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THOUGHTS FROM THE CEO



Rebecca Martin, CCE, IOM Greater Federal Way Chamber CEO

Chamber Members identified Permitting/Zoning/Land Use as the #2 challenge in efforts to grow business. We have heard from a wide variety of businesses sharing this concern and are seeking your input to further address this challenge.

At the Chamber, this is a strategic focus for business development

strategies and your input is critical. Please forward this survey link to those within your organization who are currently or who have had experience in working through the process of Permitting/Zoning/Land Use in the past 30 months.

We understand not every Chamber business has gone through the process: however, we always start with our Members. In order to reach a representative sample, the Chamber has formally requested two 30-month data sets from the City of Federal Way: contacts for those who have completed the permitting process and are open for business, and contacts for those that began the process but did not complete it.

The Permitting survey is confidential and proprietary to the Chamber. For statistical integrity, we require contact information. Survey responses will be presented in aggregate and any comments used will never be attributed to specific respondents. Some of our Members have expressed a concern that participating in the survey may impact the status of any ongoing projects. I want to assure you this is not the case. No one but myself as the CEO of your Chamber of Commerce will have access to the original data.

There's a lot of passion that goes into opening a business-- the dream of business itself, of community safety, of public services, and of long-term community growth. Progress can be hard but if we are strong enough to look and listen to each other, economic prosperity is more easily within reach for us all.

Thank you for taking the time to complete the surveys we send you. Your participation can help create data-driven solutions to economic challenges as we all work together toward a successful, business-supporting community. **You can find the permitting survey here: fedwaychamber.com/permitting.**

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GET THE CAPITAL YOU NEED TO GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Learn how to market your business to financial institutions

The 2019 Summit will address Access to Capital for businesses with a series of presentations and how-to sessions on June 28th from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at DaVita, 32275 32 Ave S., in Federal Way.

Each year, the Chamber focuses on a business topic or industry segment at an annual summit of business land community leaders. In a Horizon September 2017 survey, Chamber members identified finding funds and securing loans as the #3 challenge to growth.

The Chamber's strategic focus is securing sustainability for our economic base and we build programming based not only on business trends but also on input from our members," said Rebecca Martin, CEO of the Greater Federal Way Chamber of Commerce. "The Summit



Walter Acuna, VP & Senior Business Lender Craft3

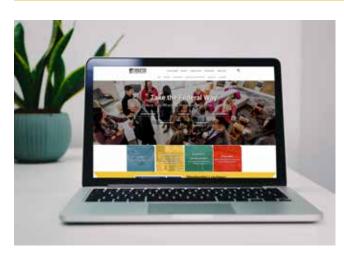
cca Martin, CEO of the Greater Federal Way Chamber of Commerce. "The Summi is designed to help our businesses understand what financial institutions are looking for when capital is needed for expansion and growth."

The luncheon keynote, "Alternative Lending: How it Works," will be offered by Walter Acuna, Vice President and Senior Business Lender, Craft3. Craft3 is a non-profit community development financial institution that provides loans for people who normally don't have access to financing.

Other topics include: "Taxes are Boring; Profits are Not," with Brantley Jason; "How to Write a Business Plan to Get a Loan," with the Small Business Development Center at Highline College and concludes with a panel discussion, "Show Me the Money: What You Need to Get It." Confirmed panelists at time of printing include: Holly West, VP, Branch Manager, Columbia Bank; Jim Strelow, panelists at time of printing include: Holly West, VP, Branch Manager, Columbia Bank; Jim Strelow,

Director Business Services, Red Canoe Credit Union; and Kimaria Howard-Lewis, Business Specialist, Wells Fargo.

The 2019 Summit is open to the community at member prices and early registration available until June 20th. More information is available online at **fedwaychamber.com/summit**.



MAXIMIZE YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Your Chamber membership has many ways to connect you to the global marketplace, but it starts with you. Benefits gained by being a member are available through a number of avenues. Can people find you? Have you logged into your member portal lately? Is your information updated and accurate? Have you added all the ways consumers can find you to your profile?

You have the power to take advantage of a number of excellent opportunities for your business to attract new customers. Some of which are:



- News Release: A press release update. The more you post, the more you are seen.
- **Deals:** Offer coupons and special deals for both Chamber members and the community at large.
- Advertise events: Add your events to our online event calendar.
- Job postings: Submit your job openings to find talent.

All of these features can be found in your member portal area (left side menu). Consider attending a Member Orientation with Rachel at the Chamber on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 10-11am or the last Thursday of each month from 1-2 p.m. to really make the most of your membership perks.

Log into your member portal online from fedwaychamber.com/login. Need a new password? Email Rachel at **rporter@fedwaychamber.com** to get a new one sent to you. *Tell your story to the world. Start today!*





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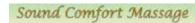
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Kevin Lucciola, Business Specialist, FranNet Inc.

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