

PROPOSITION NO. 2

Establishing Office of Public Advocate

A. Proposed Ballot Title:

The Snohomish County Charter Review Commission has proposed amendments to the Snohomish County Charter concerning establishing an office of public advocate. This proposition would direct the County Council to establish an office of public advocate to investigate complaints and respond to inquiries from the public concerning the operation of county government and to monitor and report to the County Council on certain whistleblower, ethics, and human rights proceedings; and repeal inconsistent transition provisions. Should this proposition be:

Approved . . . . .

Rejected . . . . .

B. Charter Amendments Required:

**NEW SECTION:**

**Section 2.160 Office of Public Advocate**

The county council shall establish by ordinance an office of public advocate for the purpose of receiving, investigating, and making recommendations to the council and appropriate county agencies on complaints concerning the operation of county government and to respond to inquiries from the public concerning the operation of county government. The office shall have appropriate legal authority and adequate funding, as determined by the council, and shall use generally accepted standards for similar offices. In addition to other duties prescribed by ordinance, the office shall monitor and report to the council on the nature and disposition of whistleblower, ethics, and human rights complaints filed pursuant to other county ordinances or procedures.

**REPEALED SECTIONS:**

**~~((Section 11.40 Budget~~**

~~The budget for 2007 which is in effect when this amended charter takes effect, shall remain effective until revised.))~~

**~~((Section 11.70 Effective Date~~**

~~This amended charter shall take effect January 1, 2007. The term "effective date of this amended charter" shall mean January 1, 2007.))~~