

## LWV OF MASON COUNTY STUDY OF MASON COUNTY ADVISORY COMMISSIONS

The League of Women Voters of Mason County has approved a new Study Group for 2010-2011 the purpose of which is to gather information about the various Mason County citizen advisory commissions, groups, and/or committees. This project is a logical extension of our “Know Your County” study of the past several years. We plan to ascertain for each advisory commission its purpose, authority, structure, meeting process, oversight, and member training. To that end, members of our Study Group will conduct research, interview relevant individuals, observe commission meetings, and request public records as necessary. When the study is complete, we will share the information in a way that is educational and ongoing, with the public as well as with the Mason County Board of Commissioners . Because these advisory commissions are composed of county citizens and depend on the availability of those citizens to serve, it is extremely important that the people of our county be made aware of these commissions and of vacancies when they occur, along with requirements for membership on said committees.

We propose to study the following Mason County Advisory Groups:

Civil Service Commission

Criminal Justice Working Team

Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Care Council

Board of Equalization

Housing Authority of Mason County

Lodging Tax Advisory Committee

Noxious Weed Control Board

Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council

Planning Advisory Commission

Solid Waste Committee

Transportation Improvement Program Citizen's Advisory Panel

Parks and Trails Advisory Board

Veterans Assistance Screening Committee

Water Conservancy Board

Storm Water Task Force

Historic Preservation Commission

Oakland Bay Clean Water District Advisory Committee

Lewis / Mason / Thurston Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board

Thurston / Mason Chemical Dependency Action Committee

Thurston / Mason Regional Support Network Mental Health Advisory Board

Timberland Regional Library Board of Trustees