

PROPOSITION NO. 5

Requiring Additional County Council Meetings and Hearings

A. Proposed Ballot Title:

The Snohomish County Charter Review Commission has proposed amendments to the Snohomish County Charter concerning County Council meetings and hearings. This proposition would require the Council to hold an evening meeting in each County Council district at least once each calendar year; require evening public hearings on proposed budgets presented by the County Executive and on any proposed ordinance to adopt, amend, or repeal a county comprehensive plan; and repeal inconsistent transition provisions. Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

B. Charter Amendments Required

AMENDED SECTION:

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 and hearings, which shall include at least one evening meeting in each council district each calendar year, and the introduction, publication, consideration and adoption of ordinances. The rules of procedure shall provide for public access to agendas, minutes and voting records of individual council members. The rules of procedure shall also provide for an opportunity for public comment during any meeting of the council. All meetings shall be open to the public except to the extent executive sessions are authorized by state law. Unless the council finds that an emergency exists, a public hearing must be held in the evening on the proposed budget presented by the county executive pursuant to Section 6.50 and on any proposed ordinance to adopt, amend, or repeal a county comprehensive plan.

REPEALED SECTIONS: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.))~~