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COUNTY EXECUTIVE INVITES CITIZENS TO PARTICIPATE ON BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

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 Friday, Feb. 25.

The Board of Equalization reviews appeals to assessed valuation of real and personal property. Currently, the board reviews between 1,000 and 1,200 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 and one alternate, both for three-year terms beginning May 1, 2005. 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 #3 (Edmonds area), where none of the current board members live.

Nomination forms must be completed and filed with the County Executive by Feb. 25. 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 425-388-3407. To receive a nomination form, contact Connie Mennie at 425-388-3876 or connie.mennie@co.snohomish.wa.us.

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