



**Armondo Pavone** Mayor

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## **Statement from Renton Mayor Armondo Pavone Regarding Boeing's layoff and the production of Boeing 737 MAX**

"The Boeing Company has just announced that they have begun taking action to lower their number of employees by roughly 10% through a combination of voluntary layoffs, natural turnover and involuntary layoffs as necessary. They are also planning to reduce commercial airplane production rates due to the impact of COVID-19 on the airline industry.

"However, with respect to Renton and the production of the 737 MAX they have issued the following statements:

- Boeing expects to resume 737 MAX production at low rates in 2020, gradually increasing to 31 planes per month during 2021, with gradual increases to correspond to market demand.

"We are pleased to hear the news of production resuming in Renton later this year and know that it will be positive for our local economy. I have been working with our state and federal leaders to look for resources that can help those impacted by COVID-19. These are difficult times and we will continue to work with Boeing, our local businesses and residents to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 and get back on the road to recovery."

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