

**ADOPTION OF WRITTEN DECISION**  
**BOUNDARY REVIEW BOARD MEETING**

For the record, this is **Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. My name is **Chad Bates**, and I am the Board Chair for the Washington State Boundary Review Board for Snohomish County. I will be conducting tonight's hearing. With me this evening are board members **Mark Beales, (Henry Veldman), and Alison Sing**.

The purpose of the hearing tonight is to adopt the written decision on the matter of **BRB File No. 04-2018 City of Lake Stevens "Rhodora" Annexation Proposal**.

On August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the Washington State Boundary Review Board for Snohomish County's jurisdiction was **invoked** by petition of 8.98% of qualified registered voters in the annexation area.

A quorum of the Board held a public hearing on this matter on **Monday, October 1st, 2018 and the public hearing was continued on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**.

During the hearing, the Board heard testimony from representatives of:

- The City of Lake Stevens and the City's attorney;
- A representative of Snohomish County's Planning and Development Services;
- The party opposed to the annexation who invoked the jurisdiction of the Board;
- Other parties opposed to the annexation;
- Other parties in favor of the annexation;
- Testimony from the public.

The Board has considered all written material and other evidence that was timely submitted, including but not limited to:

- The notice of intention and attachments;
- Documents submitted by the City;
- Documents submitted by the County;
- Documents submitted by owners of property within the "Property" who favored the annexation;
- Documents submitted by owners of property within the "Property" who opposed the annexation and invoked the jurisdiction of the Board

### **Board Decision**

After deliberating, a Board member made a motion to **approve** the City of Lake Stevens proposed annexation which was seconded and passed by a vote of **3:0**.

### **Adoption of Written Decision**

Tonight, the board will adopt the written decision related to this matter.

1. Have each of you received and read the written decision that is before us tonight? *(Poll each board member)*
2. Are there any corrections or changes that we should consider? *(Poll each board member)*
3. *Based upon the poll responses choose **one of the following**:*
  - a. If there **ARE** corrections or changes – "Having considered any proposed changes and/or corrections; the Chair now entertains a motion to adopt the written decision as amended"

- b. If **NO** corrections or changes – “Hearing none, the Chair now entertains a motion to adopt the written decision as presented”

It was moved by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt the written decision as presented (*or amended*). Motion passes by a vote of \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_. (*Reminder: include the chair’s vote in the count*)

### **THANK THE CITIZENS**

Before we entertain a motion to close tonight’s meeting, on behalf of the board we want to extend our sincerest thanks to everyone who attended or participated on this matter.

The statute dictates that once jurisdiction on an annexation proposal has been invoked, the Boundary Review Board must evaluate the proposed annexation as prescribed by State law. The Boundary Review Boards were created for the purpose of protecting the rights of all parties involved in any annexation action. As “gatekeeper” we have a solemn responsibility to ensure that the critical municipal services enjoyed by the citizens of an annexation area are maintained or enhanced from the day the annexation takes effect.

In addition, State statutes are very specific on what agreements must be in place before an annexation proposal is approved. If they are not met, then the boundary review board must act to protect the citizens who are affected by this annexation proposal. This is a paramount duty of the Boundary Review Board.

We thank you for coming and participating on this matter.

### **Close Meeting**

The Chair will entertain a motion to adjourn the proceedings.