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City of Sumas

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

It appears that at the City Council meeting of May 11th an appointment was made with the Council replacing Jessie Clawson with Councilman Daniel's son. Although there is no misplaced conception of his son, there is quite a concern that there is going to be a **quorum** of three people who are related upon this Council as well as two related members who work together. That imposes a real problem of integrity and fairness of issues on this Council who represents Sumas citizens and businesses.

Although this may not be illegal to make an appointment of direct relations to the Council it really looks bad, biased, and creates a distrust of this Council to many members of the community and businesses here. Another problem could bring more legal action to the City when controversial or more complicated projects and issues are decided on by this **quorum**. There are other candidates that are available for this position not related to any other member of the Council.

With respect we hope that you re-examine your decision regarding the appointment at your next meeting and come up with another person in the community that is unrelated to any other member of this Council. Should there not be resolution to this it will then be decided at the next election with support to a candidate that has no relationship with current members of the Council.

Concerned Residents and Businesses