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PROPOSITION 4

(Issue No. 5: Transparency in Government)

A. Proposed Ballot Title:

The Snohomish County Charter Review Commission proposed an amendment to the Snohomish County Charter to revise the county council's rules of procedure. This measure would require the county council to vary its meeting times, to record votes of individual council members, to provide for public comments at meetings and to promptly disseminate meeting minutes to the public. Should this proposal be:

Approved.....

Rejected.....

B. Charter Amendments Required:

Section 2.60 Rules of Procedure

The county council shall enact by ordinance rules of procedure governing the time, place and conduct of its meetings, including varying meeting times to best accommodate the public, and hearings and the introduction, publication, consideration and adoption of ordinances. In order to provide the best possible open government, the rules of procedure shall include a method of providing timely and transparent information to the public, including recording the votes of individual council members and the prompt dissemination of meeting minutes to the public. All meetings shall be open to the public except to the extent executive sessions are authorized by state law and shall provide for a public comment period at each meeting.