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Memorandum

To: Whatcom County Council

From: Kayla Schott-Bresler, Deputy Executive

Through: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive, FFAB Chair

CC: Steve Oliver, Whatcom County Treasurer
Donnell "Tank" Tanksley, Sheriff
Kayla Schott-Bresler, Deputy Executive
Randy Rydel, Finance Director
Jed Holmes, Public Affairs and Strategy Manager

Date: April 10, 2026

RE: Notice of Recommendation by Finance and Facility Advisory Board

The Finance and Facility Advisory Board (FFAB) met on April 9, 2026. The main topic of discussion was the financial parameters of the Justice Project.

After a robust discussion, the board unanimously approved the following motion:

"FFAB recommends that the County Council provide a budget cap of \$225 million, with \$205 million for the jail and \$20 million for the behavioral care center for STV to show the County and its partners what can be done."