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to : pdc@pdc.wa.gov

To Whom it May Concern:

I submitted a PDC complaint regarding the One Safe Jail WCCDA 2017 single year Ballot Committee on December 12, 2017, via your online submittal form, and I want to make your agency aware of a needed correction to a particular date I referenced.

The needed correction is on page 5 of my 19-page complaint, in the final sentence of the final paragraph on page 5. That paragraph currently reads as follows:

“During the 2015 Whatcom County general election season, a Facebook page called ‘**Whatcom Jail**’ was affiliated with the 2015 single year Ballot Committee ‘**Citizens for a Humane & Safe Jail Now,**’ formed to support Proposition 2015-1 Jail Sales and Use Tax. There was also an affiliated website www.whatcomjail.com, created on 9/6/17 (according to Whois.com), in support of Proposition 2015-1.”

The “9/6/17” date in that final sentence should be corrected to read, “9/6/15.”

I would appreciate it if someone from your agency could confirm that they have received this email noting the need for a correction to my complaint that I had submitted online on December 12, 2017.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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December 12, 2017
Honorable Bob Ferguson
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Dear Attorney General Ferguson:

I am writing this Citizen Action letter as authorized under RCW.17A.765(A), to inform your office of potential campaign finance statute violations relating to the November 7, 2017 general election in Whatcom County, WA., and specific to Proposition 2017-6 (“Public Safety and Jail Facilities Sales and Use Tax”).

After researching numerous Washington state’s Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) reports and observing campaign activities in promoting Proposition 2017-6 on social media and in political advertising and/or electioneering communications, I have reason to believe that “One Safe Jail WCCDA [Whatcom County Corrections Deputies Association],” a 2017 Single Year Ballot Committee, potentially committed multiple violations of RCW 42.17A.555, RCW 42.17A.205, RCW 42.17A.235, RCW 42.17A.320, RCW 42.17A.240, and WAC 390-16-037. According to the C1PC registration form filed with the PDC on September 28, 2017, One Safe Jail WCCDA is comprised entirely of Whatcom County Sheriff’s Office employees.

Additionally, the One Safe Jail WCCDA Ballot Committee may have possibly committed other violations of RCWs and/or WACs that I may not be aware of, as my understanding of state campaign laws is limited.

I also have reason to believe that some Whatcom County public agency employees' campaign activities, and some of Whatcom County Sheriff Bill Elfo's campaign activities, in promoting the "Public Safety and Jail Facilities Sales and Use Tax" Proposition 2017-6 on the November 7, 2017, general election ballot in Whatcom County, WA., may have been in potential violation of RCW 42.17A.555.

In my complaint submitted to the PDC on December 12, 2017 which I have attached to this letter, I have outlined at least 24 potential violations. Also, I have included two attached Exhibits (Exhibit A and Exhibit B) with photos to supplement the information in my complaint.

It is my understanding that the PDC may also refer apparent violations of the law to the Attorney General's Office, which works in conjunction with their agency, but because the Attorney General's Office also retains its own independent enforcement authority, I wanted to inform you separately from the complaint I submitted to the PDC on December 11, 2017, so that your office will review the allegations in my complaint to determine if the information I presented warrants investigation by your office. It is my belief that after reviewing the information presented in my attached PDC complaint, it will be found sufficient to warrant an investigation by the Attorney General's Office.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Sandy Robson

To Whom it May Concern:

I have reason to believe that the 2017 ballot committee named “One Safe Jail WCCDA [Whatcom County Corrections Deputies Association]” committed multiple violations of RCW 42.17A.205, RCW 42.17A.235, RCW 42.17A.320, 42.17A.240, RCW 42.17A.555, WAC [390-16-037](#), and possibly committed other violations of RCWs and/or WACs that your agency may be aware of, and of which, I may not be, as my understanding of state campaign laws is limited.

I also have reason to believe that some actions of Whatcom County public agency employees and some actions of Whatcom County’s Sheriff Bill Elfo, in promoting the “Public Safety and Jail Facilities Sales and Use Tax” Proposition 2017-6 on the November 7, 2017, general election ballot in Whatcom County, WA., may have potentially violated RCW 42.17A.555.

I have outlined at least 24 potential violations in this complaint. Also, I have attached two Exhibits (Exhibit A and Exhibit B) with photos to supplement the information in my complaint.

According to PDC online records, “One Safe Jail WCCDA [Whatcom County Corrections Deputies Association]” filed a C1PC form on 9/28/17, registering as a single year ballot committee to support the “Public Safety and Jail Facilities Sales and Use Tax” Proposition 2017-6, on the November 7, 2017, general election ballot in Whatcom County, WA. For the purposes of this complaint I will refer to that ballot committee as “One Safe Jail.”

The following individuals are listed on One Safe Jail’s C1PC form filed on 9/28/17:

- Mark Holst, a Whatcom County Sheriff’s Office Corrections Sergeant, is listed as a Committee Officer (President) and authorizes expenditures and makes decisions for One Safe Jail.
- Nicole Kallin, a Whatcom County Sheriff’s Office Corrections Officer, is listed as Campaign Manager or Media Contact for One Safe Jail.
- Wendy Tarkon, a Whatcom County Sheriff’s Office employee (Coordinator/ Records) is listed as a person who performs only ministerial functions on behalf of One Safe Jail.
- Barry Lovell, a Whatcom County Sheriff’s Corrections Sergeant, is listed as Treasurer, who also performs ministerial functions according to the box checked “Yes” next to his name on the C1PC, for One Safe Jail.

As of the date of this complaint submittal, the listed cash contributions for One Safe Jail are as follows:

- 3/28/17 - \$3,000.00 from Bellingham Police Guild
 - 9/27/17 - \$1,500.00 from Whatcom County Corrections Deputy Association
 - 9/28/17 - \$1,000.00 from Wendy Jones, Whatcom County Chief Corrections Deputy (Jail Chief)
 - 10/16/17 - \$1,500.00 from Teamsters Local 231
 - 10/23/17 - \$2,000.00 from Washington Teamsters Legislative League
1. One Safe Jail's C-3 report dated 10/24/17 showed there was a \$3,000.00 cash contribution made on 3/28/17, by the Bellingham Police Guild. However, One Safe Jail failed to register/file as a ballot committee until 9/28/17. **This appears to be in violation of RCW 42.17A.205**, which states: "Every political committee shall file a statement of organization with the commission. The statement must be filed within two weeks after organization or within two weeks after the date the committee first has the expectation of receiving contributions or making expenditures in any election campaign, whichever is earlier."
 2. State law requires that on the date the C1PC is filed, the candidate or committee file reports containing contributions received or expenditures made prior to registration. One Safe Jail failed to file a C-3 report of the \$3,000.00 contribution received on 3/28/17 by the Bellingham Police Guild. **This appears to be in violation of RCW 42.17A.205.**
 3. One Safe Jail failed to file a C-3 report showing the \$3,000.00 cash contribution made by Bellingham Police Guild until 10/24/17, even though prior to June 1st, contributions must be deposited within 5 business days of receiving those. **This appears to be in violation of RCW 42.17A.235.**
 4. Listed on One Safe Jail's C-3 report dated 10/24/17, is a 9/27/17 cash contribution of \$1,500.00 from the Whatcom County Corrections Deputy Association, and a 9/28/17 cash contribution of \$1,000.00 from Wendy Jones, who is the Whatcom County Jail Chief. One Safe Jail failed to file a C-3 report for either of these contributions until 10/24/27. Contributions must be deposited within 5 business days of receiving those. After June 1st, each deposit must be reported no later than the following Monday. **These appear to be violations of RCW 42.17A.235.**
 5. There is a C-3 report for One Safe Jail dated 10/24/17 that shows a 10/16/17 cash contribution of \$1,500.00 from Teamsters Local 231. One Safe Jail failed to file a C-3 report for this contribution until Tuesday, 10/24/17. Contributions must be deposited within 5 business days of receiving those. After June 1st, each deposit must be reported no later than the following Monday. **This appears to be a violation of RCW 42.17A.235.**

6. The C-3 report for One Safe Jail dated 10/24/17 shows a 10/16/17 cash contribution of \$1,500.00 from Teamsters Local 231; and the C-3 report dated 10/24/17 shows a 10/23/17 cash contribution of \$2,000.00 from Washington Teamsters. One Safe Jail failed to file a special report of a contribution over \$1,000.00 as is required to do in the case of that occurring during a special reporting period. A special report was required to be filed within 24 hours, or filed on the first working day after the contribution. **This appears to be in violation of RCW 42.17A.265.**

Campaign mailer in support of Proposition 2017-6 potentially violates multiple RCWs

On or around 10/23/17, some voters in Whatcom County received a campaign mailer, sponsored by the One Safe Jail Ballot Committee, in support of Proposition 2017-6, which is considered an electioneering communication as defined in RCW 42.17A.005(19)(a). I've provided a scanned image of that October 2017 One Safe Jail campaign mailer (**Exhibit A, Photos #1 and #1a**) in this complaint. The mailer stated it was "Paid for by One Safe Jail," and the address shown underneath that was: "PO Box 1577 Bellingham WA 98227
Bellingham WA 98277-1577."

The return address shown on the front of the mailer reads:

"One Safe Jail
PO Box 1577 Bellingham WA 98227
Bellingham WA 98227-1577."

Underneath the return address the black and pink-ish red colored logo with the phrase/slogan "One Safe Jail," was printed on the mailer in support of Proposition 2017-6 that voters received on or around 10/23/17.

7. The One Safe Jail campaign mailer failed to include, as part of the electioneering communication, the statement: "Top Five Contributors," followed by a listing of the names of the five persons or entities making the largest contributions to the One Safe Jail ballot committee, as is required. **This appears to be in violation of RCW 42.17A.320(b).**
8. The One Safe Jail campaign mailer failed to include, as part of the electioneering communication, the full name of the controlling union even though it appears that the "One Safe Jail WCCDA" ballot committee was formed/established by Whatcom County Corrections Deputies Association, which is part of the registered name of the ballot committee. **This appears to be in violation of RCW 42.17A.320 (c).**
9. Whatcom County Sheriff Bill Elfo was featured in One Safe Jail's campaign mailer in support of/promoting Proposition 2017-6. A photo of Sheriff Elfo was featured in the mailer and there were quoted statements made by him used as

content, which comprised about one fifth of the total content of the campaign mailer. Some voters in Whatcom County said that when they looked at the campaign mailer they received in October 2017, they had actually thought the mailer had come from the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office. Especially since the phrase, "One Safe Jail" was displayed right next to the photo of Sheriff Elfo, and the words, "Sheriff Bill Elfo," were displayed directly underneath the phrase "One Safe Jail." One would assume that One Safe Jail ballot committee, which is comprised entirely of Whatcom County Sheriff's Office employees, would likely have obtained authorization from their boss, Sheriff Elfo, prior to including his picture and statements made by him in an electioneering communication, the campaign mailer that the One Safe Jail Ballot Committee mailed out to some registered voters in Whatcom County, in October 2017.

Because Sheriff Elfo had participated to some degree (authorizing the use of his photo and statements) in the 2015 Whatcom County Jail mailer promoting Proposition 2015-1, authorized by Whatcom County Executive Jack Louws and disseminated by Whatcom County government to some Whatcom County registered voters, which resulted in a PDC investigation and subsequent fine of County Executive Jack Louws, it seems especially questionable that Sheriff Elfo was featured in the 2017 One Safe Jail campaign mailer. After Sheriff Elfo, having been named as a Respondent in multiple PDC complaints in 2015 relating to the then-proposed Jail Sales and Use Tax ballot measure 2015-1, and especially after him having been named as a Respondent in the 2015 PDC complaint Ticket Number 1122, which resulted in an investigation and subsequent fine to co-Respondent Whatcom County Executive Jack Louws, I would have expected a County Sheriff who has been serving for the last 15 years and therefore has experience having run in multiple election campaigns in Whatcom County, to then refrain from authorizing the use of his photo and statements in a ballot committee's campaign mailer in support of a ballot measure (2017-6). I would note that after the PDC's 2015/2016 investigation regarding Ticket Number 1122, PDC staff concluded that Sheriff Elfo had not violated RCW 42.17A.555.

For Sheriff Elfo to be have been featured in the One Safe Jail ballot committee's campaign mailer promoting Proposition 2017-6, it makes it appear as though he may have used, or allowed the use of, his elected office to promote the 2017-6 ballot measure. Sheriff Elfo's participation in the 2017 One Safe Jail campaign mailer does not appear to fit any of the exceptions (numbers 1,2,3 or 4) listed in RCW 42.17A.555, therefore his participation may be in violation of that statute.

Late filing dates for C-4 Expenditures reports, and Expenditures not listed

According to the PDC website, C-4 reports, along with their attached schedules, summarizing the campaign's financial activity and showing itemized expenditures for a specific period are due as follows:

“Monthly from the beginning of the campaign through May of the election year. If a campaign has over \$200 in contributions or expenditures during a month, a C-4 report is filed by the 10th of the following month. Starting in June of the election year and continuing through the primary and general elections, C-4 reports are due 21 and 7 days *before* each election and on the 10th of the month *after* the month the election was held with the candidate’s name on the ballot, even if there was little or no activity to report.”

10. One Safe Jail received a \$3,000.00 cash contribution on 3/28/17 and should have filed an initial C1PC within 2 weeks of that date. With One Safe Jail having received more than \$200 in contributions in March, a C-4 filing was due on 4/10/17, but was never filed. **This missed filing date appears to be a violation of RCW 42.17A.235.**
11. A C-4 filing was due on 7/10/2017, but was never filed. **This missed filing date appears to be a violation of RCW 42.17A.235.**
12. A C-4 filing was due on 8/10/2017, but was never filed. **This missed filing date appears to be a violation of RCW 42.17A.235.**
13. A C-4 filing was due on 9/11/2017, but was never filed. **This missed filing date appears to be a violation of RCW 42.17A.235.**
14. A C-4 filing was due on 10/17/2017, but was not filed until 10/24/17, which was seven (7) days late. Also, this C-4 report fails to list and describe any expenses. This missed filing date appears to be a violation of RCW 42.17A.235. There was no amount total provided in the amount column to show the sum of the “Expenses of \$50 or less,” and there was no purpose/description of those expenses provided. **This appears to be in violation of RCW 42.17A.240(6), and also appears to possibly be in violation of WAC [390-16-037](#) which requires that the expenditure be properly described.**
15. In the listed C-4 expenditure reports filed for One Safe Jail, I do not see a P.O. Box rental fee that would have been paid for the P.O. Box address that is listed on the C1PC form; P.O. Box 1577, Bellingham, WA. 98226. Nor, do I see a P.O. Box rental fee as having been reported as an in-kind contribution. **Because One Safe Jail failed to list the P.O. Box rental fee as either an expenditure or an in-kind contribution, this appears to be in violation of RCW 42.17A.240(6), and possibly of WAC [390-16-037](#), which requires that the expenditure be properly described.**

One Safe Jail 2017 Ballot Committee’s Affiliated Facebook page

During the 2015 Whatcom County general election season, a Facebook page called “Whatcom Jail” was affiliated with the 2015 single year Ballot Committee “Citizens for a Humane & Safe Jail Now,” formed to support Proposition 2015-1 Jail Sales and Use Tax. There was also an affiliated website www.whatcomjail.com, created on 9/6/17 (according to Whois.com), in support of Proposition 2015-1.

