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**TO: SATPAL SIDHU, COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

**FROM:** Ann Beck

**DATE:** 9/29/23

**RE: Presentation from Health & Community Services' housing team on upcoming winter shelter plans.**

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This presentation will give an overview of the work currently in motion to address upcoming winter weather response for those living unsheltered in Whatcom County.

As Whatcom County's housing challenges have grown over the last few years, and winter weather conditions have become more extreme, the Health and Community Services Department has made investments to limit the harm that those experiencing homelessness may face.

This presentation will help to inform Council about local efforts, partnerships, and collaboration from providers to balance the growing need for shelter with less provider capacity to address it. This report will not contain the final plan, but will provide Council with much needed information to see the projected landscape of shelter options during the winter months.

Please call Ann Beck at 360-778-6055 if there are any questions. Thank you.