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**Michael Cade and Christina Riley assume key leadership roles at Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council; Dr. Lori Thompson continues as Vice-Chairperson**

Olympia, February 14, 2024 – The Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council (PacMtn) is pleased to announce the appointment of Michael Cade as the new Board Chairperson and Christina Riley as the new Board Treasurer. Dr. Lori Thompson will continue her role as the Board Vice-Chairperson, a position she has held since November 2023.

Michael Cade brings over three decades of experience in economic and community development to his new role. Currently serving as the Executive Director of the Thurston County Economic Development Council (EDC) since 2004, Cade has been instrumental in attracting investments, retaining companies, and crafting community-based economic development plans. His multifaceted involvement in various organizations demonstrates his passion for collaboration and his drive to facilitate meaningful change.

Christina Riley brings over 17 years of apprenticeship and skills trades training experience to her new role. With a background rooted in her own path as an apprentice, Riley has been actively involved in advocating for apprenticeship programs and collaborating with stakeholders across Washington state.

Dr. Lori Thompson, the Board Vice-Chairperson, brings a wealth of experience and expertise in education and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) initiatives. Thompson serves as the Capital STEM Alliance and Career Connect Washington Regional Network Director at ESD 113. She is known for her dedication to supporting students and expanding STEM career pathway opportunities for youth in the region.

"We are excited to welcome Michael Cade and Christina Riley to their new leadership positions within PacMtn," said William Westmoreland, CEO at PacMtn Workforce Development Council. "Their extensive experience and unwavering dedication, along with Dr. Lori Thompson's continued leadership, will undoubtedly contribute to the continued success of our organization in fostering economic vibrancy and workforce development within our region."

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**About Pacific Mountain Workforce Development (PacMtn)**

PacMtn is a nonprofit organization that is the recognized convener of regional workforce development efforts. The PacMtn Board of Directors, PacMtn elected Official Consortium, and all staff are dedicated to the development of a workforce system that supports business, industry, and all levels of employers and job seekers. PacMtn oversees the regional network of American Job Centers, called WorkSource, which houses the demand-driven and integrated system of partners dedicated to developing community prosperity, one job seeker and one employer at a time.

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