During the 2017 Whatcom County general election season, the Whatcom Jail Facebook page used its already existing Facebook page to advocate in support of the Public Safety and Jail Facilities Sales and Use Tax Proposition 2017-6. The person or persons running the Whatcom Jail Facebook page did not start a new page. Instead, they chose to use the already existing Whatcom Jail Facebook page which afforded them the immediate benefit of hundreds of Followers who had already followed the Whatcom Jail Facebook page that was affiliated with the 2015 single year Ballot Committee “Citizens For A Humane & Safe Jail Now,” formed during the 2015 general election in support of Proposition 2015-1 (Jail Sales and Use Tax).

Using that already established Whatcom Jail Facebook page that had been affiliated with the 2015 single year Ballot Committee “Citizens For A Humane & Safe Jail Now,” not only provided an immediate benefit, but also enabled the avoidance of the immediate disadvantage of having to start from scratch to develop and create a Facebook page with content including text, photos, graphics, videos, etc., and the immediate disadvantage of having to wait to grow and amass an audience of Followers of the Whatcom Jail Facebook page used during the 2017 election to support Proposition 2017-6. I have attached a 9/11/17 screenshot photo (**Exhibit A, photo #2**) showing there were 756 Followers of the Whatcom Jail Facebook page as of the 9/11/17 date on which that photo was taken. When I last looked at the number of Followers of the Whatcom Jail Facebook page in late October 2017, there were 890 Followers.

By using the already existing Whatcom Jail Facebook page, they had access to the photos, videos and graphics (**Exhibit A, Photo #2a**) used for posts during the 2015 campaign in support of Proposition 2015-1, affording them that immediate benefit I described above. The Whatcom Jail Facebook page used some of its page’s 2015-year posts of photos, graphics and videos for some of their posting activities during the 2017 election season in support of Proposition 2017-6.

Also, the Whatcom Jail Facebook page had used the hashtag “#WhatcomJail” on almost every one of its posts during the 2015 general election season in support of Proposition 2015-1. During the 2017 general election season, the Whatcom Jail Facebook page then used that same hashtag “#WhatcomJail” in almost every post the page made in support of Proposition 2017-6, thus allowing people to more easily find content relating specifically to the 2017-6 Proposition during the election season, which likely helped to drive support for the ballot measure. I’ve attached two screenshot photos (**Exhibit A, photos #3 and #4**) showing just a couple examples of Whatcom Jail Facebook page’s 2017 utilization of those 2015 photos, videos, and graphics in support of Proposition 2017-6.

The person or persons running/administering the Whatcom Jail Facebook page claimed (as of 9/9/17) the following in the “About” section and “Impressum” of their Facebook page:

“I am a private citizen who is concerned about our current jail facility - - my goal is to remind people that we still need a safe new jail...I’m simply exercising my 1st Amendment rights...”

However, for all intents and purposes, the “Whatcom Jail” Facebook page worked in association/affiliation with the 2017 single year Ballot Committee, One Safe Jail, that was formed to support Proposition 2017-6. Also, to my best knowledge, the Whatcom Jail Facebook page was the only source on Facebook dedicated solely to disseminating information to the public in support of the “Public Safety and Jail Facilities Sales and Use Tax” Proposition 2017-6, on the November 7, 2017 general election ballot in Whatcom County, WA.

In this complaint, I will provide a detailed summary of the evolution of the Whatcom Jail Facebook page that was first created in 2015, and was affiliated with the “Citizens For A Humane & Safe Jail Now” ballot committee that was created to support the then-proposed Jail Sales Tax Proposition 2015-1 on the November 2015 general election ballot in Whatcom County. The compelling evidence I will provide here should give your agency ample cause, in its review and potential investigation of the allegations in my complaint, to view Whatcom Jail Facebook page’s electioneering activities in support of 2017-6 as though it were an affiliated Facebook page with the 2017 One Safe Jail single year Ballot Committee.

The evolution summary below, coupled with the activities in support of Proposition 2017-6 during the 2017 general election season by both the Whatcom Jail Facebook page and by the One Safe Jail Ballot Committee, which I’ve outlined in this complaint, provide substantial and compelling evidence to show that during the 2017 general election season, the Whatcom Jail Facebook page was acting as an affiliated Facebook page with the 2017 “One Safe Jail” Ballot Committee — in the same manner in which the Whatcom Jail Facebook page acted as an affiliated Facebook page with the 2015 “Citizens For a Humane & Safe Jail Now” Ballot Committee during the 2015 general election season in support of Proposition 2015-1.

Evolution Summary of Whatcom Jail Facebook page:

- According to a 9/6/17 screenshot photo (**Exhibit A, Photo #5**), the first Facebook activity/post relating to the 2017 Public Safety and Jail Facilities Sales and Use Tax Proposition 2017-6 was a 9/3/17 post showing that Whatcom Jail Facebook page had updated its Cover Photo to express support for Proposition 2017-6. That Cover Photo had accompanying text that read: “if you CARE about PEOPLE you’ll VOTE for a new jail. Vote YES for Proposition 2017-6.” The photo used by Whatcom Jail appears to be of a Whatcom County Jail cell and showed seven (7) inmates in the cell. That same photo was originally pictured in a

11/7/15 post made by Whatcom Jail on its Facebook page (**Exhibit A, Photo #6**).

Under the Whatcom Jail page's "About" section, the website address listed was "<http://www.whatcomjail.com>." That was the website address associated with, and used for, the 2015 "Citizens For A Humane & Safe Jail Now" Ballot Committee. Also, under the "About" section, the text read: "Educating and advocating for a New Safe Jail in Whatcom County." Under the "About" section's "Impressum," the text read: "We were a PAC called "Citizens for a Humane & Safe Jail Now" (now dis-banded) - - but now we're a dedicated few reminding voters that we still need a safe new jail...exercising our 1st Amendment rights..."

The Facebook profile picture for the page still featured the green and white colored "Safe Jail" logo that was used for the 2015 Jail Sales and Use Tax Proposition 2015-1 campaign during the 2015 general election. I've attached a 9/6/17 screenshot photo (**Exhibit A, Photo #7**) showing the text under the "About" section and "Impressum" displayed on that date, the associated www.whatcomjail.com website address listed, and the "Safe Jail" logo displayed as the Whatcom Jail page's profile picture on 9/6/17. According to a 9/6/17 screenshot photo (**Exhibit A, Photo #8**), the last Facebook activity/post relating to the 2015 Jail Sales and Use Tax Proposition 2015-1, was a 12/19/15 post of a video.

- According to a 9/9/17 screenshot photo (**Exhibit A, Photo #9**) Whatcom Jail Facebook page updated its website address. That update actually removed the associated www.whatcomjail.com website address from the page's "About" section. The text in the Whatcom Jail Facebook page's "About" section was amended to read: "I am a private citizen who is concerned about our current jail facility - - my goal is to remind people that we still need a safe new jail...I'm simply exercising my 1st Amendment rights..." Under the "About" section's "Impressum," the text was amended to read: "I am a private citizen who is concerned about our current jail facility - - my goal is to remind people that we still need a safe new jail...I'm simply exercising my 1st Amendment rights..." The Facebook profile picture for the page still featured the green and white colored "Safe Jail" logo that was used for the 2015 Jail Sales and Use Tax (Proposition 2015-1) campaign during the general election. I've attached the 9/9/17 screenshot photo (**Exhibit A, Photo #10**) showing the text under the "About" section and the "Impressum" displayed on 9/9/17, the "Safe Jail" logo displayed as the Whatcom Jail page's profile picture on 9/9/17, and showing that the associated website address was no longer displayed on 9/9/17.
- As shown in an attached 9/11/17 screenshot photo (**Exhibit A, Photo #11**), the text in the Whatcom Jail Facebook page's "About" section still read: "I am a private citizen who is concerned about our current jail facility - - my goal is to remind people that we still need a safe new jail...I'm simply exercising my 1st Amendment rights..." Under the "About" section's "Impressum," the text still read: "I am a private citizen who is concerned about our current jail facility - - my goal is to remind people that we still need a safe new jail...I'm simply exercising my

1st Amendment rights...” The Facebook profile picture for the page still featured the green and white colored “Safe Jail” logo that was used for the 2015 Jail Sales and Use Tax (Proposition 2015-1) campaign during the general election.

- A 9/12/17 post (**Exhibit A, Photo #12**) made by Whatcom Jail on its Facebook page showed that the page updated its profile picture on that date to a profile picture that featured a new black and pink-ish red colored logo with the phrase/slogan “One Safe Jail,” which is the same name of the 2017 Single Year Ballot Committee One Safe Jail. That is also the same exact logo that would come to be used by the One Safe Jail Ballot Committee on its campaign mailer in support of Proposition 2017-6 that some Whatcom County voters received on or around 10/23/17 (**Exhibit A, Photo #13**). The Whatcom Jail Facebook page’s “About” section still read: “I am a private citizen who is concerned about our current jail facility - - my goal is to remind people that we still need a safe new jail...I’m simply exercising my 1st Amendment rights...” The text under the “About” section’s “Impressum” still read: “I am a private citizen who is concerned about our current jail facility - - my goal is to remind people that we still need a safe new jail...I’m simply exercising my 1st Amendment rights...”
- A 10/14/17 post (**Exhibit A, Photo #14**) made by Whatcom Jail on its Facebook page showed that the page updated its profile picture on that date, removing the black and pink-ish red colored logo with the accompanying phrase/slogan “One Safe Jail,” and replacing that with a new profile picture featuring a red, black and white colored logo that read: “Vote Yes New Safe Jail.” The Facebook page’s “About” section still read: “I am a private citizen who is concerned about our current jail facility - - my goal is to remind people that we still need a safe new jail...I’m simply exercising my 1st Amendment rights...” The text under the “About” section’s “Impressum” still read: “I am a private citizen who is concerned about our current jail facility - - my goal is to remind people that we still need a safe new jail...I’m simply exercising my 1st Amendment rights... I’ve attached a screenshot photo (**Exhibit A, Photo #15**) showing the text under the “About” section and the “Impressum” section displayed.

Prior to the Whatcom Jail Facebook page changing its profile picture on 10/14/17, a sponsored Facebook ad in support of Proposition 2017-6 from the affiliated Whatcom Jail Facebook page featuring/using the “One Safe Jail” ballot committee logo as the profile picture at that time, came into my Facebook feed on 10/5/17. I’ve attached a 10/5/17 screenshot photo of that sponsored Facebook campaign ad (**Exhibit A, Photo #16**). On 10/7/17, a different sponsored Facebook ad in support of Proposition 2017-6 from the affiliated Whatcom Jail Facebook page which featured/used the “One Safe Jail” ballot committee logo as the profile picture, came into my Facebook feed. I’ve attached a 10/7/17 screenshot photo of that sponsored Facebook campaign ad (**Exhibit A, Photo #17**).

Other Facebook users in Whatcom County reported that they had received sponsored Facebook ads from the Whatcom Jail Facebook page which featured/used the “One

Safe Jail” ballot committee logo as the profile picture. According to the posts made by Whatcom Jail on its Facebook page, Whatcom Jail used the One Safe Jail ballot committee logo as its page’s profile picture for 33 days, from 9/12/17 until changing it on 10/14/17. Any sponsored Facebook ads that were disseminated by Whatcom Jail between sometime on 9/12/17 through sometime on 10/14/17 would have featured the One Safe Jail ballot committee logo as the page’s profile picture displayed on any of those ads. Also, any Facebook posts made by Whatcom Jail on its page between sometime on 9/12/17 through sometime on 10/14/17 (33 days), would have featured the One Safe Jail ballot committee logo as Whatcom Jail page’s profile picture displayed on any of those posts. In fact, between sometime on 9/12/17 through sometime on 10/14/17 (33 days), all of the posts displayed on the Whatcom Jail Facebook page would have featured the One Safe Jail ballot committee logo as the page’s profile picture, even going back as far as the 2015 posts that were still on the page.

End of summary

Additional late filing dates for C-4 Expenditures reports, and potential Expenditures not listed

16. In the listed C4 expenditures for One Safe Jail, I do not see any listed expenditures for sponsored Facebook ads in support of Proposition 2017-6 which were disseminated by the Whatcom Jail Facebook page during the 2017 general election season. I have attached screenshot photos (**Exhibit A, Photos #18 through #33**) of some – not – all of the sponsored Facebook ads that came into my Facebook feed from the Whatcom Jail Facebook page. **Because One Safe Jail failed to list its Facebook sponsored ads as either expenditures or as in-kind contributions, this appears to be in violation of RCW 42.17A.240(6), and possibly of WAC [390-16-037](#) which requires that the expenditure be properly described.**

17. In the listed C-4 expenditure reports filed for One Safe Jail, I do not see any expenditures for the videos in support of Proposition 2017-6 which were produced, and which were published on the Whatcom Jail Facebook page and, I believe on YouTube, and shared by some viewers. Some of those videos were also disseminated by the Whatcom Jail Facebook page as sponsored Facebook ads. Nor, do I see the video production fees assigned value and sponsored Facebook ad fees assigned value as having been reported as in-kind contributions. I’ve attached screenshot photos (**Exhibit A, Photos #34 through #42**) of some of Whatcom Jail Facebook page’s posts of the videos, and one of the sponsored ads with one of those videos disseminated by the Whatcom Jail Facebook page. **Because One Safe Jail failed to list the video production fees as either expenditures or in-kind contributions, this appears to be in violation of RCW 42.17A.240(6), and possibly of WAC [390-16-037](#), which requires that the expenditure be properly described.**

18. A C-4 Expenditure report covering 10/17/17 to 10/30/17, filed on 10/30/17, shows a \$911.40 expenditure paid on 10/22/17 to Signs On The Cheap in Austin, Texas, for One Safe Jail campaign signs in support of Proposition 2017-6. That report also shows a 10/22/17 in-kind contribution of yard sign posts with an assigned value of \$100.00, made by Ray Baribeau, who, I believe, is a volunteer at the Whatcom County Jail, and who was a Committee Officer (Co-Chair) and Treasurer for the 2015 Single Year ballot committee “Citizens For a Humane & Safe Jail Now,” formed to support the Jail Sales and Use Tax Proposition 2015-1. However, I observed, and other people in Whatcom County reported observing, signs in support of Proposition 2017-6 placed throughout Whatcom County in early October, and even possibly earlier. I have attached a photo (**Exhibit A, Photo #43**) taken on 10/6/17 of one of those signs that was placed in Whatcom County.

