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BIA Announces new Government, Political Affairs and Membership Programs Staff

The Building Industry Association (BIA) of Clark County is pleased to announce the addition of three new staff members: Steve Madsen as Government Affairs Director, Liz Pike as Political Affairs Director and Garrett Delano as coordinator for Membership Programs & Services.

Steve Madsen, who's previously worked for the BIA's government affairs department, currently operates his own private practice and will once again represent the BIA's government affairs program. He will oversee the Builder Developer Council and represent the membership on building industry-specific issues surrounding stormwater and shoreline ordinances, permit & impact fees, building code re-write, as well as testify on behalf of the building industry at local city council meetings and county commissioner hearings. Madsen has operated his private practice, Law Offices of Steven B. Madsen PLLC, continuously since 1999, and prior to that worked for other private firms in Western Washington as well as the Kitsap County Prosecutor's Office. He holds a J.D. from Seattle University and a M.B.A. from Westminster College of Salt Lake City. Madsen is a current member of the Woodland School Board, Washington State Bar Association and Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Bar Association.

Liz Pike comes to the BIA with over 30 years of professional business experience. A former elected member of the Camas City Council and owner of Pike Advertising Agency since 1995, she is a seasoned political consultant, with decades of experience in Clark County's political landscape and has organized numerous political activities and fundraising efforts. Liz will oversee the political affairs, Build the Vote and Building Industry Group fundraising and programs.

Garrett Delano attended Washington State University and started his own company in 2008 called Support One Networks. In early 2010, he assisted the BIA in transitioning from a traditional print newsletter to an e-newsletter and continues to manage the newsletter project. In addition to the newsletter, Garrett will coordinate the BIA's website, membership education classes, BIA Remodelers Council and the Building Futures Foundation Scholarship Committee.

"We are delighted to have recruited such talented and experienced assets to our organization. We are continuously fighting to keep local businesses in business and with our recent hires, we will be able to provide better representation, programs and services to our members," asserts Avaly Mobbs, Executive Director. "With expanded service and improved value, now is a *great* time to join the BIA!"

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The Building Industry Association (BIA) of Clark County is an 800-member trade association representing the interests of all business involved with land development, construction and the building industry.