



STATE OF WASHINGTON
GAMBLING COMMISSION

"Protect the Public by Ensuring that Gambling is Legal and Honest"

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NEW GAMBLING COMMISSIONER APPOINTED

In May 2009, Governor Gregoire appointed Mike Reichert as Gambling Commissioner. He will attend his first Gambling Commission meeting in July 2009. We anticipate Commissioner Reichert will have a confirmation hearing before the Senate during the 2010 Legislative Session. [Click here for a photo of Commissioner Reichert.](#)

Commissioner Reichert is a longtime resident of Maple Valley, Washington. He is a graduate of Central Washington University and also brings to his career his culture as an enrolled member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, White Earth Indian Reservation.

Commissioner Reichert is the President and CEO of Catholic Community Services of Western Washington, and President and CEO of the Archdiocesan Housing Authority (a sister corporation). He has held both positions since 1979. In May 2002, he became President and Trustee of the Catholic Charities Foundation of Western Washington. He is a Board Member and the Treasurer at the WaHeLut Indian School in Olympia, Washington; a Senior Fellow with the Wildflowers Institute in San Francisco; a member of the United States China Education Institute (USCEI); Council Member for the Franks Landing Indian Community, in Olympia, Washington; and Treasurer and Board Member at the United Indians of All Tribes Foundation in Seattle.

Commissioner Reichert's expertise is in structuring and transforming complex service organizations into integrated service delivery networks. He also provides leadership in a presidential capacity to his organization's limited liability corporations and partnerships for numerous affordable housing projects.

In his work at Catholic Community Services and the Archdiocesan Housing Authority (CCS/AHA), Commissioner Reichert is responsible for combined budgets exceeding \$100 million, and more than 3,000 staff. In 2008, CCS/AHA served more than 78,000 unduplicated clients.

The Washington State Gambling Commission was created by the Legislature in 1973 to regulate gambling after a series of gambling related scandals. Five citizens are appointed by the Governor, with the consent of the Senate, to act as part-time Commissioners, for a single six year term. The Gambling Commission typically meets once a month to discuss administrative issues, approve new gambling licenses, discuss and approve proposed rule changes, and take action regarding the revocation or suspension of gambling licenses. The Gambling Commission's Mission is to "Protect the Public by Ensuring Gambling is Legal and Honest."

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