You will notice that the sign in the attached photo is the same design and color scheme as the signs purchased by the 2015 “Citizens For A Humane & Safe Jail Now” ballot committee formed to support of Proposition 2015-1. The only difference is the proposition number. The phrase “#WhatcomJail” was displayed under the Proposition number on all of these signs with the same design in support of Proposition 2015-1 and of Proposition 2017-6. “Whatcom Jail” is the name of the Facebook page that was affiliated with the 2015 ballot committee named “Citizens For A Humane & Safe Jail Now,” and that Whatcom Jail Facebook page was affiliated with the 2017 “One Safe Jail” ballot committee.

The phrase/slogan “Safe Jail” was displayed on both the signs in support of the 2015-1 Proposition and the 2017-6 Proposition, and that same “Safe Jail” slogan was the slogan displayed on Whatcom Jail’s Facebook page’s profile picture during the 2015 campaign season and during part of the 2017 general election campaign season, up through September 12, 2017, when that was changed to the profile picture featuring the phrase/slogan “One Safe Jail,” which is the same name of the 2017 “One Safe Jail” ballot committee. I’ve attached two screenshot photos (**Exhibit A, Photos #44 and #45**) showing a 9/5/15 tweet made by “Safe Jail Now” @whatcomjail posted on its (the “Citizens For a Humane & Safe Jail Now” ballot committee’s) Twitter page, featuring a photo of a pro-Proposition 2015-1 campaign yard sign placed in Whatcom County during the 2015 general election season.

Back during the 2015 general election season, according to a C-4 Expenditure report covering 8/1/15 to 8/31/15, filed on 11/24/15, by the Citizens For A Humane & Safe Jail Now ballot committee, “Grand View Sign & Awning Co.,” was paid \$800.00 on 8/25/15 for those signs. It is my understanding from speaking with Grandview Sign & Awning company in an 11/20/17 phone call, that their company produced the campaign signs for the 2015 Jail Proposition as well as the campaign signs for the 2017 Jail Proposition.

I would also note that there was another set of campaign signs in support of Proposition 2017-6 which featured a totally different design than what I described above, and those

signs were also placed throughout Whatcom County during the 2017 general election season. I did not get a photo of any of those to show in this complaint, but I saw one of those signs placed on Bakerview Rd., on the overpass above Interstate 5, in Bellingham. From everything I observed and found, it appears that there had been signs for the 2017-6 Proposition purchased prior to the 10/22/17 “Date Paid” date listed on the C-4 report. **I am not sure if this is a violation of RCW 42.17A.235, or possibly another RCW, but hopefully your agency will know.**

Potential Use of Public Office or Agency Facilities in a Campaign

19. The C-3 report dated 10/24/17 (**Exhibit A, Photo #46**) shows that the address listed for the Whatcom County Corrections Deputies Association corresponding to its group’s 9/27/17 contribution (\$1,500.00) made to One Safe Jail, is 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, WA. 98225. That address is a public government agency facility and the location of the Whatcom County Courthouse. **This appears to be in violation of RCW 42.17A.555.**
20. The C-3 report dated 10/24/17 (**Exhibit A, Photo #46**) shows that the address listed for the Bellingham Police Guild corresponding to its group’s March 28, 2017, contribution (\$3,000.00) made to One Safe Jail, is 505 Grand Ave., Bellingham, WA. 98225. That address is a public government agency facility for the Bellingham Police Department. **This appears to be in violation of RCW 42.17A.555.**
21. Adding to the idea that public government and public agency facilities were used directly or indirectly for the purpose of assisting a campaign for the promotion of or opposition to any ballot proposition, is this information below, provided in a 10/29/17 Facebook comment posted by **Jackie Mitchell**, a Behavioral Health Program Specialist employed with the Whatcom County Health Department. I’ve attached a 10/30/17 screenshot photo (**Exhibit A, Photo #47**) of Ms. Mitchell’s Facebook comment in which she wrote:

“The Corrections Association has no real experience with campaigning. They receive mail for the campaign at Grand Ave. But take mail off-site to deal with it. All meetings are off-site.”

From her comment, it sounds like Ms. Mitchell may have some inside knowledge about some of the inner workings of the campaign in support of Proposition 2017-6 and the One Safe Jail Ballot Committee formed to support that measure — **and it appears possible that a public agency’s address and facility may have been used to receive mail related to the support of that ballot measure, which, I believe, could be in violation of RCW 42.17A.555.**

22. Ms. Mitchell had commented extensively in support of Proposition 2017-6 on a 10/21/17 Facebook post made by Whatcom County Council member Carl Weimer (on his personal Facebook page), which featured his 10/21/17 advocacy blog post in support of Proposition 2017-6 that he co-authored with three other local elected officials. Ms. Mitchell commented numerous times in support of Proposition 2017-6 on other Facebook posts published on the pro-Proposition 2017-6 “Whatcom Jail” Facebook page and the anti-Proposition 2017-6 “Sane Jail Now,” and “No New Jail Tax” Facebook pages. **Some examples of her comments in support of Proposition 2017-6 are shown in screenshot photos contained in Exhibit B, attached.**

It remains to be seen whether any of Ms. Mitchell’s commenting in support of Proposition 2017-6 was done while on-duty working as a Whatcom County employee; was done using any public agency’s computers; was done directly or indirectly using, or with, the assistance of employees of any public agency’s office during working hours; was done using any office space in a public agency/facility; or was done using publications of any public office or agency. **I believe if any one of these circumstances described above were to apply to any of Ms. Mitchell’s commenting activities in support of the ballot measure, then that could potentially be in violation of RCW 42.17A.555.**

In one of Ms. Mitchell’s comments she posted under County Council member Carl Weimer’s 10/21/17 Facebook post, she posted the following comment (**Exhibit A, Photo #48**) on 11/5/17:

“The person who did that was chastised and thank you for pointing it out. I was horrified b/c I thought you were saying I posted it!
I apologize on behalf of the Safe Jail site, even though I’m not affiliated. My understanding is that they’ve apologized as well. Well intended ppl make stupid mistakes.”

Ms. Mitchell’s comment was in reference to the Whatcom Jail Facebook page having posted onto its page on 10/22/17 at 8:44 PM, an altered photograph (**Exhibit A, Photo #49**). The original photograph had been taken in October 2015 by a local photographer, Dan Brown. The original image in the photo taken in October 2015 by Mr. Brown, showed individuals holding signs expressing their opposition to Proposition 2015-1 at an October 2015 anti-Jail Sales and Use Tax Proposition rally in Bellingham (**Exhibit A, Photo #50**). The photo was altered either by Whatcom Jail Facebook page or by someone who provided the altered photo to Whatcom Jail Facebook page, such that, the photo had been mirrored, cropped, and the anti-Jail Sales and Use Tax Proposition 2015-1 messaging displayed on all of the rally attendees’ signs was altered to instead display messaging in support of pro-Jail Public Safety Jail Facilities Sales and Use Tax Proposition 2017-6 messaging.

According to that local photographer, Dan Brown (who I spoke with on 10/24/17), the Whatcom Jail Facebook page did not obtain his permission to alter the photo or to

publish that altered photo on the Whatcom Jail Facebook page that was affiliated with the One Safe Jail ballot committee created to support the Public Safety and Jail Facilities Sales and Use Tax Proposition 2017-6 on the November 2017 general election ballot. Nor did Whatcom Jail Facebook obtain the permission of the rally attendees in the photo to alter and publish the photo in which they were portrayed in a false light in political advertising posted on Whatcom Jail's Facebook page in support of Proposition 2017-6. Also, the photographer's copyright on the photo that had originally been displayed in the bottom right corner of the photo was removed. I do not know if Whatcom Jail Facebook page's action of publishing that altered photo on 10/22/17 could potentially be considered to be using false advertising to promote a ballot measure, so I hope your agency will know more about that particular issue, as my knowledge on that is limited. I read RCW 42.17A.335, but was not sure if that was at all applicable to this particular circumstance.

After the photographer who took the original photo, and after several people who were falsely portrayed in that photo, posted comments on 10/24/17 under the 10/22/17 post of the altered photo made by the Whatcom Jail Facebook page, sometime later that evening, the Whatcom Jail page removed the 10/22/17 post, and posted a 10/24/17 apology post at approx. 9:12 PM (**Exhibit A, Photo # 51**) on its Facebook page. A number of days later, Whatcom Jail edited the date of their 10/24/17 apology post to instead reflect a date of 10/1/17 (**Exhibit A, Photo #52**). Then, Whatcom Jail again edited the date of their apology post, this time to reflect a date of 9/1/17 (**Exhibit A, Photo #53**). By twice editing their original 10/24/17 apology post date to reflect those two earlier apology post dates, it then caused the post to be displayed much further down on their Whatcom Jail Facebook page, which I imagine was the reason to have edited the post date, but for the record, that apology post was originally posted on 10/24/27, as I mentioned above.

Sometime on 10/30/17, the Whatcom Jail Facebook page was taken down/removed such that when you tried to access the Whatcom Jail Facebook page, the screen only showed the words "Unable to load Page" (**Exhibit A, Photo #54**). The Facebook page stayed that way until sometime in the evening that same day when the page was then back up/active on Facebook. It appeared that some of the content on the Whatcom Jail Facebook page had been removed during the down time.

From Ms. Mitchell's 11/5/17 posted comment about the person responsible for posting the altered photo having been chastised and her apologizing on behalf of what she referred to as the "Safe Jail site" [Whatcom Jail Facebook page], it sounds like she may have some inside knowledge about some of the inner workings of both the One Safe Jail ballot committee formed to support Proposition 2017-6 and of its affiliated Whatcom Jail Facebook page.

23. Also relating to potential violations of RCW 42.17A.555, would be the fact that there were a number of Whatcom County Sheriff's Office employees who were posting comments and/or posts on Facebook in support of Proposition 2017-6. There was also at least one individual posting Facebook posts and/or comments

in support of Proposition 2017-6 who is one of the nursing staff working in the Whatcom County Jail through a contract with Northwest Regional Council which has the contract to provide nursing services in the Whatcom County Jail. Besides the above aforementioned Whatcom County employee, Jackie Mitchell, those commenters and/or posters are:

- **Wendy Tarkon** - Whatcom County Sheriff's Office Coord./Records
- **Wendy Jones** - Jail Chief Whatcom County Jail
- **Jeff Hindman** - Whatcom County Sheriff's Office Corrections Deputy
- **Barry Lovell** - Whatcom County Sheriff's Office Corrections Sergeant
- **Sean McDonald** - LPN at Whatcom County Jail through contractual services with Northwest Regional Council
- **Martin Otto** - Whatcom County Sheriff's Office Corrections Deputy ("Marty Otto" on Facebook)
- **Nicole Kallin** - Whatcom County Sheriff's Office Corrections Officer ("Nicole Michelle" on Facebook)

It remains to be seen whether any of the commenting and/or posting in support of Proposition 2017-6 by the seven (7) individual's listed above was done while they were on-duty working as an employee with a public agency; was done using any public agency's computers; was done directly or indirectly using, or with, the assistance of employees of any public agency's office during working hours; was done using any office space in a public agency/facility; or was done using publications of any public office or agency. **I believe if any one of these circumstances described above were to apply to any of these individuals' posting and/or commenting activities in support of the 2017-6 ballot measure, then that could potentially be in violation of RCW 42.17A.555.**

Whatcom County Sheriff's Office Corrections Sergeant Barry Lovell, in his role as Treasurer for the 2017 ballot committee One Safe Jail, communicated via email with PDC staff regarding questions/issues related to the ballot committee. **Some of those email communications between Mr. Lovell and the PDC are shown contained in Exhibit B, attached**, but there are likely additional email communications beyond just the couple examples I provided, as those just happened to be included on page 2 of One Safe Jail's original C1PC form filed on 9/28/17 that had been posted on the PDC website. I imagine your agency would have a record of any email communications with One Safe Jail ballot committee members.

It remains to be seen whether any of the email communications between Mr. Lovell and the PDC relating to the One Safe Jail ballot committee were done while he was on-duty

working as an employee with a public agency; was done using any public agency's computers; was done directly or indirectly using, or with, the assistance of employees of any public agency's office during working hours; was done using any office space in a public agency/facility; or was done using publications of any public office or agency. **I believe if any one of these circumstances described above were to apply to any of Mr. Lovell's email communication activities related to the One Safe Jail ballot committee, then that could potentially be in violation of RCW 42.17A.555.**

I've pointed out those Whatcom County employees' and contracted (working indirectly for Whatcom County) employees' Facebook activities in support of Proposition 2017-6, as well as Barry Lovell's email communication activities related to the One Safe Jail ballot committee, so your agency would be alert to those activities while it is conducting its review and potential investigation of the allegations contained in this complaint. One way to check on those activities would be to obtain public records/information from the public agencies with which to compare dates and hours worked by the Whatcom County (direct) employees I listed and the indirect (contracted) employees working for Whatcom County through another entity such as Northwest Regional Council I listed, to the correlating dates and times of those employees' Facebook comments and/or posts they made in support of Proposition 2017-6. **Some examples of those comments and/or posts in support of Proposition 2017-6 made by the employees listed above are shown in screenshot photos contained in Exhibit B, attached.**

24. In addition, there were videos posted on the Whatcom Jail Facebook page during the 2017 general election season which feature Whatcom County Sheriff's Office employees who identify themselves as such, speaking about the poor and dangerous conditions in the existing Whatcom County Jail, in support of the proposed new County Jail and Proposition 2017-6 on the 2017 general election ballot.

