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Salary Commission to Begin 2009-10 Salary Setting Work

Olympia – The Washington Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials has responsibility for setting the salaries of the:

- Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney General, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Commissioner of Public Lands, and Insurance Commissioner;
- Members of the Legislature; and
- Justices of the Supreme Court and judges of the Court of Appeals, Superior Court, and District Court.

The Commission will begin its 2009-10 salary setting work at a meeting on January 20 and 21, 2009 which will be held at the Phoenix Inn at 415 Capitol Way N in Olympia. The meeting begins at 9 am on both days. The agenda includes presentations by the elected officials, a Department of Personnel compensation expert, the Governor's budget director, testimony by the public, and adoption of a **proposed** 2009-10 salary schedule.

In addition to the Olympia meeting, a series of public meetings across the state will be held to receive public input on the proposed 2009-10 salary schedule. These meetings will be held on February 17, 2009 in Vancouver, March 17, 2009 in Bellingham, April 23, 2009 in Richland, and May 19, 2009 in Tacoma. Meeting locations and times are posted on the Commission's website www.salaries.wa.gov.

The final 2009-10 salary schedule will be adopted at the May 19th meeting in Tacoma.

The public is encouraged to become involved in the salary setting process by attending and testifying at one of the public meetings or by sending their comments via phone, mail, email, or fax. Visit www.salaries.wa.gov for contact information and to learn more about the Commission's work.

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