

Steve W. Beck, Port of Newport Commissioner

“Steve”

Steve spent time growing up in the San Francisco Bay Area and San Diego, splitting time between living close to his Dad’s family (Bay Area) and his Mom’s (San Diego).

He graduated from Crawford High School in San Diego in 1973 then moved north to the Bay Area to attend college. Steve graduated from Chabot College in 1976, and attended California State University Hayward in 1977.



In 1977 he started his career in the insurance industry. Steve became a licensed Life, Health & Disability agent at age 21. In 1978 he was recruited and became a Property & Casualty agent for California Casualty Insurance Company in their business insurance division, and at 23 had become the youngest agent hired in that division.

Steve met his wife Susan, who was an insurance underwriter, in 1985. They lived in the Oakland Hills until moving to Oregon in 2001. In August 2003 they bought a house in Newport with the plan to start a business and become involved with the community. They started their Farmers Insurance agency in October of 2003. They joined the Chamber of Commerce in February 2004 and started to get involved in volunteering right from the start.

Steve has served on several non-profit boards and has been Chair/President on three of those boards: the Friends of Yaquina Lighthouses, Community Development Corporation of Lincoln County, and Pacific Communities Health District/Hospital Foundation.

Steve is looking forward to being a Commissioner on the Port of Newport board, realizing that the job at hand is important to the community in many ways. He brings experience in business development, risk management and community outreach.