

**NEWS RELEASE**

**May 6, 2008**

**MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**411 NORTH 5<sup>TH</sup> ST  
SHELTON, WA 98584  
(360) 427-9670 EXT. 419**

TO: KMAS, KRXV, 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 applications from community members who are interested in serving on the Mason County Board of Equalization and reside in Commissioner District No. 2 or 3.

The Board of Equalization is a three-member board that is appointed by the Mason County Commissioners and one alternate member. 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 up to two days a week for approximately 15 - 20 days throughout the year.

The successful applicant is required to attend training by the Washington State Department of Revenue, as required by RCW 84.48.042, within one year of appointment.

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 the positions are filled.

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