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Chair Jared Mead
Snohomish County Council

Re: Re-establishment of the Snohomish County Agriculture
Advisory Committee to the Assessor

Dear Chair Mead;

The farming and agriculture community of Snohomish County, specifically the Snohomish County Agricultural Advisory Board has expressed interest in assisting the Assessor in re-establishing the Snohomish County Agriculture Advisory Committee to the Assessor.

RCW 84.34.145 and WAC 458-30-345 authorize the county legislative authority to establish an advisory committee to assist the Assessor in implementing assessment guidelines as established by the Department of Revenue for the assessment of open space, farms and agricultural lands and timber lands. The committee is composed of five members of the active farming community within the county for this purpose.

Following is a list of individuals who have expressed an interest in serving on the committee and met the criteria for membership. The list is a recommendation from both the Assessor's Office and the Executive's Office. All the names submitted are involved in one or more aspects of farming and currently serve on the Snohomish County Agricultural Advisory Board. Council may be aware of other individuals who would have an interest in serving in such a capacity. Should the Council so desire, their names can be added to the list below.

Keith Stocker - current farmer and Chair of the Snohomish County Agricultural Advisory Board



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Allyson Green – current farmer and member of the Snohomish County Agricultural Advisory Board representing the equine community

Eric Fritch – current farmer and member of the Snohomish County Agricultural Advisory Board representing the livestock community.

Bob Ricci – current farmer and member of the Snohomish County Agricultural Advisory Board representing commodity crops

Marv Thomas – current farmer and member of the Snohomish County Agricultural Advisory Board representing the Snohomish River Basin

WAC 458-30-345 prescribes that the term of service be one year. In the prior establishment of the committee, it was recommended that the Assessor submit candidate names to the Snohomish County Council six (6) weeks prior to the next annual service period.

Initially, Assessor staff will act as administrator for the committee; scheduling meetings, taking minutes and performing record keeping duties. The Assessor is willing that staff continue in this capacity after the re-establishment of the committee and the adoption of operating procedures consistent with procedures set forth in WAC 458-30-345 should it be the committee's desire that they do so.

Respectfully,

Linda Hjelle
Snohomish County Assessor

Cc: Councilmember Dunn
Councilmember Nehring
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Peterson