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County Seeks Community-Minded Citizens For Variety of Appointed Positions

Dukes County Commissioners are once again looking for dedicated residents interested in filling a wide range of important volunteer positions.

Some 30 positions are up for reappointment effective March 1, 2009. Term of the positions is being shifted to start on the first of March and end the last day of February to comply with the new requirement adopted by the County Commissioners as recommended by the Charter Study Commission.

"Many of our incumbent volunteers are doing a very good job and we expect many to apply for reappointment. Never the less we want to encourage all interested citizens to apply for these important positions." said Les Leland, the Chairman of the County Commissioners.

Current appointments that expire on December 31st 2008 are being extended until the last day of February 2009. The positions available as of March 1st are: **Associate Commissioner for Affairs Concerning Handicapped Persons** (one year), **Associate Commissioner for Affairs Concerning the Elderly** (one year), **Associate Commissioner for Public Health** (one year), **Associate Commissioner for Youth Affairs** (one year), **Emergency Management Director** (one year), 19 members of the **Dukes County Health Council** (one or 2-year terms), **Delegate to the Pilgrim RC&D Area Council Inc.** (one year), **Martha's Vineyard Airport Commissioners** - 3 members (3 year terms) and 1 member to fill an unexpired term (1 year), **Dukes County Regional Housing Authority** (3 year term).

Potential candidates may obtain an application by calling the County Manager's Office at 508-696-3840 or on the County's website at www.dukescounty.org in section Volunteer Opportunities or by sending a letter of interest to the County Manger, County of Dukes County, P.O. Box 190, Edgartown, MA 02539. The application deadline is Friday February 6th, 2009.