

PRESS RELEASE

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MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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TO: KMAS, KRXY, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE OLYMPIAN, SHELTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE SUN

RE: Mason County Board of Equalization Member and Alternate Vacancy

The Board of Mason County Commissioners is seeking two individuals to be appointed to the Mason County Board of Equalization. These terms will expire May 31, 2007.

The Board of Equalization is a three-member board that is appointed by the Mason County Commissioners, one member being from each of the commissioner districts. It is the Board's responsibility to ensure that all properties are valued on an equal level at 100% of market value.

If a taxpayer wants to appeal the county Assessor's valuation of their property, they can file a petition with the Board of Equalization and a hearing shall be scheduled for the taxpayer to present his/her case.

Although the number of appeals and hearings vary from year to year, the Board meets approximately 15 days throughout the year with most of the hearing days being in the summer and fall.

The Mason County Commissioners are soliciting applications from community members who are interested in serving on this board. The member position must reside in the Commissioner District No. 1 area. The Alternate may be from any Commissioner District.

Interested parties may obtain an application at the Mason County Commissioners' Office, 411 North 5th Street, Shelton, or by calling 427-9670, ext. 419 or visit the Mason County website at www.co.mason.wa.us. Applications will be accepted until April 23, 2004.

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