

*A Press Release From  
Citizens To Elect Lary Coppola*

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## **Coppola Picks Up More Key Endorsements in Mayor's Race**

In addition to previous bi-partisan endorsements that include support from Republicans Dino Rossi and Kitsap County Commissioner Jan Angel, as well as Democrats like Bremerton Mayor Cary Bozeman and Sheriff Steve Boyer, Port Orchard mayoral candidate Lary Coppola has also received a number of other early endorsements.

Also supporting Coppola, who is the editor and publisher of the *Kitsap Peninsula Business Journal*, is the Kitsap County Central Labor Council, which voted to endorse him on Monday night. "We feel Lary is the right person at the right time for Port Orchard," said Virgil Hamilton, speaking on behalf of the organization. "It's time for some fresh thinking and new ideas, and we believe Lary offers those, as well as the solid leadership experience none of the other prospective candidates possess."

Also voting to endorse Coppola on Monday evening were the Retired Government Employees of Kitsap, an organization of retired union members.

"I'm very grateful to the Central Labor Council and to the Retired Government Employees for their support and their belief in my candidacy," said Coppola. "Coming from a trade union background myself, as well as being a businessman in Port Orchard for the past 28 years, I'm afforded a highly unique perspective on both sides of most issues."

Additional endorsements include South Kitsap Fire Chief Wayne Senter, County Assessor Jim Avery, Bremerton Port Commissioners Mary Ann Huntington and Bill Mahan, as well as Bryan McConahey, former aide to Congressman Norm Dicks, and environmental activist Kathleen Byrne-Barrantes.

More endorsements are expected to be announced shortly.