

February 28, 2020

County Executive Satpal Sidhu
Whatcom County Administrative Building
108-311 Grant Avenue
Bellingham, Washington
98225

Dear Executive Sidhu:

**Re: Point Roberts Community Advisory Committee (PRCAC)
At-Large Appointee Recommendation**

In 2018, after communications with the County Executive on the above issue, our community actively solicited input on how to fill the PRCAC vacancy created by the departure of At-Large member Linda Hughes.

The concept of, and strategy behind, the initiative to **Help Select the PRCAC At-Large Appointee** was designed to build community equity within the County's decision-making process.

The process, used again in 2019, involved posting notice of the opening and soliciting interested parties to apply, both to the County formally and to the community. Those interested in being considered, and the community at large, attended a community town-hall. The process culminated with an online indication of preference. We believe that the process has again largely achieved our objectives.

Over 150 individuals - both Americans and Canadians - participated in the process, a number that we consider both meaningful and significant.

Individuals were asked to choose between two extremely well-qualified interested parties: **Craig Grossman and Pamala Sheppard**. I would like to acknowledge and thank them both for stepping forward. Each of them made a compelling case to the community for their appointment.

After one week of polling, the community has indicated its preference, and **Pamala Sheppard** was supported by 60.3% of those participating.

The candidates both assured us that that submitted complete applications to your office. If any further documentation or information is needed from Ms Sheppard, please let her and/or PRCAC know, so that we can make sure all requirements are satisfied.

Point Roberts trusts that you will give our community's recommendation appropriate weight in making your final decision on this important appointment. We hope you appreciate that, as in any other small community, volunteerism is the lifeblood of Point Roberts.

On behalf of all of us, we wish you and your family and staff the very best for a happy and healthy 2020.

All the best,

Stephen T. Falk

Secretary, Point Roberts Community Advisory Committee.