Some or all of the 2017-produced videos were disseminated by the Whatcom Jail Facebook page as sponsored Facebook ads in support of Proposition 2017-6. I have attached screenshot photos (**Exhibit A, Photos #34, #35, #38, #39, #41**) of some of Whatcom Jail's Facebook posts of the videos. I believe the names of some of those County Sheriff's Office employees featured in the 2017-produced videos are: Jeff Hindman, Curt Mount, and Martin Otto.

There was also an individual featured in one of the 2017-produced videos posted on the Whatcom Jail Facebook page who, I believe, was identified as an LPN named Sean McDonald. It is my understanding that Mr. McDonald works at the Whatcom County Jail through contractual services with the Northwest Regional Council.

Also appearing in one of the 2017-produced videos, is, I believe, a Mental Health Counselor named Heidi Zosel, who, I believe, provides mental health counseling services at Whatcom County Jail, although her services may not necessarily be performed as a direct employee of Whatcom County, but rather may be contracted through some entity, which may or may not be a public agency.

At the beginning of each video in which they appeared, each of these individuals employed with public agencies were introduced by name, and as working at the Whatcom County Jail. It appears they may have used their positions with public agencies to then advocate in support of Proposition 2017-6, and as I said above, some or all of those videos published were disseminated as sponsored ads by the Whatcom Jail Facebook page which is affiliated with the One Safe Jail ballot committee. I've attached photos (Exhibit A, Photos #34, #35, #38, #39, #40, #41) of these videos which featured Whatcom County employees and/or contracted employees working for Whatcom County through another entity such as Northwest Regional Council.

This potential problematic promotion of the 2017-6 ballot Proposition may be in violation of RCW 42.17A.555. This potential violation could have easily been avoided if the public office/agency employees had simply been identified by their names, and had not also been identified as employees with the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office Corrections Bureau working at Whatcom County Jail, or as working as a Mental Health worker or as nursing staff at the Whatcom County Jail.

I am unable to now go back to play the videos to confirm some of the names of the individuals featured in those videos because the Whatcom Jail Facebook page removed its entire Facebook page from Facebook on November 6, 2017, however, I believe I have the correct names of those individuals who I had noted while watching the videos when those were still posted on Whatcom Jail's Facebook page. In addition to the Whatcom Jail Facebook page having been removed on November 6, 2017, the content on the www.whatcomjail.com website can no longer be viewed as of November 6, 2017. When you click on that web address, it says, "Website Expired." I checked on the www.whois.com website, and the "www.whatcomjail.com" address still shows the Registrant Organization as being, "Citizens for a Humane & Safe Jail Now," and it shows the domain for the website is still active, as its "Expiration Date" is listed as "9/06/2018."

According to whois.com, the Registrant Name listed for the www.whatcomjail.com website is "Ray Baribeau." I believe Mr. Baribeau was/is an Associate Chaplain at the Whatcom County Jail, and has been serving in various volunteer capacities at the Whatcom County Jail. He also was a Committee Officer (Co-Chair) and Treasurer for the 2015 single year Ballot Committee "Citizens For a Humane & Safe Jail Now," formed to support the Jail Sales and Use Tax Proposition 2015-1. Mr. Baribeau also was the Admin., or one of the Admins. for the Whatcom Jail Facebook page that was affiliated with the "Citizens For a Humane & Safe Jail Now" 2015 single year Ballot Committee during the 2015 Whatcom County general election season. Either Mr. Baribeau relinquished/turned over his Admin. privileges to the person or persons who was/were acting as Admin/s. of the Whatcom Jail Facebook page during the 2017 Whatcom County general election season, or he was the person, or was one of the persons who

were acting as Admin/s. of the Whatcom Jail Facebook page during the 2017 general election season.

It is my understanding, though, that an individual who was in the photo that was altered which Whatcom Jail Facebook page posted on 10/22/17, had contacted Mr. Baribeau in the evening on 10/24/17 (using the phone number 360-752-1712 listed in the contact information for Mr. Baribeau on the www.whatcomjail.com website that was still active at that time), and asked him if he was still involved with the Whatcom Jail Facebook page. Mr. Baribeau responded that he was not working on the Jail Proposition issue this time around. The individual speaking with Mr. Baribeau then asked him who was running the Whatcom Jail Facebook page, and he replied that he did not know. Then the individual told Mr. Baribeau that he was calling because of the photo that had been altered and posted on 10/22/17 that the individual himself, was in, and Mr. Baribeau then hung up.

It seems unlikely, though, that Mr. Baribeau would not know the identity of the person or persons administering/running Whatcom Jail Facebook page, especially since he had once been an Admin. for that Facebook page during the 2015 campaign for Proposition 2015-1, therefore he would have had to turn over his Admin. privilege to some other person or persons who would be administering the page since he supposedly stopped his involvement on the Jail Proposition issue this time around, or he would, at least, have had to add the person or person's name/s to the Facebook page as Admin/s.

It remains to be seen whether any employee or employees of any local public agency were acting in any capacity as an Admin. or Admins. of the Whatcom Jail Facebook page that was affiliated with the "One Safe Jail" single year Ballot Committee during the 2017 general election season. I hope that your agency will investigate so that it can learn who the person or persons were who had Admin. privileges for the Whatcom Jail Facebook page during the 2017 general election season.

I believe it is important to know if, in fact, any employee or employees of any local public agency were posting as "Whatcom Jail" Facebook page while they were on-duty working as an employee with a public agency; or were using any public agency's computers; or were directly or indirectly using, or with, the assistance of employees of any public agency's office during working hours; or were using any office space in a public agency/facility; or were using publications of any public office or agency. And, I believe it is important to know if, in fact, the person or persons posting as "Whatcom Jail" Facebook page were also involved in any capacity with the 2017 single year One Safe Jail Ballot Committee. I have numerous additional screenshot photos of posts and comments made by "Whatcom Jail" on its Facebook page which I did not include in this complaint. If your agency would want those for any potential investigation, you can contact me about that.

Lastly, it is very concerning to me that Whatcom Jail Facebook page removed their Facebook page shortly after the PDC received a complaint in late October 2017 involving One Safe Jail, in which one of the allegations made was that the Whatcom Jail

Facebook page was acting as an affiliated Facebook page to the 2017 single year ballot committee One Safe Jail. **Whatcom Jail's sudden action of shutting down their Facebook page on November 6, 2017, could be found to have been done in an attempt to impede and/or obstruct agencies' access to information that could be relevant and important to an investigation.**

I strongly believe that the information I have provided in this complaint is sufficient to warrant an investigation by your agency, and perhaps by our state's Attorney General's Office.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions your agency may have in order to move forward in reviewing and potentially investigating my complaint. Thank you in advance for your attention to the matter of my complaint.

Sincerely,

Sandy Robson
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email: sjrer2@icloud.com

Exhibit A

Exhibit A, Photo #1 - Photo of 2017 One Safe Jail ballot committee's campaign mailer side one

Whatcom County Proposition 2017-6

The proposition before County voters would authorize a sales tax of 0.2% to be used for the construction and operation of a new jail, including medical and behavioral health programs, and for other public safety purposes as authorized by RCW 82.14.450

- This tax will be split between the County (60%) and the Cities (40%)
- The County will pay 78% of the capital costs, and the combined cities - 22%.
- Money collected by the County and Cities above the amount dedicated to capital costs can be used for other mental health and public safety services as allowed by law.

Capital Costs

Design and size - \$1 million

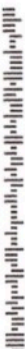
Repairing the Downtown jail until the new jail opens - \$3.5 million

Construction of new jail - \$70-75 million

Demolition of Downtown Jail and construction of inmate holding space in the County Courthouse
*Estimates in progress


Estimated rising costs in construction through the process - 15-20%


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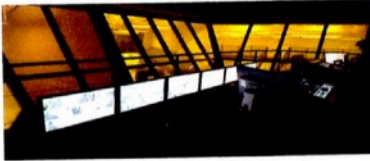


ONE SAFE JAIL

Sheriff Bill Elfo

"The jail has been overcrowded and unsafe for decades. Over time, conditions have worsened. Twenty years of reports, meetings and analysis by consultants, planners, interest groups, the National Institute of Corrections and citizen committees all agree that there are life-threatening liability issues, that the jail lacks space for behavioral health and other programs to provide treatment and reduce recidivism. The Jail Planning Task Force, first convened in 2011, found that "Due to overcrowding, life/safety and physical plant concerns in the main jail facility, Whatcom County needs a new jail." Band-aid repairs have been approved and implemented, but the situation remains the same. The condition and layout of the downtown facility jeopardizes staff and inmates, and exposes taxpayers to huge liability issues. Passage of this proposition allows for the construction of a Jail on Labouty Road in Ferndale for use by all municipalities. It will provide dedicated housing for those with medical or behavioral health needs in a setting conducive to healing, and space and opportunities for educational programs will be increased."

Exhibit A, Photo #1a - Photo of 2017 One Safe Jail ballot committee's campaign mailer



How will the tax affect you?

For Bellingham, Ferndale and Lynden, the tax rate will increase from .087% to .089%. For Blaine and Everson, the tax will increase from .085% to .087%. For Bellingham, a \$10.00 taxable purchase will cost \$10.89 instead of \$10.87, an increase of two cents.

Taxable v Non-Taxable

Washington State established sales tax increases as the way communities can raise money for Jails. To soften the impact on the public, sales tax is not charged for many necessities, including most food bought in a store. For EBT card users, there are additional food items exempt from sales tax. Prescription medication and medical equipment are also exempt. By offering this proposition as a sales tax, the cost will be spread to all those who shop in Whatcom County, not just the residents.

ONE SAFE JAIL

Technology and correctional design concepts have evolved over the past 35 years. The current linear, multi-story Whatcom County Jail design is insufficient for providing safe supervision of the inmate population. Closing both current facilities and consolidating them in one safe, modern and sustainable facility will reduce redundancy, optimize services and increase safety. A modern facility will provide safe spaces for much needed mental, health and educational programs that are designed to help offenders make better choices.

The First Line of defense
For our community's
medical and mental health
deserves a safe workspace

Our local Jail is the only "no refusal" medical and mental health provider in the County. Unlike hospitals or private facilities, no one can be turned away. Care is provided regardless of a person's behavior or their ability to pay. These services help stop the spread of communicable disease in the community and give offenders with behavioral health issues a chance to become stabilized. The new jail provides housing dedicated to offenders with special needs.



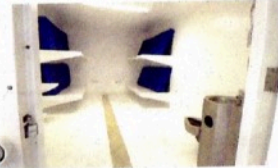
Above is the current jail medical clinic, inmates are brought to the clinic, then returned to their assigned housing area.



A Facility with housing in the medical area provides an environment conducive to healing and reduces inmate movement in the facility.

By law, Whatcom County must house all accused/convicted felons whose case originated anywhere in the County. The current jail layout does not provide housing options to separate inmates who pose a threat to themselves or to others. A modern, horizontal design will increase safety for all within the jail.

Modern, Secure, Safe



A modern jail design provides

- A safer environment for inmates
- A safer environment for all staff
- More space for educational programs
- Housing options for diverse offender populations
- Dedicated housing for offenders with special needs



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Exhibit A, Photo #2 - Screenshot photo taken on 9/11/17 showing Whatcom Jail Facebook page's Cover Photo in which it shows there were 756 Followers of the Whatcom Jail Page as of the date of that photo



Exhibit A, Photo #2a - Screenshot photo taken on 9/12/17 showing videos stored on Whatcom Jail Facebook page that were used in support of Proposition 2015-1 during the 2015 Whatcom County general election season. One video in that photo showed a date of 9/12/17 and was used in support of Proposition 2017-6 during the 2017 general election season

The screenshot shows the Facebook profile for 'Whatcom Jail' (@whatcomjail). The profile picture is a circular logo with the text 'Safe ONE Jail'. The page features a grid of 12 video thumbnails, each with a title, date, and view count. The videos are organized into three rows of four. The first row includes videos titled 'No one is jailed simply for having a mental illness, they are there...', 'Jail & Mental Health: Housing', 'Jail & Mental Health: Better Outcomes', and 'Jail & Mental Health: the Challenge'. The second row includes 'Jail & Mental Health: Languishing', 'Jail & Mental Health: Mental Illness in Jail', 'It matters', and 'We'd like to go home to our family'. The third row includes '31 years working at the jail', 'Both sides of the door: women in Whatcom County Jail', 'Women in the jail', and 'Women in jail: help through a hatch'. The left sidebar contains navigation options: Home, About, Photos, Videos, Posts, and Community, along with a 'Create a Page' button.

Video Title	Date	Views
No one is jailed simply for having a mental illness, they are there...	Today	731 views
Jail & Mental Health: Housing	December 19, 2015	422 views
Jail & Mental Health: Better Outcomes	December 19, 2015	100 views
Jail & Mental Health: the Challenge	December 19, 2015	85 views
Jail & Mental Health: Languishing	December 19, 2015	121 views
Jail & Mental Health: Mental Illness in Jail	December 19, 2015	308 views
It matters	November 2, 2015	1.7K views
We'd like to go home to our family	October 28, 2015	4.3K views
31 years working at the jail	October 28, 2015	2.1K views
Both sides of the door: women in Whatcom County Jail	October 27, 2015	2.5K views
Women in the jail	October 27, 2015	3.8K views
Women in jail: help through a hatch	October 26, 2015	3.7K views

Exhibit A, Photo #3 - The photo/graphic used in the 9/3/17 post in support of Proposition 2017-6, made by Whatcom Jail Facebook page, was from Whatcom Jail's 2015 photos/graphics used in support of Proposition 2015-1 during the 2015 general election season

NOT YES NEW SAFE JAIL Whatcom Jail
September 3 · 🌐

THIS IS STILL HAPPENING -- At the Whatcom County Jail about 15-30 women will share one toilet (depending on the female population of the jail). The women also help one another get lukewarm showers by having one person flushing the toilet while the other person showers. This is what you get when you place Basic Human Dignity on the back-burner... 😞

The situation for the female population at our current jail facility is unacceptable. There are many studies that show if you treat the incarcerated with simple Human Dignity and Respect you are able to maintain peace and security within the jail facility. We think having only one toilet for the women's side of the jail is NOT an act of dignity, it's an act of neglect.

