

Final Tally of Public Comments, by topic, submitted to the 2020 Charter Review Commission, by e-mail, in-person or by zoom, at meetings:

Amendment regarding EMF (Electromagnetic Field) - Also, described as Franchises/EMF/NEPA (National Environmental Protection Act) Amendment

40 people - in support

3 people - in opposition (includes PUD #1 of Clallam County)

Ranked-Choice Voting Proposal

14 people - in support (includes leader of Clallam County League of Women Voters.)

9 people - in opposition

Amendment to address Homelessness

7 people - in support

Voting for County Commissioner

7 people - in support of maintaining Primary Election and General Election by District

3 people - change to Primary Election in District, General Election Countywide

DCD (Department of Community Development) - position to be addressed

6 people - suggested addressing responsibilities and other aspects of this position

Nuclear Weapons Proposal

5 people - in support

Water Security Amendment

4 people - in support

Amendment to Prioritize Climate Solutions/address Climate Change

4 people - in support

Proposal for Heavy Equipment Emergency Response Plan (or emergency preparedness)

4 people - in support

Concern about 2020 Charter Review Commission ending their meetings/term early, on Nov. 12, 2020

4 people - *opposed to ending meetings/term on Nov. 12, 2020*

DCD (Department of Community Development) - remain as an "elected" position

3 people - *in support of maintaining this as an elected position*

Sound Quality at Charter Review Commission Meetings is reason for concern

3 people - *with concerns about this*

Separate Coroner from Prosecuting Attorney Position

2 people - *in support*

Amendment for Tribal Representation at the County Commission

2 people - *in support*

Amendment for County Enforcement of "No parking or camping in non-designated areas"

2 people - *in support*

Environmental Hazards Amendment

2 people - *in support*

Needs of Citizens of the County are priority, not special interests of a political group or individual commissioner

2 people - *in support*

Want information on submitting petitions and would like website maintained for getting information out to the citizens

2 people - *with this concern*

Effective code enforcement

2 people - *with this concern*

Address Housing Issues

2 people - *with this concern*

Ombudsman at the County Level

2 people - *in support*

Maintain Charter Reviews - every 5 years

2 people - *in support*

******There were >60 other topics address by single individuals; see "Final Summary (through 12/31/2020) of Public Comments, by topic"....for details on those topics.***

Final Summary (through 12/31/2020) of Public Comments, by topic, submitted to the 2020 Charter Review Commission (CRC), by e-mail; and in-person, at meetings. (This summary includes comments from 12/12/2019 through 12/31/2020, 11:59 PM.)

***Of note, comments provided by Clallam County elected officials, are not included here, with several exceptions: Comments received from PUD, on 7/15/2020 and 9/28/2020, due to their relevance to the topic, on which we have received the most public comment: Franchises/EMF/NEPA (National Environmental Protection ACT) Amendment proposal. Also, informational e-mails, received from the County Prosecutor, on 10/21/2020 and 10/22/2020, which are relevant to the proposal that was considered regarding Separation of the Coroner/Prosecutor positions.

***Point of clarification, as of 6/02/2020: Anthony (Tony) Corrado had submitted public comments, before being elected/sworn in as the newest Charter Review Commission member, on 4/23/2020. The e-mails and public comment, which he submitted, while a non-CRC member, are included in the tally of public comments, submitted before his election/swearing in, on Thursday evening, 4/23/2020.)

***Revision, as of 3/10: Comments from Charter Review Commissioners are excluded from this summary, and future summaries. Totals provided, represent comments from members of the public, only.

***If someone came to give an in-person comment and, also, sent an e-mail, that person was only counted, once, with regard to comment on that topic.

***If an e-mail was sent with two people signed, each person was counted.

***Dates documented are dates that either a public comment was made in-person or the date that we received the e-mail from our Clerk. (Update: There were so many comments of EMF, that came in on 7/08 and 7/09, for simplicity, the dates below correspond to the date sent by the resident, rather than the date, received.)

