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Mayor Seth Fleetwood  
City of Bellingham  
Via email: [tlewis@cob.org](mailto:tlewis@cob.org)

Dear Mayor Fleetwood:

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authorities to recommend two outstanding candidates for appointment as Housing Authority Commissioners. We were very pleased to have several highly qualified candidates from which to choose.

We recommend Terry Bornemann for appointment to the position previously held by Susan Gribbin. As you know, Susan's term expired in April this year. In accordance with RCW 35.82, Terry's term will run for five (5) years, ending in April of 2028.

We also recommend the appointment of Alana Pattermann to the position of Resident Commissioner. Alana is a participant in our Housing Choice Voucher ('Section 8') Program. She is the Housing Navigator with the Opportunity Council and has lived in our Varsity Village community in Happy Valley for several years. Alana will complete the unexpired term ending in April of 2025 that was vacated by William Szabo.

Thank you very much for your consideration of our recommendations. Terry's and Alana's combination of skills and experience will complement and expand on the diversity of skills and experiences of our other 3 commissioners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brien Thane', written over a horizontal line.

Brien Thane  
Executive Director/CEO