



City Council
May 27, 2026

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. JoAnn Lazon – Arts Commission
2. Bill Henkel – Support Letter for Katya Matsko

To: Sedro-Woolley City Council

Attn: Kelly Kohnken

From: JoAnn Lazon, 2026 Sedro-Woolley Arts Commission

Ref: Comment letter for City Council packets-Meeting on May 27th, 2026

City Council,

As the current Arts Commission Secretary-Treasurer, I am expressing my wishes to give the current Arts Commission a chance to succeed in our current projects.

The past financial information came up at the May 13th council meeting by Mayor Kesti that most of the current Arts Commission had no clue about the past financial issues. I would suggest that you investigate when that Arts Commission was active and who was part of that Arts Commission. I believe that one of your fellow council members was part of that commission back when. Maybe he could shed some light on why the commission fell apart.

We, the current Arts Commission, have been together for only a couple of years and are all new volunteers. We have a very energized and community-oriented group who would love to work with the council and our community in bringing in local artists (young and old) and sponsoring events that will boost economic activity in our town.

I know that the council has a lot of other responsibilities on its plate, so this is why giving the Arts Commission permission to do most of the groundwork concerning bringing a fresh new art atmosphere to our city would work for everyone involved.

Thank you,

JoAnn Lazon, SW Arts Commission

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Dear Sedro Woolley City Council:

Please accept this letter of support for Katya Matsko to fill the Ward 2 City Council vacancy.

Through my interactions with Katya, I have seen someone who genuinely cares about the Sedro-Woolley community and is committed to public service. She brings professionalism, strong communication skills, and a sincere desire to help improve the community for residents of all ages and backgrounds.

Katya has been actively involved in several community-focused organizations and initiatives throughout Skagit County. She is involved with Community Action of Skagit County's CREAT Policy Committee and has also been nominated as an incoming Client Sector Board Member for Community Action. In addition, she is an active member of Skagit Rotary and has helped with community service efforts, including organizing and leading a Birthday Cake Kit project to support local families and children experiencing food insecurity in Skagit County.

One thing that stands out about Katya is her willingness to step up, collaborate with others, and bring people together around positive community initiatives. She cares deeply about giving back and making sure community members feel supported and represented. She is also dedicated to a life of public service.

It is important for local government to include younger voices and perspectives, and Katya would bring that thoughtful perspective, energy, and commitment to service to the Council, while still valuing collaboration and learning from others in the community.

I believe Katya would make a strong, committed and positive member of your Council, and an emerging leadership voice for the entire community.

Sincerely,

Bill Henkel
Executive Director

