



What: Open Government Forum

Speakers: Tim Ford, Open Government Ombudsman, state Attorney General's Office  
Rep. Larry Haler, R-Richland  
John Ziobro, attorney  
Terry Tanner, attorney  
Ken Robertson, Executive Editor, *Tri-City Herald*

When: 7 p.m. Thursday, April 24

Where: WSU Tri-Cities East Building Auditorium  
2710 University Drive, Richland

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## Public Records and Meetings: Open or Closed?

- What kinds of business can a government entity do in private?
- What kinds of government records are open? What are the exceptions?
- Why do we need open records and open meetings laws anyway?

Please join the William O. Douglas Professional Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, Washington State University Tri-Cities and *Tri-City Herald* for a conversation about Washington's open meetings and open records laws.

Open government experts Tim Ford, ombudsman for the Washington State Attorney General's Office, John Ziobro, former Kennewick city attorney now in private practice, Terry Tanner, West Richland city attorney and former Richland City Councilman, and Ken Robertson, Tri-City Herald executive editor, will participate in the panel and answer audience questions.

Rep. Larry Haler, R-Richland, also will discuss a bill he introduced in the recent legislative session that would have increased the fines for open meetings violations.

The free, two-hour discussion is at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 24, in WSU Tri-Cities' East Building Auditorium, 2710 University Drive, Richland.

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