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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL SEEKS MEMBERS TO SERVE ON PRO AND CON STATEMENT WRITING COMMITTEES

BELLINGHAM, Washington, November 29, 2021 - The Whatcom County Council seeks members to serve on pro and con statement writing committees for the following:

ESTABLISHMENT OF A BIRCH BAY LIBRARY CAPITAL FACILITY AREA

On December 7, 2021, the Whatcom County Council will consider adopting an ordinance requesting the Whatcom County Auditor include the question of establishing a Birch Bay Library Capital Facility Area on the February 2022 Special Election ballot. This proposal will submit to the qualified voters within the boundaries of the proposed district, as requested by the Whatcom County Library System Board of Trustees, a proposal to establish the Birch Bay Library Capital Facility Area to finance a new library in Birch Bay.

The proposition shall be in substantially the following form:

ESTABLISHING THE BIRCH BAY LIBRARY CAPITAL FACILITY AREA

The Whatcom County Council adopted Ordinance No. _____ concerning a proposition to establish the Birch Bay Library Capital Facility Area to finance a new library facility in Birch Bay. If approved, this proposition would establish the Birch Bay Library Capital Facility Area with boundaries as described in County Council Ordinance No. _____, authorize it to acquire, construct, furnish and equip a new library in Birch Bay, incur indebtedness to finance such improvements through the issuance of up to \$4,500,000 in general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years, and levy annual excess property taxes to repay such bonds. Should this proposition be Approved?

YES _____
NO _____

Per RCW 29A.32.280, the County Council will formally appoint a committee to prepare arguments advocating voters' approval of the measure and shall formally appoint a committee to prepare arguments advocating voters' rejection of the measure. The Council will appoint persons known to favor the measure to serve on the committee advocating approval and shall, whenever possible, appoint persons known to oppose the measure to serve on the committee advocating rejection. Each committee shall have no more than three members; however, a committee may seek the advice of any person or persons. If the Council fails to make such appointments by the prescribed deadline, the county auditor shall, whenever possible, make the appointments.

If you are interested in serving on the "pro" or "con" committee for the above proposal, please submit your name to the Whatcom County Council Office by 10 a.m. Monday, December 6, 2021, to be considered for appointment. The Council will appoint members at its December 7, 2021, evening meeting.

Names can be submitted by emailing the Council Office at council@co.whatcom.wa.us or calling 360.778.5010.