***Note that some individuals provided comment on a topic, more than once. Each comment is dated on the issue, whether comment was in-person or by e-mail. Again, that individual is only counted as "1" on the topic, despite more than one comment.

***The following categories are listed, according to "number of people" offering comment on a particular issue, with the highest priority topic noted first.

Comments representing forty people - RECEIVED ON THESE ISSUES:

Amendment regarding EMF (Electromagnetic Field) - Also, described as: Franchises/EMF/NEPA (National Environmental Protection ACT) Amendment: 1/16, 1/22, 1/23, 1/23, 1/23, 1/23, 1/23, 2/04,

2/09, 2/10, 2/10, 2/11, 2/11, 2/11, 2/11, 2/11, 2/11, 2/11, 2/12, 2/13, 2/13, 2/13, 2/14, 3/12, 3/13, 4/09, 4/09, 4/10, 6/12, 6/24, 6/24, 6/24, 6/25, 6/25, 6/25, 6/25, 7/08, 7/08, 7/08, 7/09, 7/09, 7/09, 7/09, 7/09, 7/09, 7/09, 7/09, 7/09 (**See Addendum.)

Comments representing fourteen people – RECEIVED ON THESE ISSUES:

Support for Ranked-Choice Voting (RCV) proposal, 11/05, 11/05, 11/05, 11/05, 11/05, 11/06, 11/10, 11/11, 11/12, 11/12, 11/12, 11/12, 11/12, 11/24 (**See Addendum.)

Comments representing nine people – RECEIVED ON THESE ISSUES:

Opposition to Ranked-Choice Voting (RCV) proposal, 12/11, 12/11, 12/14, 12/14, 12/14, 12/14, 12/14, 12/15, 12/15

Comments representing seven people - RECEIVED ON THESE ISSUES:

Amendment to address Homelessness, 1/16, 1/20, 1/23, 1/23, 2/04, 2/06, 2/20, 2/24, 2/27, 4/13, 4/27, 4/27, 4/27, 6/25, 9/28

Maintain Voting for County Commissioners, by District 2/18, 2/19, 2/20, 2/20, 2/20, 2/20, 2/20, 7/15

Comments representing six people - RECEIVED ON THESE ISSUES:

DCD (Department of Community Development), 2/13, 2/13, 2/13, 2/13, 1/23, 1/31, 3/12, 3/12, 3/12, 4/09, 6/23, 7/09, 9/10

Comments representing five people- RECEIVED ON THESE ISSUES:

Support for Nuclear Weapons Recommendation, 11/19, 11/20, 11/30, 11/30, 11/30

Comments representing four people - RECEIVED ON THESE ISSUES:

Water Security Amendment, 1/16, 1/23, 1/27, 2/04

Amendment to Prioritize Climate Solutions/address Climate Change, 1/16, 1/22, 1/23, 7/16.

Proposal for Heavy Equipment Emergency Response Plan (or emergency preparedness), 1/16, 1/23, 2/04, 7/16

Concern about 2020 Charter Review Commission ending their meetings/term on Nov. 12, 2020, 11/19, 11/30, 11/30, 12/14.

Comments representing three people - RECEIVED ON THESE ISSUES:

Sound Quality at Meetings - 12/12, 1/03, 1/04, 1/08

DCD (Department of Community Development) - should be an Elected Position 2/27, 2/27, "People want a strong elected position." 2/27

Change Voting for County Commissioners back to Primary Election in District, and General Election Countywide - 2/13, 2/20, 6/25, 7/12, 7/15, 7/16 (**See Addendum.)

Opposition to the EMF Amendment (Franchises/NEPA): 7/15, 7/15, 10/21 (**See Addendum.)

Comments representing two people - RECEIVED ON THESE ISSUES:

Separate Coroner from Prosecuting Attorney Position - 1/09, 1/16, 1/23 (**See Addendum; regarding added references.)

