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**Observer Corps Report Form**

Observed Meeting: LD13 Position 2 Replacement - Held @ Grant Co Courthouse, Ephrata WA  
Date: 1/14/19 Time: 4pm-5:30pm

FEATURE EVALUATED	Yes	No	COMMENTS
Did meeting start on time?	X		
Were all members present?	X		3@ county commissioners from Kittitas, Grant, Lincoln, and Yakima counties
Were members attentive?	X		
Did members ask relevant and probing questions?		X	No discussion or questions in open meeting.
Was agenda made available prior to and at the meeting?	?		There were copies of agenda present. Unsure whether they were available prior to the 14th.
Were agenda discussion items included in agenda?			N/A?
Were agenda items clearly described for discussion?	X		
Were agenda amendments made in timely manner?			N/A
Were any "Executive Sessions" called?	X		Prior to each vote, first session for 15 minutes. Second for 10 minutes.
Were any non-agenda items discussed?		X	not in the open meeting
Were members courteous to each other & the public?	X		

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Did any items appear to have been discussed prior to the meeting?	?		This was the second meeting of the LD13 county commissioners to discuss Manweller replacement.
Was there adequate opportunity for public input?		X	None was asked for or permitted.
Was background material available to the public?		X	
Did any member recuse themselves during the meeting? For what reason?		X	

Were any issues on the agenda relevant to any LWV state or local positions or programs?  
~~YES~~ NO

Do you recommend local League action on any of these issues? YES NO If 'yes' what action do you recommend?

Do any of the issues raised during this meeting suggest further study by the League? ~~YES~~ NO

Observer Name: Charli Sorenson Date Submitted: 1/15/19

List names of other LWV members in attendance:

Mary Morgan

List any other concerns or observations:

This meeting was recorded by Grant County Commissioners and may now be available on their county website. All three candidates were present and allowed to speak for 5 minutes each. There were no questions from the committee and no discussion after the candidate presentations.

There were two votes and two executive sessions immediately prior to each. The first vote was to reduce candidates from 3 to 2. The vote went as follows: 5 for Ybarra, 4 for Elliot, 3 for Stone. Stone was eliminated from consideration.

The second vote was to pick an appointee from the two finalists. The vote went as follows: 8 for Ybarra (all of Grant, Lincoln and two from Yakima), 4 for Elliot (all of KittCo and one from Yakima). Audible gasp from audience at result of second vote, perhaps signaling they expected a different outcome.

Recognized the KittCo GOP Chair present in audience. KittCo Commissioners voted in a block for Ian Elliot in both votes, anecdotally upon direction from the KittCo GOP. No other counties block voted in both votes. Audience of 40, observing, most from the GOP. To the best of my knowledge, only 4 non-GOP attended in the audience.

**GRANT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Joint Meeting with Lincoln, Yakima, Grant and Kittitas County**  
**Special Meeting**  
**Monday January 14, 2019 - 4:00 PM**  
**Grant County Courthouse**  
**35 C Street NW - Ephrata WA, 98823**

1. Call to Order
2. Elect Committee Chair
3. Candidate Presentations (5 minutes each)
4. Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (h): Executive session to evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office
5. Regular Session
  - a. Vote on candidates to determine top two
6. Executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (h)
7. Regular session
  - a. Vote on candidate for appointment
8. Adjourn

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