



## Memorandum

**TO: COUNTY EXECUTIVE SATPAL SIDHU**

**FROM: CHRIS D'ONOFRIO & BARBARA JOHNSON-VINNA,  
HOUSING SPECIALISTS, WHATCOM CO. HEALTH DEPT.**

**DATE: 02/13/2020**

**RE: APPOINTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WHATCOM COUNTY  
HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WCHAC)**

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The Whatcom County Housing Advisory Committee recommends the appointment of several new members to reflect expanded duties as required by Ordinance 2019-071, which established the Affordable and Supportive Housing Fund.

Diana Phair is the executive director of the Lummi Nation Housing Authority. She has 35 years of experience with housing service administration, and has overseen finance and development projects to expand access to safe housing for the Lummi Nation. Her background in housing services, development, and work on behalf of the Lummi Nation will be a valuable addition to the committee.

Hadrian Starr is a Certified Peer Counselor and member of a local Community Outreach Recovery Support (CORS) Team. Mx. Starr has also experienced homelessness in the past, most recently in 2015. This understanding of homelessness, mental illness, and work with low-income communities will add valuable perspective to the WCHAC.

Marc Walker is an experienced developer and owner of Walker/Parkland Apartments, MRW Ferndale, and Portal Way LLCs. He has overseen the development of many types of housing projects in Whatcom County and his understanding of development, finance, and the residential housing market will inform the committee's planning process as the committee's role expands with the new fund.

