## Missoula County Media Release

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## Missoula County Commissioners Seeking Election Advisory Committee Applicants

The Missoula County Election Advisory Committee (EAC) will have two terms expiring on Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018. During this time, current members who are eligible for reappointment must reapply and interview with the Board of Missoula County Commissioners should they wish to continue serving. New applicants are also encouraged to apply. Applications are available <u>online</u> or in the Commissioners' Office, located at 199 West Pine Street in Missoula. Submissions may be filed electronically or emailed to <u>sbell@missoulacounty.us</u>. Deadline for applications is Jan. 5, 2018.

Objectives of the EAC are to listen to stakeholders; conduct sound research and learn best practices; and to offer thoughtful advice and recommendations with the goal of increasing public participation in the electoral process.

The Missoula County EAC is comprised of seven members. The Board of County Commissioners appoints three citizen members, one Missoula County employee and one member representing people with disabilities. In addition, the Democrat Central Committee selects one member and the Republican Central committee selects one. A County Commissioner serves as an ex-officio member. The EAC meets to study the efficiency of the elections process, advocating for fair, robust and trustworthy elections. Meetings are held quarterly, but may meet more frequently during federal election years.

For further information, please contact the Elections Office at (406) 258-4751. All board vacancies are listed on our <u>website</u>.

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The Missoula County Elections office is under the leadership of the Elections Administrator. The office is responsible for conducting fair and honest elections, and works to meet the needs of 75,000 Missoula County voters. The Election Advisory Committee is made up of citizen volunteers advocating for fair, robust and trustworthy elections. The Elections office is located within the first floor of the courthouse.