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AT the Neighborhood Association Council meeting on Monday, March 14th, we were advised that the County has been asked to consider a Home Rule Charter. It was explained that Most county functions are established by state law. With home rule, the structure of county government could change, but the county would continue to provide certain services, including courts, law enforcement, road maintenance and elections. It would expand the number of county commissioners from 3 to 5.

The first step in potentially making Clark County a home rule county would be to elect a group of freeholders in the fall. Freeholders would be responsible for drafting a specific charter to put before voters in a subsequent election.

A Home Rule Charter was taken up several years ago and failed. The County is holding several forums around the county to provide information about how Washington state law treats both charter and non-charter counties and the scope of work freeholders could expect.

One of the forums was held in La Center on March 10th at the High School Commons. Six people attended. I was out of town and did not see the notice or would have advised you.

Additional forums, all from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., will cover the same material.

March 24: Dollars Corner fire station, 21609 NE 72nd Ave.

April 7: Camas Library, Rooms A & B, 625 NE Fourth Ave.

April 20: WSU Vancouver, Admin. Build. Rm. 110, 142104 NE Salmon Creek Ave, 7 to 9 P.M.

May 5: Union High School Commons, 6201 NW Friberg-Strunk St., Camas

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