Amendment for Tribal Representation at the County Commission, 1/16, 2/04

Amendment for County Enforcement of "No parking or camping in non-designated areas. 1/16, 2/04

Environmental Hazards Amendment 1/16, 1/22

Needs of Citizens of the County are priority, not special interests of a political group or individual commissioner - 2/04, 2/04

Wants information on submitting petitions and would like website maintained for getting information out to the citizens - 1/09, 1/09

Effective Code Enforcement- 1/31, 2/13

Housing Issues - 2/04, 4/27, 9/28

Ombudsman at the County Level - 1/23, 6/25

Maintain Charter Review continue - every 5 years - 1/09, 7/15

Comments representing one person - RECEIVED ON THESE ISSUES:

Creation of 5 County Commissioners - 1/09, 1/23

Pay of County Commissioners - should be commensurate with average yearly income of county residents - 1/09, 1/23

Amendment regarding Military Training Exercises 1/16

Amendment regarding Taxes - 1/23, 3/12, 7/09 (**See Addendum.)

Zoning Issues 1 Comment - 2/04

Inform the public on pending legislation and cost/benefit impact - 2/04

Universal health care in the county, include inpatient and outpatient dependency intervention programs - 2/04

Mandate restaurants donate left over food for those starving - 2/04

Livable wages - 2/04

Strategic planning for growth of county - 2/04

Implement neighborhood dispute resolution program/trained mediators - 2/04

Encourage thoughtful and well-managed business and industrial development to increase tax rules and provide tax relief to home owners. - 2/04

Concerns about County Government, powers of officials in the Charter - 1/09)

Consider what younger people in the county want and need - 1/09

Concern about CRC Budget - 1/09

Conflict of Interest having the Prosecuting Attorney's Office represent CRC - - 1/09

People have a duty to participate in CRC - 1/09

LWV is coming to meetings to observe and will offer viewpoints, at appropriate times - 1/09

City of Port Angeles is having training on running an effective meeting using Robert's Rule of Order - 1/09

Traffic Flow/Road Conditions - 2/04

"Charter is a mess", needs careful review - 2/13, 2/13

"Do not revisit DNR issues" - 2/13

County Jurisdiction Relinquishment - 2/13, 3/12

Article II, Section 4 of Washington State Constitution - was referenced, on 2/19

County Resources and Accountability for Natural Resources Inventory - 2/20, 2/20, 3/12

Concerns about having CFO (Chief Financial Officer); need a "Chief Planner", instead. 2/20

Supports CFO (Chief Financial Officer) position, being a part of the Charter. 2/20

Each proposal might be changed by another....Do not adopt anything yet. 2/20

Prosecuting Attorney (PA) position should be nonpartisan - 1/09, 1/23, 2/20

Conflict in role of Administrator and Human Resources Director 2/27

Request for Attorney to rewrite the Charter 2/27

Subcommittee Meetings should be open and recorded 4/09, 4/09

Appreciate seriousness of COVID19, being addressed by Chair 4/10

"Apparently, the order by the Governor (regarding COVID19) can be interpreted in different ways."
4/23

EMF Legal Opinion is flawed - 4/09, 4/10

"Tribe on the East Coast challenged the FCC (Federal Communications Commission). Tribe won that case. Legality of 5G is up in the air." 4/09

Concern about inability to reach DCD (Department of Community Development) and other county offices, during COVID19 restrictions 5/20

Response by DCD to concerns about inability to reach DCD and other county offices, during COVID19 restrictions 5/21

Regarding the CRC Survey:

1. One person appreciative - 6/01

2. One person with a number of questions about the survey 6/02, including:

a. "...does this vote for the survey violate the ADA and other restrictive/protective means to engage one's public?"

b. "...The public notice states a deadline of June 30, but that deadline decision was not made in a public/OPM form and I question whether that is legally binding."

