



## WHATCOM COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

Members of our community who require special assistance to participate in our meetings are asked to contact our office at least **96 hours** in advance to enable us to make necessary arrangements.

### **AGENDA**

#### **Special Charter Review Commission Meeting**

6:00 p.m. Monday, July 6, 2015

Civic Center Garden Room, 322 N. Commercial Street, Bellingham, Washington

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Approval of Minutes for June 22, 2015**
5. **Old Business: Proposed Charter Amendments for Voters at the next General Election**

*The Commission voted to forward these proposed amendments to Whatcom County voters. The Commission is not scheduled to discuss the proposed amendments at tonight's meeting. However, any commissioner may move to reconsider these amendments during any meeting.*

- Proposed Amendment 1 from Joe Elenbaas: Shall the Charter be amended to provide for election of councilmembers within the council district from which the candidate was nominated?
- Proposed Amendment 2 from Joe Elenbaas: Shall the Charter in Article 5.40 and Article 5.60 be amended to increase the concise statement limit from 20 words to 40 words?
- Proposed Amendment 3 from Ben Elenbaas: Shall Charter Section 8.20 be amended to prohibit the County Council from proposing Charter amendments on matters that have been approved by a 2/3 majority of voters?
- Proposed Amendment 5 from Todd Donovan: Shall the Charter be amended to facilitate voting on initiative and referendum?
- Proposed Amendment 6 from Ken Bell: Shall the Charter be amended to apply term limits to the County Executive and County councilmembers?
- Proposed Amendment 10 from Chet Dow: Shall Charter Section 8.23 be amended to prohibit the County Council from proposing any Charter amendment to Charter sections 2.12 or 2.13?
- Proposed Amendment 13 from Eli Mackiewicz: Shall the Charter be amended to include four political parties, instead of two, in the districting process?
- Proposed Amendment 14 from Todd Donovan and Jon Mutchler: Shall the Charter be amended to lower the threshold requirement for ballot signatures for Whatcom County Charter changes from 20% to 15% for citizen initiatives?

6. **Old Business: Review and Possible Approval of Draft Ballot Titles**

*The Commission will take a mid-meeting break if necessary.*

7. **New Business**

- Approve Charter amendment recommendations to the County Council

- Grant authority to Commission Chair and Commission Secretary to approve the minutes of the final Charter Review Commission meeting
- Other New Business

## **8. Adjourn**

*The next regular meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 13, 2015 at the Civic Center Garden Room, 322 N. Commercial St., Bellingham. However, if the Commission concludes its business at this meeting and adjourns sine die, the July 13 meeting will be cancelled.*

**Please visit the Charter Review Commission on the web at  
<http://www.co.whatcom.wa.us/290/2015-Whatcom-County-Charter-Review-Commi>**