

2025
Clallam County Charter Review Commission

Resolution Number 3

Resolution Proposing Charter Amendment Requiring County Commissioner
District Town Hall Meetings

The Clallam County Charter Review Commission elected by the voters of Clallam County for the year 2025 finds that:

1. All county residents deserve meaningful opportunities to connect directly with their elected County Commissioners, to ask questions, raise concerns, and to stay informed about county decisions by having their questions responded to by their County Commissioner. Such a dialogue is essential to ensuring decisions reflect the needs and values of the people.
2. Holding town hall meetings outside of regular working hours would give people working regular working hours a better opportunity to participate in such town hall meetings.
3. Many counties in Washington and around the country already hold regular town hall meetings as part of good government practices.
4. The Clallam County Charter currently does not require County Commissioners to meet with the public in their Districts outside of regular Board meetings, which are typically held in Port Angeles. That leaves many residents, especially those residents in rural or outlying areas, feeling disconnected from their local government.
5. Creating a requirement that each County Commissioner conduct at least one town hall meeting per year in their County Commissioner District would help give all voters a fair and consistent opportunity to be heard, and to have their District County Commissioner respond to their questions.
6. Creating a requirement that all County Commissioners conduct at least one town hall meeting in each district would further help give voters a fair and consistent opportunity to be heard, and to have all County Commissioners respond to their questions.
7. These town hall meetings would strengthen trust in government, increase public participation, and lead to more responsive and thoughtful policymaking.

Therefore, the 2025 Clallam County Charter Review Commission hereby proposes that the Clallam County Charter be amended by adding to Article II – Legislative and Executive Branches, a new Section 2.50, Commissioner District Town Hall Meetings, to read as follows:

Each member of the Board of County Commissioners shall conduct at least one town hall meeting in their Commissioner District each year, and all members of the Board of County Commissioners shall conduct at least one town hall meeting in each commissioner's district each year, said meetings to occur outside of normal working hours. Notice of such meetings must be posted at least 30 days in advance of the meeting.

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Further, the 2025 Clallam County Charter Review Commission, pursuant to Article XI, Sub-Sections 11.20.10 and 11.20.20 of the Clallam County Charter, and Clallam County Code Section 37.10.020, calls for:

1. The Clerk of the 2025 Charter Review Commission to cause this Resolution and the Charter amendment hereby proposed, and five copies of the same, to be filed with and registered by the Clallam County Auditor, along with the Resolution Coversheet required by the Clallam County Auditor; and
2. For the Charter amendment hereby proposed to be submitted to the voters at the next statewide general election occurring at least 90 days after registration of the proposed amendment by the Auditor.

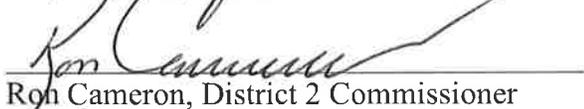
This Resolution and the Charter amendment hereby proposed is passed and approved on this 13 day of October, 2025, by the 2025 Clallam County Charter Review Commission.


Susan Fisch, District 1 Commissioner, Chair

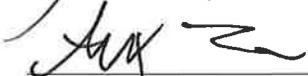

Christy Holy, District 3 Commissioner

Voted no
Bill Benedict, District 1 Commissioner

See attached
Patti Morris, District 2 Commissioner


Ron Cameron, District 2 Commissioner

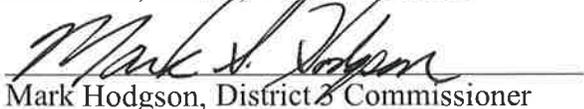
Voted NO
Chris Noble, District 2 Commissioner

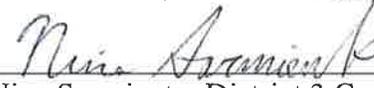

Alex Fane, District 1 Commissioner

Abstain
Paul Pickett, District 2 Commissioner

See attached
Rod Fleck, District 3 Commissioner

See attached
Ron Richards, District 2 Commissioner


Mark Hodgson, District 3 Commissioner


Nina Sarmiento, District 3 Commissioner

Excused

Jim Stoffer, District 1 Commissioner

Jim Tozzer

Jeff Tozzer, District 1 Commissioner

See attached.

Cathy Walde, District 3 Commissioner

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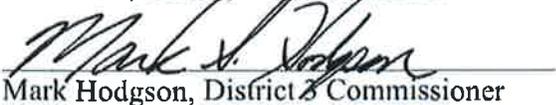

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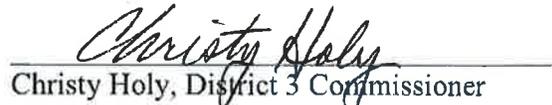
Voted no
Bill Benedict, District 1 Commissioner

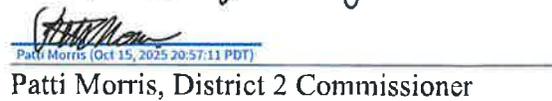

Ron Cameron, District 2 Commissioner


Alex Fane, District 1 Commissioner

William R Fleck
William R Fleck (Oct 14, 2025 11:26:13 PDT)
Rod Fleck, District 3 Commissioner


Mark Hodgson, District 3 Commissioner

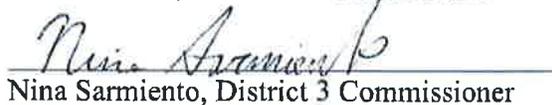

Christy Holy, District 3 Commissioner


Patti Morris (Oct 15, 2025 20:57:11 PDT)
Patti Morris, District 2 Commissioner

Voted NO
Chris Noble, District 2 Commissioner

Abstain
Paul Pickett, District 2 Commissioner

Ronald N. Richards
Ronald N. Richards (Oct 14, 2025 08:46:12 PDT)
Ron Richards, District 2 Commissioner


Nina Sarmiento, District 3 Commissioner

Excused

Jim Stoffer, District 1 Commissioner

Jim Tozzer

Jeff Tozzer, District Commissioner

Cathy Walde

Cathy Walde (Oct 21, 2025 15:46:13 PDT)

Cathy Walde, District 3 Commissioner