

**PROPOSAL 1 – AMENDMENTS TO THE WHATCOM COUNTY CHARTER**

**BASING THE PERCENTAGE OF NECESSARY SIGNATURES FOR AN INITIATIVE/MINI-INITIATIVE ON THE LAST COUNTY EXECUTIVE ELECTION**

The Whatcom County Council has proposed an amendment to the Whatcom County Charter concerning the requirements for initiatives/mini-initiatives. This measure would amend Section 5.40 Initiative-- Procedures to change the requirement for petitions to include the signatures of voters equal to at least eight (8) percent of the vote cast in the county in the “last regular gubernatorial election” to “last regular county executive election” and would amend Section 5.41 Mini-Initiative to change the requirement that a petition bear the signatures of voters equal to at least three (3) percent of the number of votes cast in the county “in the last gubernatorial election” to “in the last county executive election.” Should this proposal be approved?

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**PROPOSAL 2 – ESTABLISHMENT OF A BIRCH BAY LIBRARY CAPITAL FACILITY AREA**

**ESTABLISHING THE BIRCH BAY LIBRARY CAPITAL FACILITY AREA**

The Whatcom County Council adopted Ordinance No. 2021-049 concerning a proposition to establish the Birch Bay Library Capital Facility Area to finance a new library facility in Birch Bay. If approved, this proposition would establish the Birch Bay Library Capital Facility Area with boundaries as described in County Council Ordinance No. 049, authorize it to acquire, construct, furnish and equip a new library in Birch Bay, incur indebtedness to finance such improvements through the issuance of up to \$4,500,000 in general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years, and levy annual excess property taxes to repay such bonds. Should this proposition be Approved?

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