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February 13, 2020

Ross Cline, Chairman
Nooksack Tribal Council
4979 Mount Baker Highway, Suite F
Deming, WA 98244

Dear Mr. Cline,

The Whatcom County Council invites you or a designated representative from the Nooksack Indian Tribe to participate as a member of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) for the Public Health, Safety, and Justice Facility Needs Assessment representing the position of Tribal Nations.

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Sincerely,



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Tony Hillaire, Chief of Staff
Lummi Indian Business Council
2665 Kwina Road
Bellingham, WA 98226

Dear Mr. Hillaire,

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Executive Satpal Sidhu
Whatcom County
311 Grand Ave, Suite 108
Bellingham, WA 98225

Dear Executive Sidhu,

The Whatcom County Council invites you or a designated representative from the Whatcom County Executive Office to participate as a member of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) for the Public Health, Safety, and Justice Facility Needs Assessment representing the position of Whatcom County Administration.

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Mayor Seth Fleetwood
City of Bellingham
210 Lottie Street
Bellingham, WA 98225

Dear Mayor Fleetwood,

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Jack Hovenier
702 Kentucky Street
Bellingham, WA 98225

Dear Jack Hovenier,

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Stephen Gockley
2315 J Street
Bellingham, WA 98225

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Council Member Daniel Hammill
City of Bellingham
210 Lottie Street
Bellingham, WA 98225

Dear Council Member Hammill,

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Anne Deacon
Whatcom County Health Dept.
509 Girard Street
Bellingham, WA 98225

Dear Anne Deacon,

The Whatcom County Council invites you to participate as a member of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) for the Public Health, Safety, and Justice Facility Needs Assessment representing the position of Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force (acting as the Law and Justice Council) (#3) - Crisis Stabilization Facility Committee.

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Darlene Peterson
2014 C Street
Bellingham, WA 98225

Dear Darlene Peterson,

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Chief David Doll
Bellingham Police
505 Grand Ave
Bellingham, WA 98225

Dear Chief Doll,

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Sheriff Bill Elfo
Whatcom County Sheriff
311 Grand Ave. Public Safety Building
Bellingham, WA 98225

Dear Sheriff Elfo,

The Whatcom County Council invites you to participate as a member of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) for the Public Health, Safety, and Justice Facility Needs Assessment representing the Sheriff's Office. Staff understands you will share this position with Undersheriff Doug Chadwick.

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Perry Mowery
Human Services Supervisor
Whatcom County Health Dept.
509 Girard Street
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Dear Perry Mowery,

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Daron Smith
Teamsters Local 231
1700 N State Street
Bellingham, WA 98225

Dear Daron Smith,

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