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From Dave Cummins and Sue Forde:

The Clallam County Home Rule Charter (your county constitution) is undergoing review for possible changes. There are a number of issues that are being discussed by your 15 elected charter review commissioners. We have a GREAT NEED to hear from you, so that your point of view is taken into consideration for the items to go on the ballot.

We have been charged with gathering input from the citizens as much as possible for the charter review. Although there is a set of questions that is being published as authorized by the Charter Review Commission after discussion and a vote of the majority, we'd like to ask some more comprehensive ones, to give you food for thought, and get your feedback. This questionnaire is put out by Dave Cummins and Sue Forde, as individuals and as your elected representatives to serve you, and does not represent the views or pronouncements of the Commission or committees of the Clallam County Home Rule Charter. It is our desire to gain additional feedback from you covering a variety of topics that have been brought before the Charter Review Commission, in addition to the questions that have been agreed upon by the Commission as a body.

**Will you participate? Every returned form has weight. If you have a spouse or voting age children, please have each person fill out a form and forward it.**

Attached is a survey of questions for you to answer. You can do this in any number of ways.

- (1) You can simply check "yes" or "no" on the attached form, with any comments you want to make, sign and get it to the commission. Mail it to: Charter Review Commission, 223 E. 4th Street, Port Angeles, WA 98362, or bring it to one of the public hearings.
- (2) You can take the questions and create a letter about any or all of the issues presented – **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.**
- (3) You can send your letter as an email. Send to: [crc@co.clallam.wa.us](mailto:crc@co.clallam.wa.us)
- (4) You can come and testify in person. You can bring your statement to read, and you don't need to answer questions from the commissioners if you don't want to. The three FINAL public hearings will take place as follows: **Sequim** – Carrie Blake Park Guy Cole Community Center – 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. – May 21, 2007.. **Port Angeles** – County Courthouse – enter side entrance on 4<sup>th</sup> Street – 6:30 – 9:30 p.m – June 4, 2007. **Forks** – City Hall – June 18, 2007 – 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. You can come to any or all of these.
- (5) If there are other issues you'd like brought up, now is the time!

The first of three FINAL public hearings will begin in less than two weeks. It is URGENT that we receive as much input as possible.

Here goes:

- (1) **Should the Director of Community Development (DCD) continue to be elected?**
- (2) **Should the people have the right to vote on new taxes for new programs?**
- (3) **Should the county commissioners be nominated and elected by district only?**

- (4) Should the county allow Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) as an alternative to the historical method?**
- (5) Should eminent domain (the power of the state to take private property for public use) be limited to its original meaning – for public utilities, roads, etc.)?**
- (6) Should state-mandated programs cease when the funds are no longer available from the state?**
- (7) Should the language of the initiative and referendum section be revisited to make it simpler to understand and use?**
- (8) Should the number of county commissioners be changed?**
- (9) Should there be term limits imposed on the county commissioners?**
- (10) Should the Charter limit campaign contributions and spending?**
- (11) Should all elective offices be partisan rather than nonpartisan?**
- (12) Should the Home Rule Charter continue to be reviewed every five years?**
- (13) Should nonpartisan office filings be extended for one week if only one person files, or if two file, and one drops out?**
- (14) Should we consider having an elected coroner?**

Please be sure to sign and print your name, and give your mailing address, and email address, if applicable, when you forward your input to the Charter Review Commission.

Thank you.