

**NEWS RELEASE**

**May 8, 2007**

**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**

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The Board of Mason County Commissioners is seeking two individuals to be appointed to the Mason County Board of Equalization; one regular member and one alternate member. The term will expire June 30, 2010.

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.

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

Interested parties may obtain an application at the Mason County Commissioners' Office, 411 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Shelton, or by calling 427-9670, ext. 419 or visit the Mason County website at [www.co.mason.wa.us](http://www.co.mason.wa.us). Applications will be accepted until May 22, 2007.

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