



M E M O R A N D U M

To: Whatcom County Executive Satpal Sidhu
From: Jake Logan, Administrative Services Coordinator – Executive Staff
Subject: First Amendment to Interlocal Agreement Regarding the Bellingham-Whatcom County Commission on Domestic & Sexual Violence
Date: January 15, 2026

Background and Purpose

This amendment modifies the existing Interlocal Agreement originally executed on February 5, 2019, which established the governance and the operational framework for the joint Commission. The amendment increases the total membership capacity of the Commission to strengthen representation and address evolving community needs in domestic and sexual violence prevention and response. The City of Bellingham has already executed the amendment and now the same amendment is presented for Whatcom County approval and Executive signature.

Funding Amount and Source

This interlocal agreement does not pertain to the funding structure of the commission. Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham continue to jointly provide funding for staffing and administrative support of the Commission.

Differences from Previous/Original Agreement

The number of additional members appointable by the Mayor of Bellingham and the County Executive increases from seven to eight members per authority. Correspondingly, the number of community-at-large representatives appointed by each authority increases from two to three representatives. Minor clarifying language has also been added, including specifying "or designee" for the Bellingham City Attorney position to allow for administrative flexibility. All other terms and conditions of the original Interlocal Agreement remain unchanged and continue in full force and effect.

The original agreement was developed and managed by the Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

Please contact Jake Logan at extension 5211 if you have any questions or concerns regarding this amendment.