluate our priorities and shape a collective vision for our city that will serve as our road map for the future. Now, more than ever, it is imperative that we build alliances and work toward shared goals," says Strickland.

"From our magnificent waterfront to our unique neighborhoods and business districts, we must protect and nurture our assets. If we take care of what we have and make smart policy decisions, the rest will follow. We will attract private investment, create jobs and open doors of opportunity," says Strickland.

Born in Seoul, Korea, Strickland and her family moved to Tacoma in 1967 when her father was stationed at Fort Lewis. Strickland is a graduate of the University of Washington, holds an MBA from Clark-Atlanta University and currently serves as the Interim Director of Marketing & Communications for Bates Technical College. She has 20+ years of professional experience in the corporate, small business and non-profit sectors.

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