c. "...The survey vote and also the discussion/decisions made during the agenda item for continuing the CRC during COVID, and even the good of the order about what is going to be appropriate for the CRC did not give any bases as to whether the survey was cleared to be released during the phase of the COVID closure. This needs to be answered before it is legally challenged."

d. "The public notice infers this survey is for the purpose of the COVID emergency and lack of public meetings (the term public hearing used), but the decision voted on to host this survey was prior to the CRC voting to make the decision to suspend CRC activity, as I view it...."

e. "...this survey, as presented, is biased in its format, it doesn't even allow for a "yes opinion, but not yes or no response."

f. "the CRC website is getting difficult to follow..."

g. ***Be sure to include this resident's survey responses for the record for the whole CRC. (Need to ascertain that this is done).

Suggestion regarding DCD (Department of Community Development): "Refine the language in the Charter regarding the DCD director...start with testing the language to have the DCD director "REPORT" the programs that are managed by that department to the BOCC (Board of County Commissioners), especially those that affect the county at large on many scales, like Salmon Recovery in the Third District." 6/23 If DCD remains an elected position, in support of further defining role of DCD 9/10

Regarding CRC Survey Question #10: Should Clallam County increase their monitoring of DNR management by hiring a forester? Response: "The question is vague and misleading...The intent of the question is actually related to increasing revenues from timber harvest. These duties are not captured in the question of hiring a "forester" and may mislead the public." 6/23

Regarding County Administrator: "Need to firm up the position." 6/11, "Don't eliminate County Administrator; County Administrator is important for the citizens of our county." 6/25

Concerns about Open Meeting Act/BlueJeans Chat Log 7/09

Concern about Speaking Privileges at CRC meetings; 7/09 (appears unjust; not enough time for the public to speak, elected officials granted more time.)

Opposition to Amendment: Changing Prosecuting elected office to non-partisan position. 7/15.

Concerns about proposed amendment on Tribal Representation on the Board of Clallam County Commissioners. 7/16 (**See Addendum.)

Emergency Preparedness - needs to be addressed. 7/16

Concern about not holding Public Hearings on the Amendment proposals, which are going to be on the November ballot. 7/16

Support for: Proposal regarding "Clallam County Bill of Rights". 10/02 (**See Addendum.)

Table this: Recommendation to hire a County Forester. 10/05 (**See Addendum.)

Support for: Amendment for Permanent Public Health and Environmental Safety Advisory Board/Commission. 10/08 (**See Addendum.)

Opposition to: Amendment or proposal regarding EMF (Electromagnetic Field) - Also, described as: Franchises/EMF/NEPA (National Environmental Protection ACT) Amendment: Does not support CRC addressing this issue. "...recommend to work with public health officials at the county and state to address these concerns." 10/21

Opposition to: Proposal regarding "Clallam County Bill of Rights". 10/21.

Very Upset About BlueJeans Format for CRC meetings: 10/22, 10/22 During public comment period on 10/22 and at previous meetings, this resident reports that his microphone was "muted by moderator", repeatedly, when attempting to speak. "I cannot participate via BlueJeans or through the call system, therefore, I'll just listen...I have lived this h___ ever since this process has begun and you're

not the only county or state open public meetings that has resulted in the deficiency that took place.."

Clallam County Charter Section 4.25 – Alternatives to proposing a new amendment to Section 4.24 of the Charter (regarding DCD), 11/12

Concerns about "Recommendations" presented to BOCC (Board of County Commissioners) by the CRC:

"The Board of Commissioners shall conduct meetings, as required, including district town hall meetings, to fully vet publicly all recommendations for changes or revisions to county operations and procedures (not proposed for ballot measures), forwarded to them by the Charter Review Commission. The meetings shall engage the public and shall encourage public comment on the proposed changes and revisions." 11/12

"I submit as a point of order to the BOCC worksession on 23NOV2020 agenda item 2 that a self-appointed claimed representative of the Clallam Charter Review Committee is representing a recommendation approved motion of the CRC without granted authorization/motion of the CRC to represent the CRC, at least not publicly." 11/23, 11/25

"You have not solved or even responded to my grievance, your actions are not authorized by the County Charter, you have not engaged or vetted any of these recommendations from the CRC and the two that are currently being discussed without public engagement or vetting at today's BOCC worksession is biased and disallowing due process for each and every citizen that has the right in this county. I demand you cease and desist in this closet approach in representing the best interest of we the people." 12/14.

