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**JACK LOUWS
COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

Dear Executive Louws:

The Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of Whatcom County (HAWC) met in regular session March 19. The Nominating Committee, consisting of Board Chair Susan Gribbin and Commissioner Dan Austin reported on their review of the Commissioner applications received. The Board was very pleased and impressed by the number and credentials of the applicants.

The Board voted unanimously to recommend you appoint Dave Finet to a five-year term as Commissioner of the Housing Authority of Whatcom County, commencing April 16, 2019 and concluding April 16, 2024. As a life-long resident of Whatcom County and 29-year employee of the Opportunity Council, Dave has a deep understanding of the needs of our community members with lower incomes and extensive experience with effective programs that help people thrive. During the decade that Dave led the Opportunity Council as their Executive Director he partnered with the HAWC on a variety of initiatives and became familiar with our programs.

Dave has demonstrated skills in leading a large organization with an annual budget of over 23 million dollars. The Opportunity Council's annual budget doubled under Dave's leadership, and their programs and facilities expanded significantly. The Housing Authority Board and I are confident that Dave's skills and experience will greatly benefit the HAWC with him serving as a Commissioner. I have attached Dave's letter of interest and resume for your consideration.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you for your support of our work.

Sincerely,

Brien Thane
Executive Director/CEO