Please VOTE for Proposition 2017-6. #whatcomjail

1 Toilet
30 WOMEN
#WhatcomJail

we can't wait much longer!

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Exhibit A, Photo #4 - The video used in the 9/15/17 post was from Whatcom Jail's videos posted in 2015 (the original video post date was 10/25/15)



Whatcom Jail shared their video.
September 15 at 2:26pm ·



NOTHING HAS CHANGED SINCE THIS VIDEO WAS FIRST POSTED--
NOTHING -- "There are two things you pray for when you enter this
building, no earthquakes and no fires."

One little room for jail programs. Mental evaluations through a chow
hatch. Inmates stuffed into storage rooms. See where inmates were able
to pry equipment from the wall with their hands.

VOTE YES ON 2017-6: Delay has already cost us 8M, and an additional
10M will be spent soon. A consulting firm has determined that...
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"There are two things you pray for when you enter this building, no earthquakes
and no fires."

One little room for jail programs. Mental evaluations through a chow hatch.
Inmates stuffed into storage rooms. See where inmates were able to pry
equipment from the wall with their hands.

Vote YES on Prop. 2015-1: Delay will cost us.

"Incurring more years of delay will require investing millions more to stabilize and
remodel the structurally flawed and inadequate facility. It will also require that the
jail population be lowered and affect the County's ability to continue meeting the
jail needs of cities and tribes and likely lead to a fragmented system of providing
jail services in our community." - Whatcom County Sheriff Bill Elfo
[#whatcomjail](#)

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Exhibit A, Photo #5 - Screenshot photo taken on 9/6/17 showing Whatcom Jail Facebook page updated its Cover Photo on 9/3/17 to express support for Proposition 2017-6


September 6
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Whatcom Jail updated their cover photo.
Sunday at 11:00 AM · 🌐

We can no longer afford to allow this sub-standard facility to be used any longer. If YOU care about the people who work there, the people who volunteer there, and the inmates that are housed in this human-rights violation then please VOTE YES for Proposition 2017-6. #WhatcomJail



**if you CARE
about PEOPLE
you'll VOTE
for a new jail.**

Vote YES for Proposition 2017-6


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Exhibit A, Photo #6 - Whatcom Jail Facebook page's 11/7/15 post

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November 7, 2015 · 🌐

All cities' contracts to keep inmates in Whatcom County Jail will expire at the end of the year. That means the Sheriff Elfo and County Executive Jack Louws will need to meet with each municipality and figure out how they will continue to use the jail.

"I can no longer operate the jail under those conditions," Elfo said. "It's not only inhumane to the people who live there, it's unsafe and it's unsanitary to the people that work there. We have to change that and bring it to an acceptable level of service."



Voters shut down plans for new Whatcom County jail
bellinghamherald.com

Exhibit A, Photo #7 - Screenshot photo taken on 9/6/17 shows the text under the “About” section and “Impressum” of the Whatcom Jail Facebook page that was displayed on 9/6/17, the associated website address, and the “Safe Jail” logo used for the 2015 Jail Sales and Use Tax Proposition 2015-1 campaign during the 2015 general election that was displayed as Whatcom Jail Facebook page’s profile picture on 9/6/17.

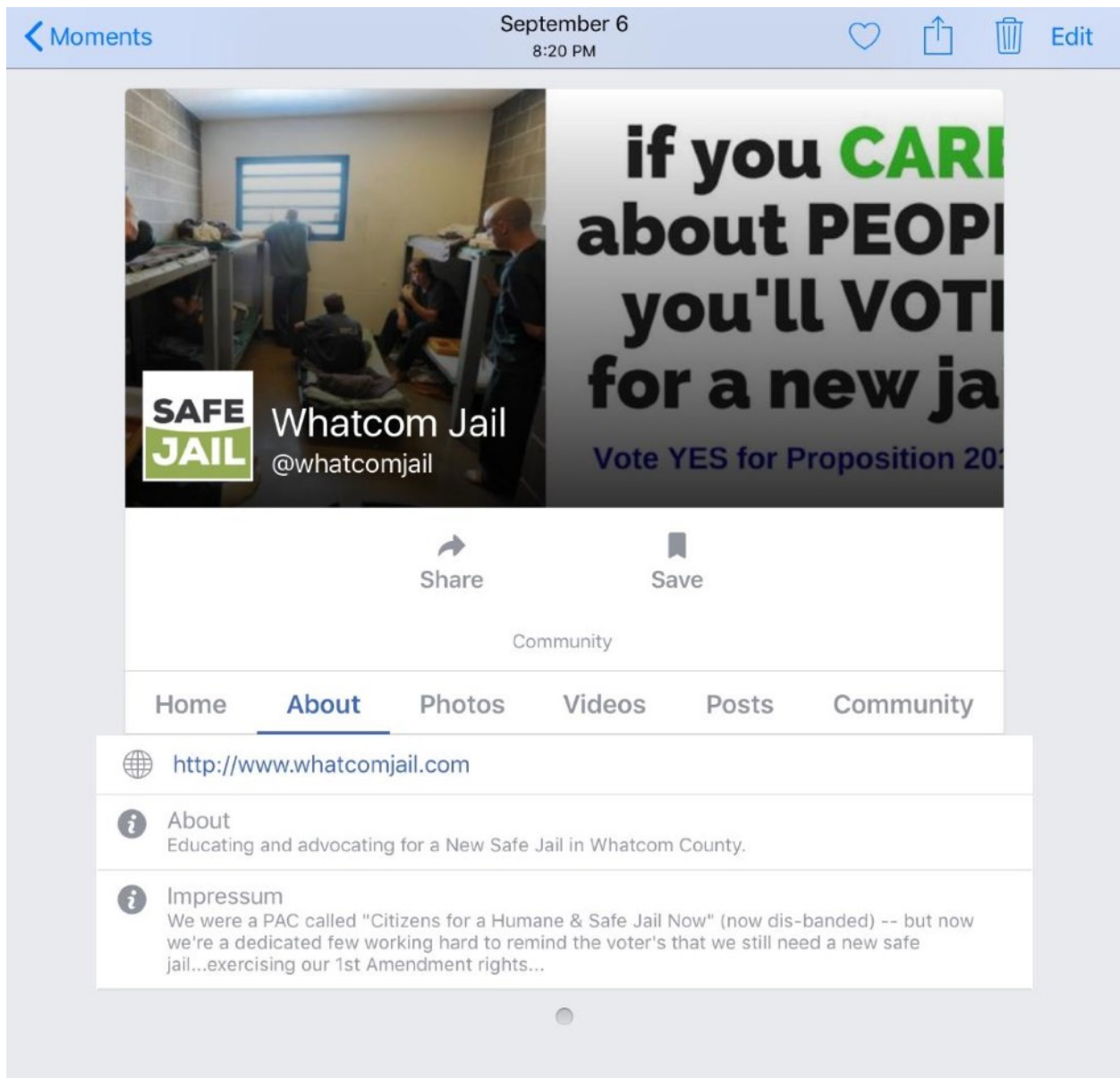


Exhibit A, Photo #8 - Photo taken on 9/6/17 showing last post made by Whatcom Jail Facebook regarding Proposition 2015-1 was made on 12/19/15

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SAFE Whatcom Jail
September 3 at 11:37am · 🌐

THIS IS STILL HAPPENING -- At the Whatcom County Jail about 15-30 women will share one toilet (depending on the female population of the jail). The women also help one another get lukewarm showers by having one person flushing the toilet while the other person showers. This is what you get when you place Basic Human Dignity on the back-burner... 😞

The situation for the female population at our current jail facility is unacceptable. There are many studies that show if you treat the incarcerated with simple Human Dignity and Respect you are able to maintain peace and security within the jail facility. We think having only one toilet for the women's side of the jail in NOT an act of cignity, it's an act of neglect.

Please VOTE for Proposition 2017-6. #whatcomjail



1 Toilet
30 WOMEN
#Whatcom-Jail
we can't wait much longer!

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December 19, 2015 · 🌐

Brandon Foister talks from his experience as a mental health professional at Whatcom County Jail. (5 of 5 video segments)



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Exhibit A, Photo #9 - Screenshot photo taken on 9/9/17 shows Whatcom Jail Facebook page updated its website address, removing the www.whatcomjail.com website address from the Facebook page's "About" section.


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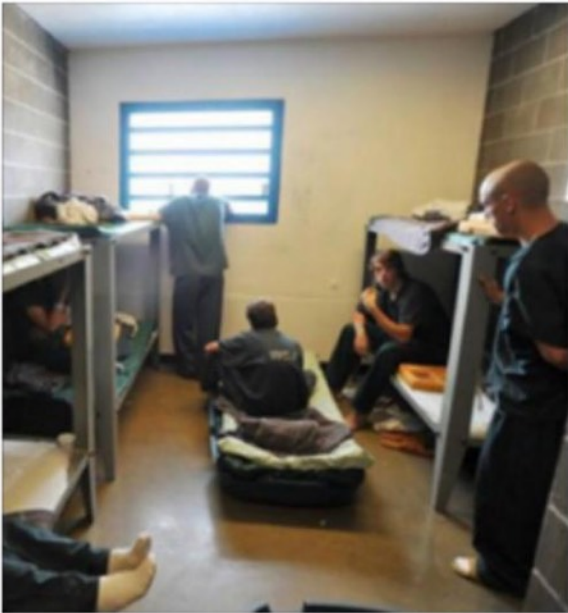


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Exhibit A, Photo #10 - Screenshot photo taken on 9/9/17 shows the text under the “About” section and the “Impressum” of the Whatcom Jail Facebook page displayed on 9/9/17, the “Safe Jail” logo used for the 2015 Jail Sales and Use Tax Proposition 2015-1 campaign during the 2015 general election was displayed as Whatcom Jail Facebook page’s profile picture on 9/9/17, and shows that the associated website address was no longer displayed on 9/9/17.



Exhibit A, Photo #11 - Screenshot photo taken on 9/11/17 shows the text under the “About” section and the “Impressum” of the Whatcom Jail Facebook page displayed on 9/11/17

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About
I am a private citizen who is concerned about our current jail facility -- my goal is to remind people that we still need a new safe jail... I'm simply exercising my 1st Amendment rights...

Impressum
I am a private citizen who is concerned about our current jail facility -- my goal is to remind people that we still need a new safe jail... I'm simply exercising my 1st Amendment rights...

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Exhibit A, Photo #12 - Whatcom Jail Facebook page's post showing it updated its profile picture to display the One Safe Jail logo



Exhibit A, Photo #13 - One Safe Jail logo displayed on campaign mailer received by voters on 10/23/17

One Safe Jail
PO BOX 1577
Bellingham, WA 98227-1577

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U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
LYNDEN WA
PERMIT NO. 20



*****ECRWSS**C 007

576 T2 B2
CURRENT RESIDENT

BELLINGHAM WA [REDACTED]

Exhibit A, Photo #14 - Whatcom Jail Facebook page updated its profile picture on 10/14/17



Exhibit A, Photo #15 - Photo of the “About” section and “Impressum” section showing the text remained the same

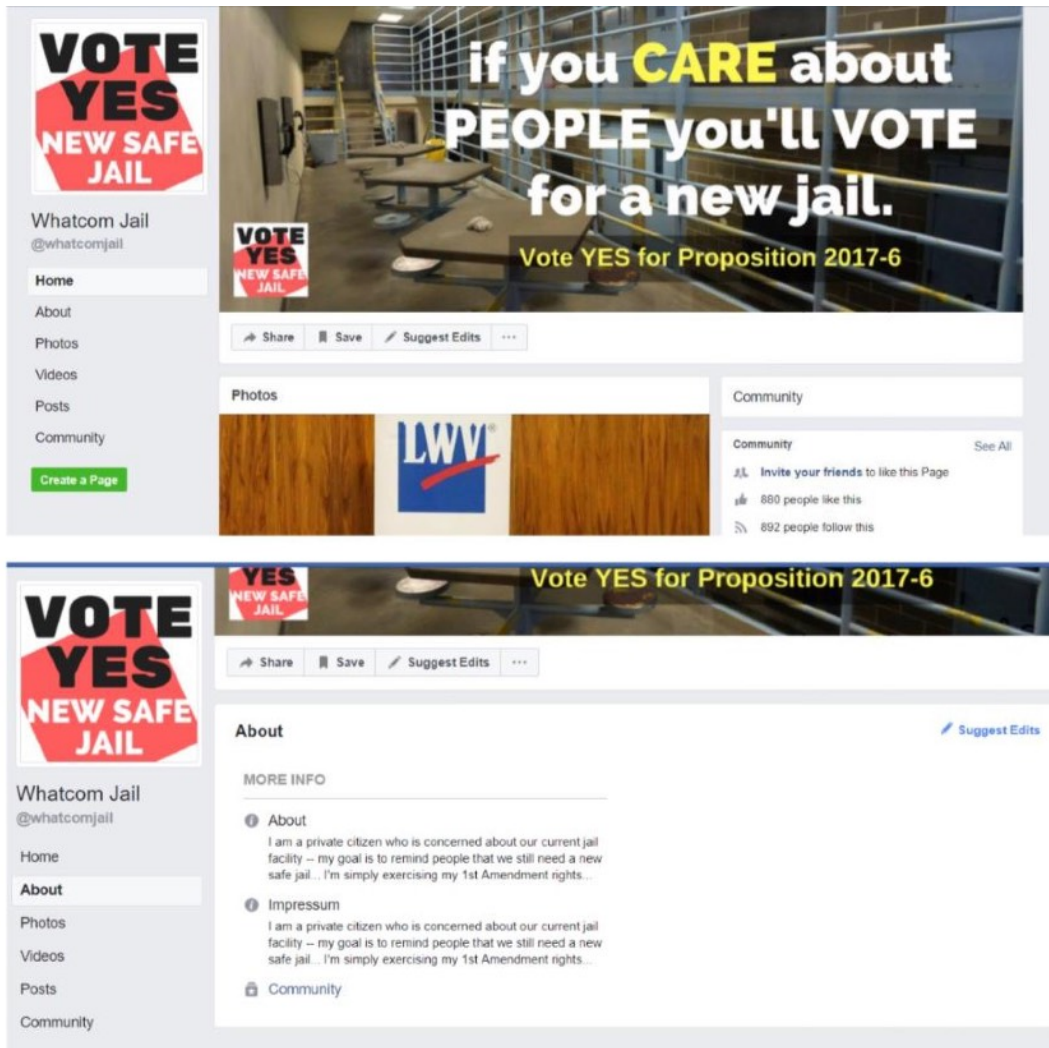




Exhibit A, Photo #16 - Photo of a 10/5/17 sponsored Facebook ad in support of Proposition 2017-6 disseminated from Whatcom Jail Facebook page using the "One Safe Jail" ballot committee logo as their profile picture

