Announcement of the Formation of an Ethics Board for the City of Langley, WA

Applicants are requested for the formation of a new Ethics Board for the City of Langley, WA. The Ethics Board is the result of recommendations made by a previously formed Ethics Commission that concluded a multi-month study and provided the City of Langley with a number of valuable products and recommendations that have been implemented in the ordinances, standard practices, and future staff and volunteer development plans for the city.

The Ethics Board will have three primary responsibilities:
1. education, 2. review, and 3. consultation. The Ethics Board will have 5 members and will meet when requested by the Mayor or the City Council to do so or as appropriate to meet for education purposes, requested reviews, or requested consultation. The make up of the Ethics Board will include five citizens from South Whidbey communities and a majority (3) of the members being residents of the City of Langley. Candidates are invited with diverse backgrounds and experiences who are willing to stay informed about ethical matters, to support staff development, and to invest the time necessary to review materials and render recommendations when requested to do so. Positions will be overlapping to provide for continuity and sustainability. One position will be for one year, two for two years, and two for three years. Applicants to the board will be subject to a background check and are expected to have conducted themselves in the community in an ethical manner in the past. They will also be asked to sign a confidentiality agreement in advance of any review of practice that might involve confidential information. The Ethics Board will be a recommending body rather than a deciding body to the Mayor and City Council. Positions are voluntary, appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the council after an interview, reference, and background checks have been completed. Interested persons should send a letter of application and a resume of work and/or life experience by the close of business on Friday, January 31, 2014 to Debbie Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk, City of Langley, P.O. Box 366, Langley, WA 98260 or email clerk@langleywa.org. Interviews and selection are planned for early in February 2014.