



Snohomish County

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County Executive Invites Citizens To Participate On Board Of Equalization

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Snohomish County residents with knowledge of property values are invited to submit their nominations for appointment to the county's Board of Equalization. Nominations are due by Feb. 27.

The Board of Equalization reviews appeals to assessed valuation of real and personal property. Currently, the board reviews 500 to 1,000 appeals annually and the time commitment is about one full day per month. If more appeals are filed, however, the time commitment may expand. Board members receive annual training and are paid \$100 per meeting.

"This is an excellent way for knowledgeable citizens to become involved in their government," County Executive Aaron Reardon said. "It's clear that the strength of our community depends largely upon the work of such volunteers."

The board is made up of five members and two alternates. The current vacancies are for one member with a term expiring April 30, 2004, and one alternate with a term expiring April 30, 2005. Subsequent terms are for three years each, and commissioners may not serve more than three consecutive full terms. Because no more than two board members may reside in the same County Council district, preference for at least one of the positions may be given to a resident of Council District #2 (Everett/Mukilteo area), where none of the current board members live.

Nomination forms must be completed and filed with the County Executive by Feb. 27. Commissioners are appointed by the County Council upon recommendation of County Executive Reardon. For more information on the board's duties or schedule, call Marsha Carlsen at 425-388-3445. The nomination form may be accessed on-line at http://www.co.snohomish.wa.us/Documents/County_Services/Volunteer/Nomform.pdf or by calling Connie Mennie at 425-388-3876.

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