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Realize the Sheriff's Office is NOT in charge of building maintenance and repair, it's the County Exec. and the County Council who are. Former County Exec. Pete Kremin and the past and present members of the Whatcom County Council let the current jail facility fall into disrepair--it's in a failed condition because they let it. It's a human rights violation because they created it. It's a work safety issue because they refused to spend the money to keep it safe, humane, and in good working order... VOTE YES for Proposition 2017-6. #WhatcomJail

<http://www.bellinghamherald.com/news/local/article108362182.html>



Whatcom County Jail needs millions in repairs; sales tax co... Learn More

Exhibit A, Photo #17 - Photo of a 10/7/17 sponsored Facebook ad in support of Proposition 2017-6 disseminated from Whatcom Jail Facebook page using the “One Safe Jail” ballot committee logo as their profile picture

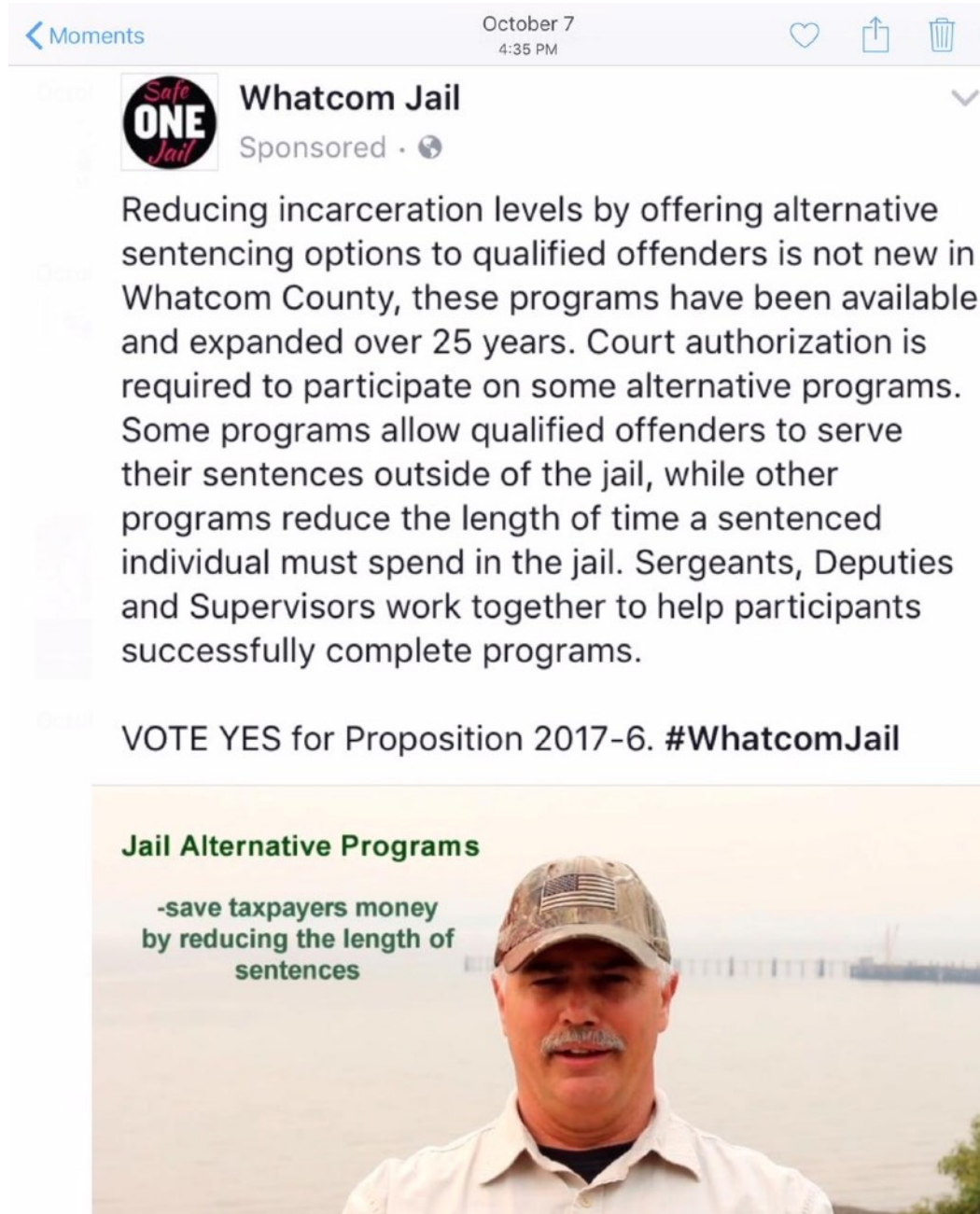


Exhibit A, Photo #18 - Photo of 9/6/17 sponsored Facebook ad in support of Proposition 2017-6 disseminated by the Whatcom Jail Facebook page affiliated with the One Safe Jail ballot committee

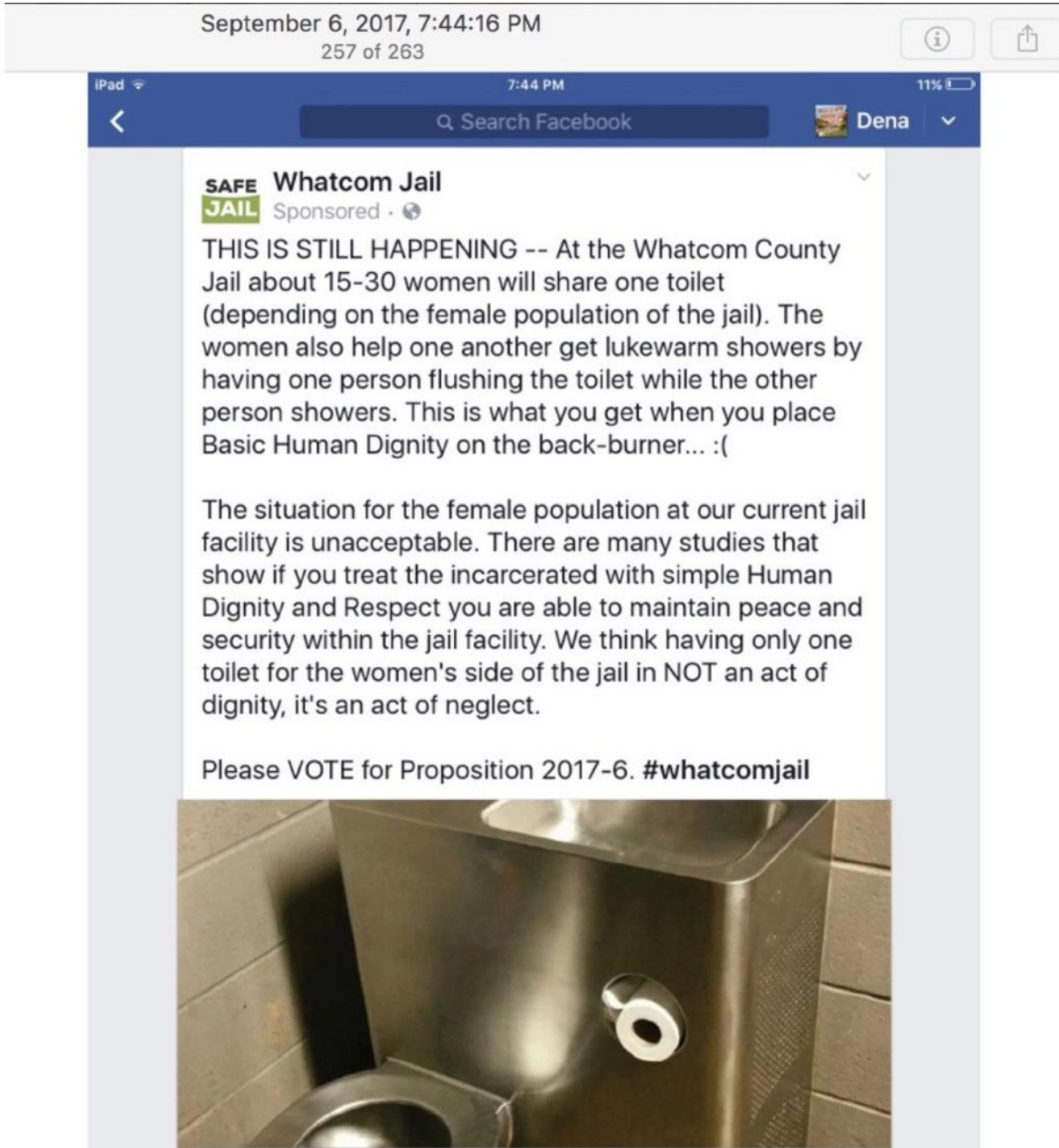


Exhibit A, Photo #19 - Photo of 10/14/17 sponsored Facebook ad in support of Proposition 2017-6 disseminated by the Whatcom Jail Facebook page affiliated with the One Safe Jail ballot committee

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Exhibit A, Photo #20 - Photo of 10/17/17 sponsored Facebook ad in support of Proposition 2017-6 disseminated by the Whatcom Jail Facebook page affiliated with the One Safe Jail ballot committee

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In addition to having limited space to house inmates safely, keeping gang members, sex offenders and those with medical/mental health problems separated, the jail also has limited space to provide services. Medical, dental and mental health services are offered in the same small room, which is located in the same corridor as the in-house courtroom and the single classroom. Everyone in jail goes through this busy hallway, which creates security problems. The same situation exists in the booking area, where releases and transports are also processed. There is no room to move these services elsewhere in the facility. The lack of proper design and lack of room creates safety and security problems that deputies face every day.



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Exhibit A, Photo #21 - Photo of 10/24/17 sponsored Facebook ad in support of Proposition 2017-6 disseminated by the Whatcom Jail Facebook page affiliated with the One Safe Jail ballot committee

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HI, INFORM YOURSELF... first link is the County Jail Funding proposal.
The second link is the Counties Jail info... :)
<http://www.whatcomcounty.us/449/Jail-Funding-Background>
<http://www.co.whatcom.wa.us/446/New-Jail-Information>

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Jail Funding Background | Whatcom County, WA - Official Website

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Exhibit A, Photo #25 - Photo of 10/28/17 sponsored Facebook ad in support of Proposition 2017-6 disseminated by the Whatcom Jail Facebook page affiliated with the One Safe Jail ballot committee

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#WhatcomJail





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Take a look at what Mayors Jon Mutchler and Scott Korthuis have to say about the jail sales tax... "From Blaine to Fairhaven, Lummi Island to Lynden, the legislative bodies and executives of every city and Whatcom County itself listened and crafted a fair jail deal that was approved by each council, every mayor, the county executive and our cou... [Continue Reading](#)

Here's what the **Mayors** want you to know about the Whatcom Jail sales tax measure.



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Exhibit A, Photo #29 - Photo of 10/31/17 sponsored Facebook ad in support of Proposition 2017-6 disseminated by the Whatcom Jail Facebook page affiliated with the One Safe Jail ballot committee

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For more information here is a link to the "Interlocal Jail Facility Financing & Use Agreement" : <http://www.whatcomcounty.us/DocumentCenter/View/30019>

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#WhatcomJail



**The operational capacity
of the main jail is 212**

**The operational capacity of
the work center is 127**

**Total operational capacity:
337**

**with no dedicated medical beds
or space to increase programs**

 15

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Exhibit A, Photo #30 - Photo of 11/1/17 sponsored Facebook ad in support of Proposition 2017-6 disseminated by the Whatcom Jail Facebook page affiliated with the One Safe Jail ballot committee

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Exhibit A, Photo #31 - Photo of 11/2/17 sponsored Facebook ad in support of Proposition 2017-6 disseminated by the Whatcom Jail Facebook page affiliated with the One Safe Jail ballot committee


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Exhibit A, Photo #33 - Photo of 11/4/17 sponsored Facebook ad in support of Proposition 2017-6 disseminated by the Whatcom Jail Facebook page affiliated with the One Safe Jail ballot committee

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Exhibit A, Photo #34 - Photo of 10/10/17 post made by Whatcom Jail Facebook page featuring a video in support of Proposition 2017-6

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**Whatcom Jail**
October 10 at 6:00pm · 🌐

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As the problems that we face in our county and cities change, so do the problems in the jail. Gangs and drug problems that we encounter around our area are problems in the jail as well. As our county and cities seeks solutions to handle these problems, so does the jail. No longer does the jail hold primarily low-risk offenders. Members of one gang cannot be housed with members of another gang, violent offenders must be kept separate from other inmates. With 6 large housin... See More



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Exhibit A, Photo #35 - Photo of 10/13/17 post made by Whatcom Jail Facebook page featuring a video in support of Proposition 2017-6


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**Whatcom Jail**...

October 13 at 3:00pm · 🌐

Deputies are responsible for keeping people safe inside the jail. When an incident happens, such as a fight in a housing unit, a disturbance in the in-house courtroom or the medical area, deputies respond rapidly, making their way from one floor to another to assist. All hands respond. Failing systems in the jail hamper response times, putting deputies, inmates, and others who work in the jail at greater risk. Despite recent upgrades, the electronic control system still has problems, door lock systems are failing, and the elevators are showing their age. Their job is hard enough without the facility working against them. Vote yes for one safe jail.

VOTE YES for Proposition 2017-6. #WhatcomJail



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Exhibit A, Photo #36 - Photo of 10/25/17 post made by Whatcom Jail Facebook page featuring a video in support of Proposition 2017-6

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From the Agreement:

"The Parties recognize and fully support the goals of the Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force ("IPRTF") to reduce incarceration and recidivism. The IPRTF will continually review Whatcom County's criminal justice and behavioral health programs and make specific recommendations to safely and effectively reduce..."

