

# ***MOUNT BAKER COMMUNITY CLUB BOARD***

## **POSITION OF SUPPORT POLICY**

### **Background:**

It is expected that there will be times when the Mount Baker Community Club, its Board, or a Committee of the Board may be asked to support an activity or project that affects the Mount Baker Community. This policy is intended to offer guidance for what types of responses might be appropriate in what instances, and how appropriate levels of support might be elicited, articulated, and expressed – with the goal of giving all their voice, while balancing the occasional need for speed and efficiency.

While there may be requests for many types of support from the Community Club, it is likely that these will fall into two main types: those deriving from activities within the borders of the Community, and those arising from activities that affect the Mount Baker community as well as a broader portion of the areas adjacent to us. These anticipated types have helped to shape the level of response appropriate to each type.

### **Policy:**

#### ***Alternate One:***

***Result: Letter of Support***

For those activities that meet all of the following criteria:

- Are related to the Mission of the MBCC
- occur substantially within the boundaries of the Mount Baker Community
- provide a clear benefit to the community
- have limited or no opposition
- are presented at a scheduled MBCC community meeting
- and provide documentation of need for the recommendation, and how the proposal meets the foregoing criteria,

the Mount Baker Board may produce a Letter of Support, after due review of the proposed letter, a recommendation from the sponsoring committee, and the affirmative vote of the Board at a duly constituted Board meeting.

#### ***Alternate Two:***

***Result: Public Forum, Statement of Results***

For those activities that meet any of the following criteria:

- are not closely related to the Mission of the MBCC
- are partially or completely outside the boundaries of the Mount Baker Community

- are likely to generate multiple and/or opposing points of view
- or are political or semi-legislative (e.g.: zoning) in nature,

the Club will provide a two-stage Forum, using the following recommended procedure:

The Club will host two community meetings, ideally at two successive routine monthly meetings. The topic will be introduced at the first meeting, advertised in the intervening month using the media then in use by the Club, and a public discussion held at the second meeting. At the second meeting, a poll of those community residents present will be taken and the results of the poll will be tabulated for the totals of “yeas”, “nays”, and abstentions.

A Statement of Results will be written by a member of the Mount Baker Board stating the final count of each opinion; this Statement will be duly reviewed and recommended by the sponsoring committee, and affirmed by a vote of the Board at a duly constituted Board meeting prior to being issued.

*Alternate Three:*

*Result: Letter of Acknowledgement*

Where a non-Mount Baker neighborhood-based entity is:

- seeking acknowledgement of community outreach efforts as part of a public funding application process,
- and no project support is requested or implied

the Chair of the Sponsoring Committee may produce a Letter of Acknowledgement, after due review of the proposed letter by the full Committee, a recommendation from the sponsoring committee, and the affirmative vote of the Executive Committee at a duly constituted Executive Committee meeting.