Addendum - quotes/additional information on specific proposals, presented to CRC:

Regarding: Amendment regarding EMF (Electromagnetic Field) - Also, described as: Franchises/EMF/NEPA (National Environmental Protection ACT) Amendment:

Support expressed for Franchises/EMF/NEPA Amendment: Since 1/16/2020, a total of 49 comments have been received by the CRC, representing 40 people, in support of this proposal. On 6/11/2020, an additional person came to the meeting with concern/question about implementation of small cells.

On 6/25/2020, one community member urged CRC to take a stand on 5G, (and other similar technology), referencing Senator Blumenthal's questioning of Telecom Industry Leaders, at the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee Hearing on the future of 5G wireless technology, held on 2/07/2019. (Available on YouTube): When asked, Telecom representatives stated that they were not aware of any industry-based research on the biological effects/public health concerns of 5G. "No money has been committed to back independent research", on this issue, by Telecom Industry. Senator Blumenthal's final comment, "so we are flying blind on health and safety?"

On 7/09/2020, one community member suggested adding this sentence to the current proposal, "The BOCC shall take all required actions to ensure that any franchise associated with new radio frequency

devices on systems operating in the micro or millimeter wave frequency range be accompanied by environmental assessments (EAs) and environmental impact statements (EISs) as required by the National Environmental Policy Act."

***CRC members and our residents may review multiple comments on the issue of the Franchises/EMF/NEPA Amendment proposal (and other topics), in the minutes of our meetings, found at [clallam.net/Charter Review Commission/Adopted Minutes](http://clallam.net/Charter%20Review%20Commission/Adopted%20Minutes).

Regarding: EMF Amendment and/or Recommendation Proposals (Franchises/NEPA):

Opposition expressed, on 7/15/2020 and 9/28/2020 by PUD, "Including these sections on the ballot in November presents considerable risk. The public will not understand the unintended consequences...extending the timelines to develop critical infrastructure for the public well-being, as well as negatively affecting customers' cost of service in the form of increased rates."

Regarding Amendment: Change Voting for County Commissioners back to Primary Election in District, and General Election Countywide -

Support expressed, on 7/12/2020, by a resident (who is an attorney). He refutes a statement made by a CRC Commissioner on July 9, 2020, "threatening a lawsuit if Clallam County returns to electing County Commissioners by a county-wide vote." This resident quoted "the very first sentence" in that statute, RCW 29.A.92.005: "The legislature finds that electoral systems that deny race, color, or language minority groups an equal opportunity to elect candidates of their choice are inconsistent with the right to free and equal elections.." He sent a photo of the Forks City Council, which is composed of all-white members.

Support expressed, on 7/15/2020, received from "The League of Women Voters of Clallam County has a long-standing position that the three County Commissioners should be nominated by district and elected at large."

Regarding: EMF Amendment (Franchises/NEPA): Opposition expressed, on 7/15/2020 and 9/28/2020 by PUD, "Including these sections on the ballot in November presents considerable risk. The public will not understand the unintended consequences...extending the timelines to develop critical infrastructure for the public well-being, as well as negatively affecting customers' cost of service in the form of increased rates."