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Exhibit A, Photo #37 - Photo of 10/26/17 post made by Whatcom Jail Facebook page featuring a video in support of Proposition 2017-6

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 **Whatcom Jail** ⋮
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RESPECT IN THE JAIL

RESPECT OUTSIDE THE JAIL

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Exhibit A, Photo #38 - Photo taken on 10/30/17 of a 10/6/17 post made by Whatcom Jail Facebook page featuring a video in support of Proposition 2017-6. Because photo was taken on 10/30/17, the Facebook profile picture shows the “Vote Yes New Safe Jail” logo that Whatcom Jail started using on 10/14/17 rather than the “One Safe Jail” logo that was being used on the actual date (10/6/17) of the post.



Photo #39 - Photo taken on 10/7/17 of a 10/7/17 sponsored Facebook ad post from Whatcom Jail Facebook page featuring a video in support of Proposition 2017-6. The 10/7/17 photo was taken during the time period that the "One Safe Jail" logo was being used by the Whatcom Jail Facebook Page

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Reducing incarceration levels by offering alternative sentencing options to qualified offenders is not new in Whatcom County, these programs have been available and expanded over 25 years. Court authorization is required to participate on some alternative programs. Some programs allow qualified offenders to serve their sentences outside of the jail, while other programs reduce the length of time a sentenced individual must spend in the jail. Sergeants, Deputies and Supervisors work together to help participants successfully complete programs.

VOTE YES for Proposition 2017-6. #WhatcomJail

Jail Alternative Programs

-save taxpayers money
by reducing the length of
sentences




Exhibit A, Photo #40 - Photo taken on 10/30/17 of a 9/20/17 post made by Whatcom Jail Facebook page featuring a video in support of Proposition 2017-6. Because photo was taken on 10/30/17, the Facebook profile picture shows the “Vote Yes New Safe Jail” logo that Whatcom Jail started using on 10/14/17 rather than the “One Safe Jail” logo that was being used on the actual date (9/20/17) of the post.



Exhibit A, Photo #41 - Photo taken on 10/30/17 of a 9/30/17 post made by Whatcom Jail Facebook page featuring a video in support of Proposition 2017-6. Because photo was taken on 10/30/17, the Facebook profile picture shows the “Vote Yes New Safe Jail” logo that Whatcom Jail started using on 10/14/17 rather than the “One Safe Jail” logo that was being used on the actual date (9/30/17) of the post.

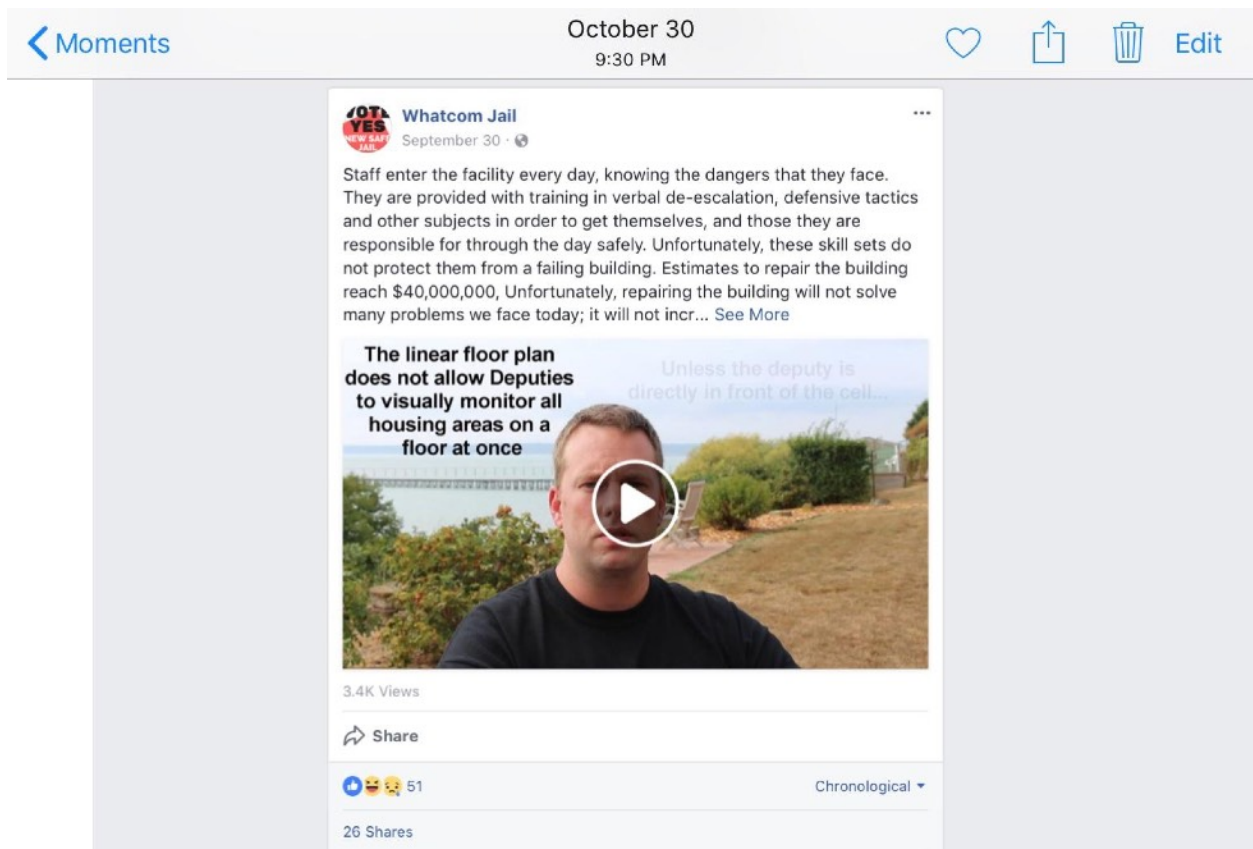


Exhibit A, Photo #42 - Photo of 9/12/17 post made by Whatcom Jail Facebook page featuring a video in support of Proposition 2017-6. Because photo was taken on 10/30/17, the Facebook profile picture shows the “Vote Yes New Safe Jail” logo that Whatcom Jail started using on 10/14/17 rather than the “One Safe Jail” logo that was being used on the actual date (9/12/17) of the post.



Exhibit A, Photo #43 - photo taken on 10/6/17 of a pro-Proposition 2017-6 sign placed in Whatcom County during the 2017 Whatcom County general election season



Exhibit A, Photos #44 - Photo of 9/5/15 tweet made by “Safe Jail Now @whatcomjail” on its Twitter page, featuring a pro-Proposition 2015 sign placed in Whatcom County during the 2015 Whatcom County general election season



Safe Jail Now @whatc... · 9/5/15 ✓
Signs are going up around
Whatcom County #whatcomjail



Exhibit A, Photo #45 - Full-size photo of a pro-Proposition 2015 sign that was placed in Whatcom County during the 2015 Whatcom County general election as shown in the 9/5/15 tweet made by "Safe Jail Now @whatcomjail" on its Twitter page



Exhibit A, Photo #47 - Screenshot photo taken on 10/30/17 of a Facebook comment posted on 10/29/17 by Jackie Mitchell, a Whatcom County Behavioral Health Program Specialist, acknowledging that “One Safe Jail WCCDA (Whatcom County Corrections Deputy Association) ballot committee campaign mail was received at the 311 Grand Ave. address, which is the location of the Whatcom County Courthouse and the Whatcom County Sheriff’s Office, considered a Public Safety Building.

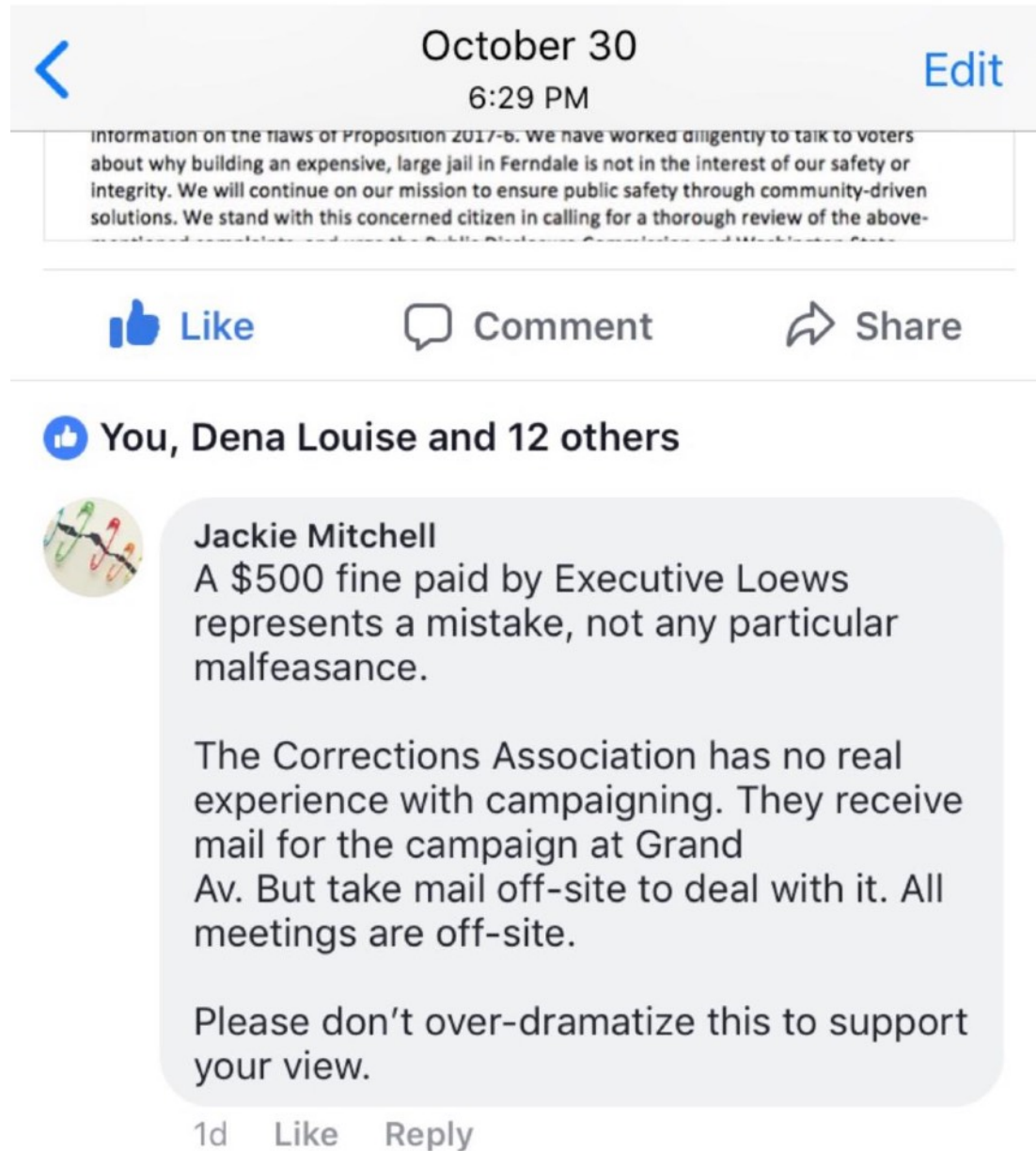


Exhibit A, Photo #48 - Whatcom County Behavioral Health Program Specialist Jackie Mitchell's posted 11/6/17 comment seeming to acknowledge having knowledge of who posted the altered photo on the Whatcom Jail Facebook page on 10/22/17, saying they were "chastised"

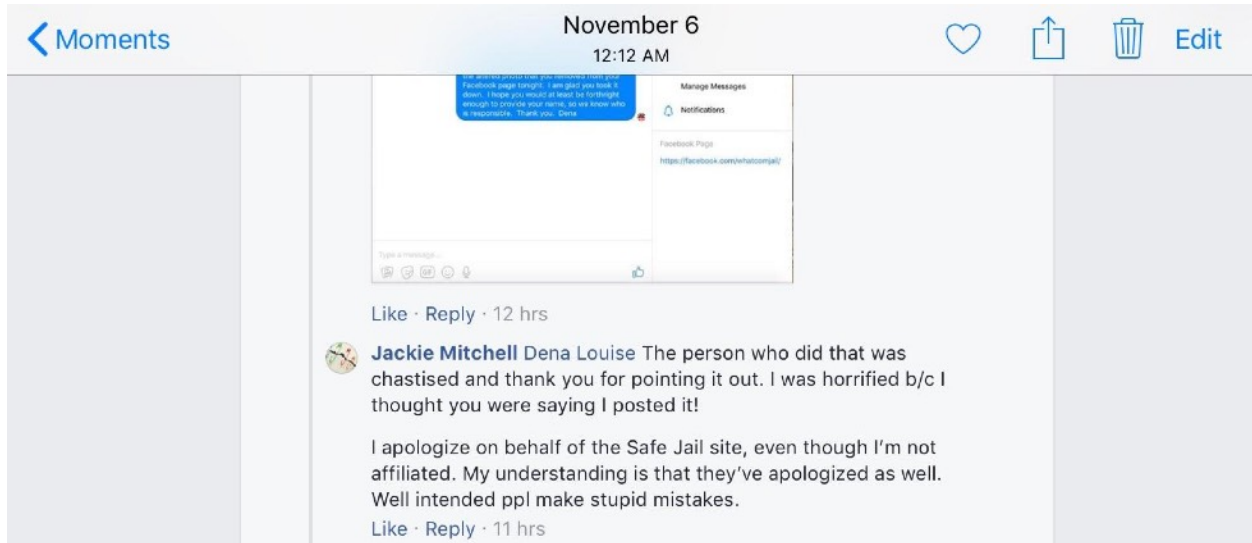



Exhibit A, Photo #49 - Screenshot photo of Whatcom Jail Facebook page's 10/22/17 post of the altered photo in which the anti-Jail Sales and Use Tax Proposition 2015-1 was edited to then reflect pro-Jail Proposition 2017-6 messaging

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VOTE YES
NEW SAFE JAIL

Whatcom Jail
Sunday at 8:44 PM · 🌐

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Exhibit A, Photo #50 - Screenshot of the original October 2015 photo taken by local photographer Dan Brown at an October 2015 anti-Jail Sales and Use Tax Proposition 2015-1 rally in Bellingham

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 **Dan Brown** updated his cover photo. ▼
October 20, 2015 · 🌐

We've said no two times already. The people spoke!!! Now they are trying to ram it down our throats again. This is dated picture so pay no attention to the prop #, its not a current one.



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Exhibit A, Photo #51 - Screenshot photo of Whatcom Jail Facebook page's 10/24/17 apology post.

