



## CITY of THE DALLES

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#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

*(The Dalles, Oregon)* City Manager, Matthew Klebes is pleased to announce Dan Spatz has joined the City of The Dalles team as the Economic Development Officer (EDO) starting July 17, 2023. This is a recently created position in the Community Development Department.

The EDO represents the City and its efforts to drive economic development by coordinating with area partners, assisting property/business owners and developers. This position will oversee the Columbia Gateway Urban Renewal Agency and will serve as the Enterprise Zone Manager for applications inside City limits. He will be involved in economic development at the Columbia Gorge Regional Airport which is co-owned by the City and Klickitat County.

Dan was raised in White Salmon, WA. He graduated from Columbia High School before furthering his education at Clark College and Eastern Oregon State College. He has been a resident of The Dalles since 1993. He has a 30-year career in Columbia Gorge journalism working for both The Dalles Weekly Reminder and The Dalles Daily Chronicle.

Dan has actively participated in public service and economic development initiatives. He served as the interim director of the Port of Klickitat and held the position of economic development coordinator for Wasco County. Dan served on The Dalles City Council for 9 years in Position #2 from 2008 to 2017.

Most recently, he was the Chief Institutional Advancement Officer and Capital Projects and Community Outreach Director at Columbia Gorge Community College for over 15 years. Dan worked on the development of the Columbia Gorge Regional Skills Center and a student residence hall. He was instrumental in establishing renewable energy, construction trades, advanced manufacturing, and aviation maintenance technician training programs at the college.

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