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Memorandum

TO: COUNTY EXECUTIVE, SATPAL SIDHU

FROM: Chris D'Onofrio, Housing Supervisor, WCHCS

DATE: 03/01/2023

RE: APPOINTMENT RECOMMENDATION FOR WHATCOM COUNTY

HOUSING ADVISORY COMMMITTEE (WCHAC)

A subcommittee of the Whatcom County Housing Advisory Committee (WCHAC) met on February 21, 2023 to review applications for the vacant Housing Advocate position. The subcommittee endorses applicant Adrienne Renz.

Adrienne Renz is the Executive Director of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services (DVSAS) in Whatcom County. DVSAS operates three safe shelters and provides client-centered, accessible housing and support services for those fleeing intimate partner violence. She is well versed in the community's shelter and housing landscape, as well as the impact that domestic violence has individuals and families in perpetuating homelessness and housing instability. Ms. Renz is dedicated to finding solutions and will bring a unique and valuable perspective to the committee.

The subcommittee enthusiastically supports the appointment of the above-mentioned applicant.

