

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

MOTION NO. 24-439

APPOINTING AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE COUNTY ASSESSOR ON
AGRICULTURE AND OPEN SPACE PURSUANT
TO RCW 84.34.145 AND WAC 458-30-345

WHEREAS, RCW 84.34.145 provides for legislative authorities to appoint five-member committees representing the active farming community to advise County Assessors with respect to implementation of guidelines established by the Department of Revenue for the assessment of open space, farms, and agricultural lands; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Revenue has adopted an administrative regulation, WAC 458-30-345, that provides additional detail regarding the appointment and operation of the advisory committees provided for in RCW 84.34.145, appointment of which depends in part on whether there is sufficient interest within the farming community; and

WHEREAS, WAC 458-30-345 defines type of advice including supplying the assessor with advice on typical crops, land quality, and net cash rental assessments to assist in determining appropriate values; and

WHEREAS, the County Assessor supports appointment of an advisory committee and, having consulted with the Snohomish County Agricultural Advisory Board, identified the individuals named below as representing the active farming community and recommends them for appointment to the committee; and

WHEREAS, the County Council finds that the formation and functions of the advisory committee are controlled by state law and that the appointments set out below will promote the interests of the county, the County Assessor, and the active farming community within the county;

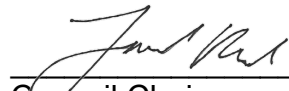
NOW THEREFORE, ON MOTION, the Snohomish County Council takes the following actions:

1. The Council hereby appoints the following five individuals to the advisory committee provided for in RCW 84.34.145 and WAC 458-30-345:
 - a. Allyson Green of Snohomish, Washington, currently representing the equine community on the Snohomish County Agriculture Advisory Board;
 - b. Eric Fritch of Snohomish, Washington, currently representing the livestock community on the Snohomish County Agriculture Advisory Board;

- c. Bob Ricci of Snohomish, Washington, currently representing commodity crops on the Snohomish County Agriculture Advisory Board;
 - d. Keith Stocker of Snohomish, Washington, currently serving as chair on the Snohomish County Agriculture Advisory Board; and
 - e. Marv Thomas of Snohomish, Washington, currently representing the Snohomish River Basin on the Snohomish County Agriculture Advisory Board;
- 2. The advisory committee, to be known as the Advisory Committee to the County Assessor on Agriculture and Open Space, shall be subject to the terms, duties, and responsibilities prescribed by RCW 84.34.145 and WAC 458-30-345.
 - 3. Pursuant to WAC 458-30-345, the terms of advisory committee members shall be for one year beginning on January 1 of each year. The appointments made by this motion shall be effective from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. The County Assessor is requested to submit recommendations to the Council for appointment to one-year terms beginning in 2025 and subsequent years by November 1st of each year, accompanied by such recommendations for related Council action as the Assessor deems appropriate.

DATED this 4th day of December, 2024.

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Council Chair

ATTEST:



Deputy Clerk of the Council