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## WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL

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

BELLINGHAM, Washington, June 23, 2022 - The Whatcom County Council seeks potential members to serve on pro and con statement writing committees for the following:

#### **Regular Property Tax Levy for Emergency Medical Services**

The Whatcom County Council may adopt an ordinance requesting the Whatcom County Auditor include on the ballot, in a special election to be held concurrently with the November 8, 2022, general election, a proposition to the qualified voters of the County to approve or reject the renewal of a regular levy for the funding of the countywide Emergency Medical Services system. The proposal is a regular property tax levy of \$0.295 per \$1000 of assessed valuation for each of the six consecutive years, with collection beginning in 2023.

The proposition shall be in substantially the following form:

#### **PROPOSITION \_\_\_\_; Regular Property Tax Levy for Emergency Medical Services**

The Whatcom County Council passed Ordinance 2022-\_\_\_\_ concerning the renewed funding for the countywide Emergency Medical Services system. Will Whatcom County be authorized to impose a regular property tax levy of \$0.295 or less per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for each of the six consecutive years, with collection beginning in 2023, for the continued provision of emergency medical services?

- Yes
- No

If the ordinance to include this measure on the ballot is adopted, 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, if adopted, please submit your name to the Whatcom County Council Office by Noon on July 19, 2022, to be considered for appointment. It is expected that the Council will appoint members at its July 26, 2022, evening meeting. If Council does not adopt the above proposal, no committees will be formed.

Names can be submitted by emailing the Council Office at [council@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:council@co.whatcom.wa.us) or calling 360.778.5010.