



# Working Together: Regional Connections for Local Leaders



## A Workshop for Newly Elected Officials

February 27, 2026 | 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

- 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Plan for the Day**  
Josh Brown, Executive Director, Puget Sound Regional Council
- 9:30 a.m. Regionalism in Puget Sound**  
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- 10:00 a.m. Small Group Activity**  
What are the biggest issues in the region?
- 10:45 a.m. Break**
- 11:00 a.m. Data Overview: Key Indicators and Trends Shaping the Region**  
Josh Brown, Executive Director, Puget Sound Regional Council
- 11:30 a.m. Leadership for a Thriving Region**  
Panel discussion with veteran elected officials about their experiences with regional solutions and the benefits of getting involved in regional decision making.
- Executive Dave Somers**, Snohomish County, PSRC President  
**Executive Ryan Mello**, Pierce County, PSRC Vice-President  
**Mayor Angela Birney**, Redmond, PSRC Executive Board  
**Councilmember Ashley Mathews**, Bainbridge Island, PSRC Executive Board Alternate
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch and Closing Remarks**  
Josh Brown, Executive Director, Puget Sound Regional Council



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