



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

6:30 p.m. Monday, February 23, 2015

Lummi Administration Center, 2665 Kwina Road, Bellingham, Washington

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Session

Members of the public will have 3 minutes to address the Commission on any subject. Each speaker should state his or her name for the record. To submit handouts, please provide one for each commissioner and two for staff and the record.

5. Approval of Minutes for February 9, 2015

6. Old Business: Discussion and Possible Vote on Proposed Charter Amendments to Voters at the next General Election

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

- Proposed Amendment 1: Shall the Charter be amended to provide for election of council members within the council district from which the candidate was nominated?
- Proposed Amendment 2: 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: 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 4: Shall the Charter Preamble be amended affirm the diversity of our citizens?
- Proposed Amendment 5: Shall the Charter be amended to facilitate voting on initiative and referendum?
- Proposed Amendment 6: Shall the Charter be amended to apply term limits to the County Councilmembers, Executive, Auditor, Treasurer, Assessor, and Sheriff?

6. Old Business: Discussion and Possible Vote on Proposed Charter Amendments to Voters at the next General Election (cont'd)

- Proposed Amendment 7: Shall the County Charter prohibit grants and expenditures to non-profit organizations unless the County is reimbursed by another organization or jurisdiction?

7. New Business

- Shall Charter Section 4.10 be amended to provide voter education concerning county officials' election titles?

8. Adjourn

The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2015 at the Civic Center Garden Level Conference Room, 322 N. Commercial Street, Bellingham