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## **MACKENZIE ANNOUNCES STAFF PROMOTION FOR DIRECTOR OF LAND USE PLANNING**



**Vancouver, Washington** – Mackenzie's Managing Principal, Rich Mitchell, is pleased to announce the promotion of Todd Johnson to Director of Land Use Planning, replacing Tom Wright who will be transitioning into retirement. Wright will act as Department Head of Land Use Planning for his remaining time at Mackenzie. "As I transition into retirement, my goal is to leave the planning department well-prepared for future challenges," Wright said. "Todd is more than capable of leading this department towards a path of success."

Mitchell believes Johnson's strong leadership qualities and depth of experience in land use planning resulted in a straightforward decision for Johnson's promotion. "We are extremely confident that Todd will successfully direct our land use planning team and uphold their reputation of producing high-quality work that meets the needs of our clients."

Todd Johnson has been located in Vancouver since Mackenzie opened their first office there in 2004, and, as the new Director of Land Use Planning, will now oversee all planning operations throughout Mackenzie's Portland, Vancouver and Seattle offices. In his more than two decades of land use planning experience, Johnson has actively assisted in establishing design standards and streamlining development codes within several jurisdictions, including Clark County, Washington County, and the cities of Chehalis, Yakima, Ridgefield, and Happy Valley. He has also participated in several urban growth boundary plan updates with local and regional stakeholder groups, introducing innovative planning and land use policies to adequately support the economic prosperity of multiple areas in Oregon and Washington. "I'm very happy to have been selected to lead this highly skilled and dedicated group of planning professionals," Johnson said. "It's the highpoint of my career to build on our demonstrated successes - serving clients with abilities to get projects approved, and expanding our regional land analysis and master planning portfolio." Johnson received his Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Washington State University and completed graduate course work in land use planning from Portland State University. Johnson currently serves on the Industrial Lands Committee for the Columbia River Economic Development Council (CREDC) and the NAIOP Oregon Chapter Public Affairs and Industrial Lands committee.

### **About Mackenzie's Land Use Planning Services**

Developed over 35 years of working with private and public sector clients, Mackenzie's land use planning expertise is structured around a solution-oriented approach to development and permitting issues. Mackenzie's varied experience in working with a diverse mix of industries, as well as their up-to-date knowledge of public policy, regulatory issues, and sustainability standards, enables a keen sense of identifying opportunities to benefit clients and enhance project value.

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