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Dear Community Member,

The Pierce County Accessible Voting Advisory Committee is seeking representatives to fill two vacant positions on the committee.

Pierce County is a recipient of grant funds under the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). In collaboration with the Center for Independence (CFI) and the Tacoma Area Coalition of Individuals with Disabilities (TACID) an advisory committee was established to determine use of the funds to assure voter accessibility to election materials and voting in all Local, State and Federal elections.

The committee focuses on the following accessibility activities:

1. Local voter pamphlets
2. Outreach/education
3. Alternative language/formats
4. Poll worker training
5. Accessible voting equipment and centers

The committee consists of 12 voting members representing the diverse populations of people who experience barriers to information and/or casting their vote. Our current committee has representation from the following populations:

1. Developmental Disabilities
2. Mental Health Issues
3. Traumatic Brain Injury
4. Deaf, hard of hearing, late-deafened and DeafBlind
5. Blind
6. Illiteracy

In filling the two vacant positions we are seeking candidates that will expand the diversity of populations who would benefit from added accessibility. If you or someone you know represents a population or group of citizens who would benefit from improved accessibility to voter information and casting ballots and are willing to commit to bi-monthly meetings and full participation on the committee please contact committee chair, Christine Seymour at cseymour@hsdc.org to receive an application.

Applications will be reviewed at a future meeting of the committee.

Thank you for your support of this important project.

Sincerely,

Christine Seymour
Chair, Pierce County Accessible Voting Advisory Committee