



Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Riley Sweeney, Chair, Whatcom County Food System Committee

DATE: March 17, 2023

RE: **Food System Plan**

The Food System Committee has completed their work on the draft Food System Plan and is sharing it with the County Council during the April 11th Public Works and Health Committee meeting for adoption at the April 25th council meeting.

In the fall of 2021, the Council graciously approved a funding request to bring in a consultant, New Venture Advisors (NVA), to support the development of the Food System Plan. NVA and the Committee launched the food system planning process in February 2022 and finished drafting the Food System Plan in February 2023.

As part of this process, the Food System committee solicited input from hundreds of subject matter experts working in Whatcom County's food system and this plan is a result of that input.

The intention of this presentation is to share the robust engagement process for developing the plan and to present the draft plan itself with the intention of the County Council adopting the plan.

Please call Ali Jensen at (360) 778-6121 if there are any questions. Thank you.