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RE: New Year's Resolutions for Mason County Commissioners and Citizens

In the interest of effective, efficient, open county government, the League of Women Voters of Mason County offers these New Year's Resolutions for Mason County Commissioners and Citizens.

We urge Commissioners to resolve to:

1. Announce all meetings in advance and listen attentively to the public's input.
2. Record all meetings attended by two or more of the Board whether it is called a briefing, workshop, or hearing.
3. Provide a rationale for decisions and share with the public the options that were considered.
4. Work together as a team in the best interest of the county and the citizens who elected us to office.
5. Establish standards of ethics and a code of conduct for all elected county officials and county employees.
6. Construct a reasonable and balanced budget which sets aside adequate funds for emergencies.

We encourage citizens to resolve to:

1. Register to vote, evaluate the candidates and their qualifications, and cast our ballot on Election Day.

2. Inform ourselves about the workings of our county government.
3. Educate ourselves about the issues and needs of our fellow citizens.
4. Show our support for the officials elected by the majority of voters in Mason County through our active and courteous participation and feedback.
5. Provide tax dollars to fund our public services.

We look forward to a productive year for Mason County in 2010.

Sandra L. Herndon
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