



Memorandum

TO: JACK LOUWS, COUNTY EXECUTIVE

FROM: Barbara Johnson-Vinna, Housing Specialist

DATE: October 30, 2019

RE: Request approval vote to adopt updated Strategic Plan to End Homelessness in Whatcom County

The adoption of the county's Local Plan to End Homelessness is on the county council agenda for the November 19, 2020 meeting. In order to meet the state deadline for a December 2, 2019 submission, the County Council must vote to adopt the plan, which was originally introduced to them on October 8, 2019.

Background and Purpose

The Washington State Department of Commerce, as mandated by legislation, is requiring all communities to submit updates to their Local Plans to End Homelessness by December 2, 2019. These plans must be adopted by local legislative bodies prior to submission. A draft of the updated Strategic Plan to End Homelessness in Whatcom County was presented to the Council Public Works & Health Committee on October 8, 2019. This document incorporates new updates that reflect input provided by council members following the presentation on October 8, 2019. The Strategic Plan to End Homelessness in Whatcom County has been created by the Health Department in conjunction with community organizations and members, and meets State and legislative criteria. The main priorities of this Plan update are outlined in the Executive Summary therein.

Please call Barbara Johnson-Vinna at 6046 if there are any questions.

