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KING 5 Continues its Commitment to Political Reporting

Bidding farewell to political reporter Natalie Brand and welcoming Chris Daniels to the role

Seattle, WA – On Friday, November 16, viewers who rely on KING 5 for breakthrough political news from KING 5 will witness a changing of the guard when Political Reporter Natalie Brand passes the torch to Chief Reporter Chris Daniels. Brand leaves KING 5 to pursue her dream to cover politics in Washington D.C.

"KING 5 has had a long and proud history of excellent political reporting, and it's an honor and privilege to be a part of that tradition. I'm so grateful for our engaged viewers and community; traveling across the state to talk to voters in all corners of Washington has been my favorite part of the job," said Brand. "Leaving KING 5 is difficult, but I'm doing so to pursue my dream of national political reporting in Washington D.C. during this critical time for journalism and politics."

Brand came to KING 5 in 2015 with an impressive list of career accolades. Since then she has added to the list a regional Emmy for political reporting during the 2016 campaign year and has moderated some of the most highly-contested races in our state, include a gubernatorial debate, two mayoral debates, and the 8th District congressional debate. Brand will host a comprehensive, one-hour elections special tonight at 6:30pm. *NORTHWEST POLITICS: THE MIDTERMS AND BEYOND* will include special guests and interviews with local leaders, including analyst Marco Lowe and Governor Jay Inslee.

"Natalie is an outstanding and innovative Political Reporter for KING 5. Her in-depth reporting of Washington politics and perspective during the presidential election set us apart from the rest. She worked on our exclusive partnership with Microsoft during the presidential election, allowing viewers to follow along live. All of us here at KING 5 will miss Natalie but we look forward to watching her succeed in the nation's capital," said KING 5 News Director Cheryl Carson.

Taking the reins from Brand will be KING 5 Chief Reporter Chris Daniels, a veteran reporter with nearly 20 years of experience in this market. His award-winning reporting has covered everything from the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, where he lived for a month, to the Boston Marathon bombings and the Oso landslide. Whether traveling the globe or the city of Seattle in pursuit of a story, Daniels brings passion and heart to his coverage.

"Natalie has garnered the respect of people from Olympia to Washington D.C., and continued KING 5's market leading legacy for political reporting," said Daniels. "I can remember the days of Jim Compton, and Robert Mak as well, and have always admired the station's dedication to covering the issues and keeping our elected leaders in check. I look forward to doing the same and helping to tell the stories of people impacted by government policies."

In addition to politics, Daniels will continue to keep an eye on City Hall, the Olympics, and report on the ongoing pursuit of the NBA and NHL.

ABOUT KING 5

KING 5 Media Group, The Home Team, is a multi-platform media company based in Seattle, WA. It includes NBC affiliate KING 5, independent station KONG-TV and numerous digital platforms, including king5.com. KING 5 was the first television station in the Pacific Northwest, founded in 1948 by Dorothy Bullitt, now owned by TEGNA Inc. Today KING 5 is the dominant media company in the region, delivering the largest local news audience and the most local programming across all screens. For more information, go to www.king5.com.

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