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in general — I'll also work with Southwest Washington and other parts of the state.

"Essentially there are a lot of bad feelings out there and it is part of my job to help alleviate some of that stress. I'm not sure which ways I'll do it and how I'll do it, but let me get past week one and then we'll be working with the group and we will move towards that."

Tom Unger, a spokesperson for Wells Fargo, says the economy is improving, the bank is making more loans, and the entire staff strongly supports Jackson's mandate.

"I was just talking to the head of our business banking unit for this region and his team provides loans for small business and middle-market businesses — he said loan growth was up 60 percent in the first quarter over the previous year," Unger said.

"I was talking to the woman who manages our financing for affordable housing and she was telling me that we're the leading provider of financing for affordable housing in this region — last year we did \$24 million in financing in Oregon for affordable housing," Unger said.

"Cobi's backed by an entire team of people," Unger said. "We have over 6,000 team members in Oregon and Southwest Washington and so she is the head of what she's doing, but she's got the support of everybody behind her."

Firefighters



Fire Cadet B. Small helps Zaid 6 apply a temporary tattoo Saturday, May 19 at an Open House at Fire Station 13 on Beacon Hill in Seattle.

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