



MEMORANDUM

To: Houghton Community Councilmembers
From: Kathi Anderson, City Clerk
Date: July 10, 2017
Subject: Houghton Community Municipal Corporation Ballot Measure
Voter Pamphlet Statement Pro/Con Committee Appointments

Every four years the law requires that residents of Houghton vote on whether the Houghton Community Council should continue to exist. To that end, the Houghton Community Council approved Resolution 2017-4 at their March 27, 2017 meeting, placing the measure on the ballot. As part of the ballot measure information in the voter pamphlet, the Council must appoint individuals to write statements in favor of, and in opposition to, the ballot measure. On May 17, 2017, and again on June 9, 2017, a press release was issued for Houghton residents to volunteer for these committees, with a deadline of July 7, 2017.

King County Elections' Jurisdiction Manual states that the committees shall have no more than three members. However, a committee may seek the advice of any person or persons. Members shall be appointed from persons known to favor or oppose the measure as appropriate. The committees should each select a spokesperson for that committee. Members of the committees should not be drawn from the legislative authority of the jurisdiction sponsoring the ballot measure, or from members of its staff, in order to avoid any appearance of a conflict of interest. If the jurisdiction is unable to identify persons to serve on either of the committees, the Council must notify King County Elections, detailing efforts made to establish the committees, and they will publish a statement to that effect in the pamphlet.

The committee appointment forms must be submitted to King County no later than August 1, 2017. The committees' statements are due on August 8, 2017.

The following have expressed interest in appointment to the committee advocating approval (PRO):

Marie "Molly" Working, 5215 111th Avenue NE

The following have expressed interest in appointment to the committee advocating rejection (CON):

Dan Ryan, 493 2nd Avenue South

The Council should make a motion to appoint any, or all, of these individuals to the appropriate committees this evening if they meet with your approval. The City Clerk will then prepare the appointment form for submittal to King County and contact the individuals to provide them with the information they will need to complete their tasks.

