



May 28, 2019

Board of County Commissioners  
Clallam County Courthouse  
223 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Port Angeles, WA 98362

RE: Public comments regarding selection process for members of boards and commissions

Dear Commissioners,

The League of Women Voters of Clallam County has followed your actions leading up to the appointment of the newest member of the County Planning Commission, and based upon what we have seen, we urge you to establish a policy for selecting members of all County boards and commissions. We understand that a review of your process has been proposed and support that effort.

Governmental bodies must protect citizens' right to know by holding open meetings. Your recent appointment to the County Planning Commission has highlighted this issue. Under what circumstances are candidates for volunteer positions interviewed openly by all three commissioners and when are they interviewed serially and privately by individual commissioners?

To insure the transparency and credibility of County government and to maintain the public trust, we urge you to adopt a policy governing the selection process for members of boards and commissions. Putting such a policy in place and adhering to it in the future will avoid the confusion and mistrust that arose from your recent action on the Planning Commission appointment.

Respectfully,

Linda Benson, President  
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