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**COUNTY COUNCIL SEEKS APPLICANTS TO WRITE VOTERS' PAMPHLET STATEMENTS –  
LUMMI ISLAND PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT****Council will appoint two or three citizens to Pro Statement and Con Statement Committees**

BELLINGHAM, Washington, July 12, 2017 – last month the Whatcom County Council officially received a petition to form a park and recreation district on Lummi Island. In accordance with RCW 36.69, the Council held a public hearing on the petition on July 11, 2017, and is now required to forward the proposal to the County Auditor. The Council is scheduled to adopt an ordinance on July 25, 2017, that will establish the boundaries of the proposed district, establish its name, and forward the proposal to the Auditor, calling for an election of the property owners residing within the proposed district boundaries to determine whether the district shall be formed and if a property tax levy of \$.60 (sixty cents) per thousand dollars of assessed valuation shall be imposed for a six (6) year period to fund recreational facilities. Upon adoption of the ordinance, Council must appoint committees to prepare pro and con statements for the local voters' pamphlet, with the pro committee preparing a statement in favor of the measure and the con committee preparing a statement opposing the measure. The Council will appoint committee members at its regular 7 p.m. meeting on July 25, 2017.

Once appointed, the pro and con committees must submit their initial statements to the County Auditor by 4:30 p.m. Monday, August 7, 2017. Rebuttal statements are due to the Auditor by 4:30 p.m. Thursday, August 10, 2017.

To volunteer for a committee, please call the County Council Office by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 24, 2017, at (360) 778-5010, or email the office at [council@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:council@co.whatcom.wa.us). Please provide your name, which committee you are volunteering for, and your contact information (include phone number and email address). If appointed, names and contact information will be shared with other committee members.

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