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February 9, 2021

TO: County Councilmembers

FROM: Jill Nixon, Legislative Coordinator II

SUBJ: Appointment of Brad Rader to Business and Commerce Advisory Committee

On January 12, 2021, the County Council appointed Brad Rader to the Business and Commerce Advisory Committee. Mr. Rader has already served one term on the committee, as the agriculture representative.

Mr. Rader reapplied for a second term as the agricultural representative. However, the Council appointed him to the food processing representative position.

Since that appointment, Mr. Rader indicated via email on January 21, 2021 that he preferred to serve on the committee in the position indicated on his application, the agriculture representative.

Requested Action: The Council is asked to:

1. Rescind its vote from January 12, 2021 to appoint Mr. Rader to the food processing representative position on the Business and Commerce Advisory Committee
2. Appoint Mr. Rader to the agriculture representative position on the Business and Commerce Advisory Committee

From: [Brad Rader](#)
To: [Goldberg, Don](#); [Jill Nixon](#)
Cc: [Noveck, Jennifer](#); [Dana Brown-Davis](#)
Subject: RE: EXTERNAL - Appointments to Business & Commerce Adv. Comm.
Date: Thursday, January 21, 2021 3:13:01 PM

Hello,

I know regardless of sector assignment I can talk on either topics during meetings but I would prefer to be the Ag Sector Rep unless there is a reason why I need to stay on Food Processing. Rud mentioned something about a “committee”?

Best Regards,

Brad L. Rader



From: Goldberg, Don <dgoldberg@portofbellingham.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 2:44 PM
To: Jill Nixon <JNixon@co.whatcom.wa.us>; Brad Rader <brad@raderfarms.com>
Cc: Noveck, Jennifer <jennifern@portofbellingham.com>; Dana Brown-Davis <DBrown@co.whatcom.wa.us>
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Jill,

We discussed this today during our meeting. I'll leave it to Brad but it seems like Brad would prefer to remain as the Agriculture sector rep. and that we should advertise for a food processor sector. In addition, I want to stress my opinion that these roles in general should not be small businesses since we are looking for broad sector representation and companies that have significant impact to our regional economy.

Thanks for your support and Brad please chime in