

Mark Losh has been in the business world since the late 1970s, when he began as a part-owner of a restaurant at age 16 in Deer Park, WA. Since then, Mark has owned his business three more times, been part of three start-ups, and built new divisions for existing companies twice.

In 1994, Mark's expertise led to the development of a small arms and crew weapons cleaning system for the Department of Defense. He successfully brought this technology to market, resulting in the establishment of a \$8,000,000 division.

Mark first came to Missoula in 2010 as the Business Development Director for a new startup. He spent the next two years on this project. During this time, Mark met Kim Latreille, then CEO of the chamber. Mark and Kim agreed that one day, they should work together. That came to be true in 2016, as Mark became Kim's membership director and stayed until 2021.

At that time, Mark left for the West Spokane area to be the CEO of the West Plains Chamber, gaining experience as a chamber CEO and working to return one day as the Missoula Area Chamber of Commerce CEO.

This came to be a reality on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.

*“At the heart of my focus is a passionate commitment to the business community, our community partners, and setting an example of **“Advancing Business Through Community Collaboration”** ... the ABCs. Only by working together can we achieve greatness for our region.”*