Regarding: Amendment on Tribal Representation on the Board of Clallam County

Commissioners: Opposition expressed by Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe: "...express our concerns regarding the current proposed amendment to include one seat on the BOCC for Tribal Representation. We do not feel this is the right venue...This work should be initiated through meaningful consultation, mutual interest, and agreed upon timelines, processes and protocols. We look forward to engaging with the Commission's leadership to work on improving these relationships." 7/16

Regarding: Taxing Districts and/or Forestry/DNR:

"...consider the reason the taxing districts do not have a reliable and clear accountability of a significant revenue source. The Trust lands are managed by the State DNR and the past five years has seen a continued move to create more arrearage as was addressed in the previous CRC, but we the citizens and the county are left with the impression that all is well; we are getting our due revue? Time has told us this is not true, it is a false projection..." 7/09

"The individual (for new Forester position) should have policy and forestry management experience." 9/10

"Table" the "Forester" proposal: "There is insufficient material and opportunity for the public to comment on this recommendation for a forester. The purpose of the proposed forester position is unclear, and there is no information on the potential duties and qualifications for the position." 10/05

Regarding Affordable Housing Proposal: "When living in Fresno, a creative architect Arthur Dyson was designing very inexpensive housing for those experiencing homelessness...He explored using very inexpensive materials and designed small homes around a central community building. Limiting plumbing and a full kitchen to the community building cut down considerably on costs. <https://ecovillagefresno.org/> 9/28

Regarding: Proposal "Clallam County Bill of Rights". "The other day I was asked to submit this compilation I entitled, "Clallam County Bill of Rights". The data was gathered, synthesized and recorded during the campaign for a seat I ran for on the County Charter Review Commission last year from "listening sessions" I attended in all three Districts of the County and a Web site where I posted a request for resident comments called the "Next Door Digest". The data came from respondents who live in the County and are interested in preserving and improving the quality of life where we reside rather than changes to the structural content of the Charter." 10/02_

Regarding: Amendment for Permanent Public Health and Environmental Safety Advisory Board/Commission. "It would be prudent for the CRC to adopt this proposal...It appears that many of the issues before the CRC have been sidelined even though they continue to persist as threats to the

residents and the environment." 10/08

Regarding: Separate Coroner from Prosecuting Attorney Position

Two informational e-mails received, relative to this issue, from Clallam County Prosecutor: 10/21 - WACO (Washington Association of County Officials) - 2021 Priority Bill #1, Budget Request #1: Mandate Certification and Accreditation for all Coroner/Medical Examiner Offices. 10/22 - Updated ASB standards (Academy Standards Board for Medical Examiners and Coroners).

Regarding: Amendment or Recommendation on Ranked-Choice Voting (RCV)

"Please support companion bills HB1722 and SB5708 this year! This will allow local jurisdictions the ability to adopt Ranked-Choice Voting if they choose to.It is more important than ever to ensure everyone's voice is heard. This is why RCV is so important." 11/05

"I'm writing in support of RCV, a more flexible, nuanced way to express one's preferences and opinions. Adopting and accepting RCV is the way of the future, a positive move from the restrictions of yes/no, either/or choices. Nationally, we're gradually learning that few things are simply black and white; ranked choices is a step in that direction." 11/05

"...Voters have more choice because they are free to choose the candidates they like best, without the fear of wasting their vote...The candidate with the broadest possible support wins the election. Partisan politics become less important and the value of negative campaigning is diminished...With ranked-choice voting, candidates have an incentive to run a more positive campaign to try to earn voters' backup choices." 11/06

Support expressed by President of League of Women Voters of Clallam County: "I encourage the Charter Review Committee to consider RCV in order to engage the electorate, inhibit antagonism among candidates, and attract candidates from underrepresented groups." 11/12.

Above was compiled by Therese Stokan, Charter Review Commissioner, District 3; to be reviewed by Charter Review Commissioners, and the Public; this update was submitted on 1/12/2021. If you are aware of a need for any corrections, please e-mail Commissioner Stokan at: hermanabaheda@aol.com. (Our county e-mail is currently not operating.)

Noted previously: Chair and First Vice-Chair of CRC advised - preference for this summary and not the "Long Summary", previously provided, which included names of residents.