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 **Whatcom Jail** ⋮
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Hi, I want to offer my deepest **apology** for a graphic that I recently posted that offended some of you ... that was not my intent. I promise to only offer my opinion and relevant posts about the jail issue.



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Exhibit A, Photo #52 - Screenshot photo of Whatcom Jail Facebook page's apology post (originally dated 10/24/17) showing the date of the post had been edited to reflect a 10/1/17 post date



Exhibit A, Photo #53 - Screenshot photo of Whatcom Jail Facebook page's apology post (originally dated 10/24/17) showing the date of the post had once again been edited, this time to reflect a 9/1/17 post date

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Exhibit A, Photo #54 - Screenshot photo of what the screen looked like on 10/30/17 after Whatcom Jail Facebook took down its Facebook page which was eventually put back up/made active sometime on that same date in the evening

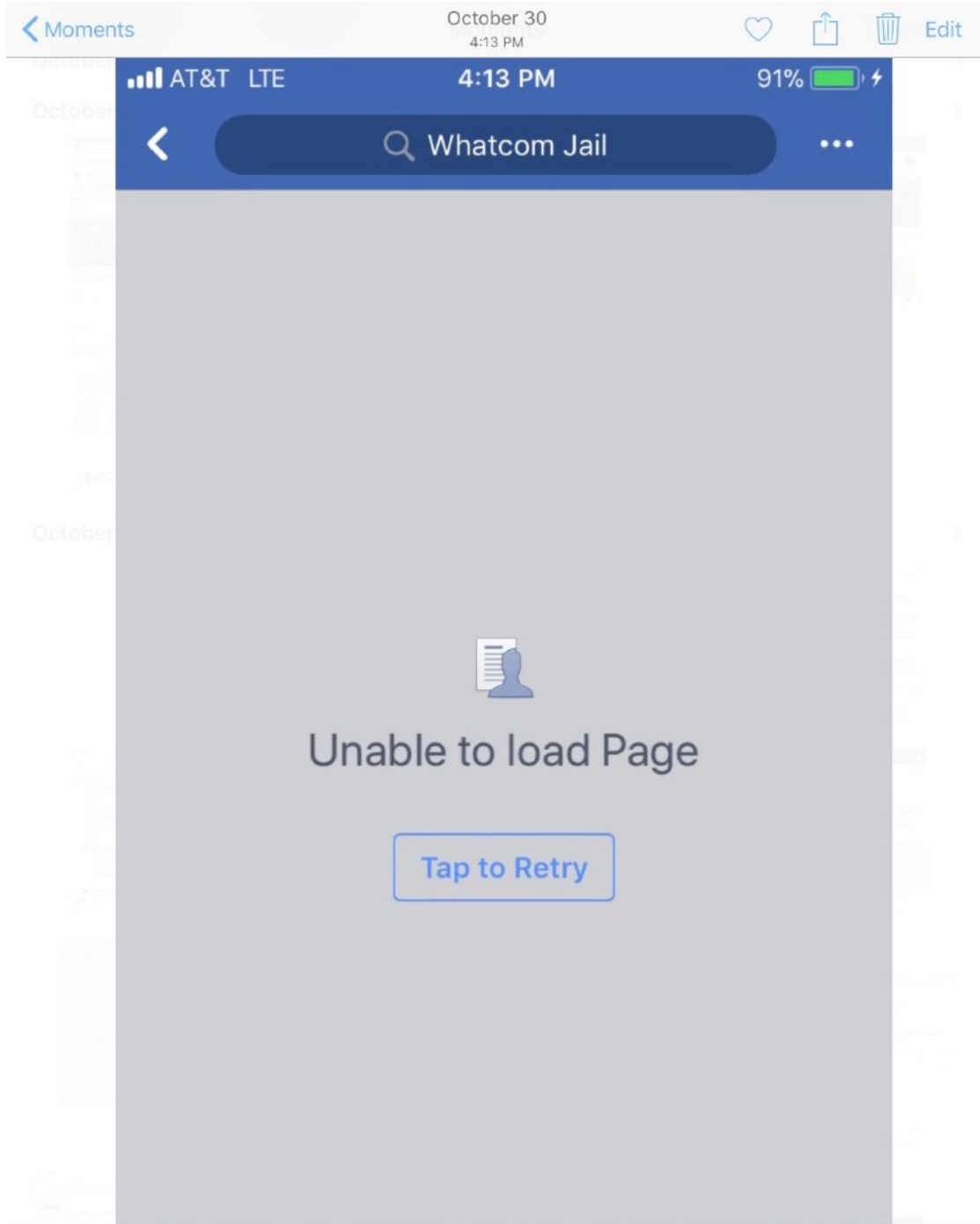


Exhibit B

Exhibit B contains screenshot photos of some (not all) examples of Facebook comments and/or posts in support of Proposition 2017-6 made by employees working directly for Whatcom County and/or employees working indirectly for Whatcom County through another entity such as Northwest Regional Council. Almost all of the comments and/or posts contained in this Exhibit B will have a Facebook date and time displayed on which the comment (displayed underneath the comment) or post (displayed at the top of the post) was made.

In this Exhibit B there will be a few screenshot photos which were taken of either a comment or post which were taken within 24 hours or less of when those had been posted on Facebook, so in those specific cases, there will be a date and time displayed at the top of the screenshot photo showing the date and time the photo was taken. That can then be used as a reference to determine the time the comment or post was posted. For example on Page 5 of this Exhibit B, there is a screenshot photo of an October 30, 2017 comment posted by “Nicole Michelle” (Nicole Kallin), showing a date and time the photo was taken. Under the October 30, 2017 Facebook comment, it shows “13 hrs” which means the comment had been posted 13 hours prior to the time at which I took the screenshot photo which was at 9:37 PM on October 30.

Also in Exhibit B, there is a screenshot photo on Page 2 that shows some examples of the email communications between Barry Lovell and the PDC, and those will show the dates and times on which the two emails were sent by Mr. Lovell.

As listed on Page 15 of my PDC complaint, the employees names are:

Wendy Tarkon

Wendy Jones

Jeff Hindman

Barry Lovell

Nicole Kallin (goes by “Nicole Michelle” on Facebook)

Sean McDonald

Jackie Mitchell

Martin Otto (goes by “Marty Otto” on Facebook)

by **ONE-SJ-226** on **Mon, 2 Oct at 11:42 AM** via **Portal**

Get help or information - Barry Lovell

Can you please confirm that our registration has been accepted and approved?

Thank you,

Barry Lovell- Treasurer ONE SAFE JAIL

Comments

by **Jennifer Hansen** on **Tue, 3 Oct at 12:51 PM** as **Outbound email**

Thank you for speaking with me yesterday afternoon, Barry.

Circumstances have changed slightly with the advice I had given you. Can you please send me back an email that includes the full name of your sponsor WCCDA? We would like to scan this for the record. Thank you.

Jennifer Hansen

Filer Assistance Specialist

Tel: 360-586-4560

by **ONE-SJ-226** on **Tue, 3 Oct at 1:15 PM** as **Incoming email**

Jennifer,

WCCDA stands for; Whatcom County Corrections Deputies Association.

If you need any additional information, please don't hesitate to call or email.

Barry



Nicole Michelle People don't get buses here for no reason. People do get brought here if they have changed through Whatcom county, that way they can take care of their warrants. If anything Whatcom county is bussing people to Yakima because the lack of room at the Whatcom county jail. Bellingham and Lummi tribal court send people there weekly.

October 27 at 9:10am



Wendy Tarkon Kathy Leathers the total costs of the skagit jail, including planning, development, etc. was closer to \$65 million, the building itself was about \$48 million. As the price of labor, steel and other construction elements increase, so will the cost of the Whatcom Couty project.

Like · Reply · 1 · October 22 at 2:36pm



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The VERA report also appeared to use only the data that supported its basic philosophies. When asked about other data or other trends (nationally and locally)...crickets.

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Wendy Tarkon If you look at VERA institute's home page, you could predict the recommendations of their report.

Like · Reply · October 25 at 3:50pm



Joy Gilfilen We can argue here all we want, and you can cast aspersions at us. I will not be bullied.

Here is a story that is not emotional. It is based on legal facts, and there are records to back it up - but I am withholding certain details to protect this p... [See More](#)

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Marty Otto Might as well jump in head first.

Joy Gilfilen, it is sad that you regard the law enforcement community so poorly that you think they will retaliate against a person that you are using for political gain. Regardless, you are referencing a situation that goes against jail policy without providing any possible way to corroborate your story or find out the additional facts that you are neglecting to include. The jail does not have the authority to whimsically release individuals, and after 7 months, it is policy to release a person at either 5 am or 8 am depending on their charges. Your story, if true, is sad, however it is also highly improbable that so many people across many different shifts would either make so many mistakes, or be deliberately indifferent. Regardless of you or Sane Jail Now's prejudices, a new jail is required. It is literally (not figuratively) falling apart. Whether or not you agree with incarceration in general is a different topic. If you don't like people going to jail, then vote for people to change the laws regarding bookable offenses. In the mean time, the jail needs to be replaced. If this were a bridge, you'd want it replaced before it collapsed and killed or injured everyone on or under it. The jail is infrastructure also, and it won't last forever. It needs to grow with the communities population and laws. It needs to be replaced when it wears out.




Before I worked at the jail, I might have voted against it because its a jail and it's out of sight and out of mind. Plus, it's not an exciting thing to spend money on. Now that I work there, I can see the need for a new jail. I've seen other facilities and Whatcom County has by far the worst building. It's not even designed properly. One inmate that I was releasing last week said this was the worst jail he's ever been in, and he said he's been to a lot of jails (I forgot the exact number, but it was in the twenties). I don't plan on spending my entire career at this jail, and even if this vote passes, I will likely not work at the jail when the new one is built, so voting yes does not directly benefit me. However I can see the need for a new jail, unlike yourself. When an elevator shakes and grinds, and electrical boxes are exposing wiring, and camera systems crash, I wouldn't say that is a safe place for anyone, including this person you referred to in your story. It certainly wouldn't be acceptable for the general public.


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Marty Otto Joy Gilfilen, your statement claiming that the county is proposing a jail 3-4 times the size of the current jail is just false. The current jail downtown houses approximately 200 inmates. The Work Center houses approximately an additional 100 inmates. ... [See More](#)


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 **Nicole Michelle** The tax is for 30 years or once the bond is paid off, which ever comes first. This plan was also signed off on by all the mayor's from local cities.
There will also be 30 million dollars for mental health and substance abuse. Also each city will get money as well for public safety. I know the mayor of Ferndale has started he will be able to get a new police officer for their city.

 1 · 13 hrs

 **Nicole Michelle** The old jail will in Grand Ave will be demolished. The work center will be sold. The hope is that the Triage Center will buy the other half and the whole building will be turned into a two step triage center.

 1 · October 27 at 9:06am

Sane Jail Now Skapti Freeman why does a Jail and court using cash Bail constitute public safety? If every rich guy or woman can pay their cash bail regardless of a violent crime or not, how come we allow \$1000 bails to hold all of the poor in jail until trial?

Doesn't make sense.

Don't you think if we fixed that, we'd have less people in jail?



Like · Reply · October 26 at 8:08am

Barry Lovell "Sane" Jail-
1-Jail staff has zero say on what bail is.
2-initial bail is assigned to RCW when established by legislator and initial bail is never cash only.
3- if the accused is still in custody at the time of their first appearance, bail is reviewed by the Judge, Prosecutor and Defense attorney. They consider the nature of the crime, criminal history and past FTA's.

Like · Reply · October 26 at 8:58am

Barry Lovell "Sane" Jail- I did a quick fact check for you. As of this morning WCJ(downtown) is holding 18 people solely on misdemeanor charges. Of those 18;
9 on various warrants
4 misdemeanor DV charges
2 DWLS
And 3 who were booked recently and are on bail prior to their first appearance.
1 DUI/no Ignition interlock
1 criminal impersonation
1 DWLS
Every other person held in custody is either sentenced or has a felony charge.

Like · Reply · October 26 at 9:21am · Edited

[Redacted] The judges and courts set the amount and type of bail based on criminal history, warrant history, and the risk to the victims of the crime as well as public safety, not the jail. The graphic above shows a disparity but the jail does not control who re... See More

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Clint Westwood Lincoln Joy Gilfilen thoughts?
Like · Reply · October 27 at 11:45am

Clint Westwood Lincoln Barry Lovell! These are the type of stats we've been trying to get from Wendy Jones for years. She told us she needed a statistician to get them. Interesting how it easy it was for you to acquire.



Joy Gilfilen Barry Lovell, Clint asked me to speak about stats. Ironically, you gave us more information in 1 hour that we ever got from either Wendy Harris or Bill Elfo after at least 7 years of asking for data. So what you know does not appear to roll up to you... [See More](#)

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Barry Lovell Joy Gilfilen - Facts are facts Joy. Yesterday 18 Of 183 inmates were being held on misdemeanor only crimes. 10% When people from your camp are making inaccurate broad stroke comments about what types of crimes are being committed to "fill" up the jail is wrong.

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Barry Lovell To be clear, those numbers only account for those inmates who are housed downtown.

Like · Reply · October 27 at 4:04pm



Joy Gilfilen Nope. I don't buy your arguments. The blatant jibe about "my camp" is flawed. i have no camp. I am speaking from my own direct experience of sitting in dozens of meetings. If you have facts, show them to us from 2015, from 2013. What you are looking at today is skewed since the jail tax failed.

Like · Reply · October 27 at 4:05pm



Clint Westwood Lincoln Barry Lovell are you speaking about the facts Vera reported back with?

Like · Reply · October 27 at 5:46pm



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Unlike VERA, they use all of the data, looking for positive trends as well as problem areas. I wish that body of work could be redone, completed by a higher caliber organization than VERA.

Wednesday at 5:28pm · Edited · Like · 2 · Reply · More



Jackie Mitchell **Sj Robson** Bottom line: I don't want them spending *** money on this broken down facility which will limit our current mental health programming to crisis services only.

I want more than that for people with mental illness who have committed crimes AND who have criminogenic behaviors.

Mental illness is an equal opportunist. It touches the criminal population at the same rates as the general population.

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Dena Louise What is going to limit our ability to provide mental health programming is an approach by leaders that does not prioritize it. These leaders who put together the JFFUA did not prioritize mental and behavioral health programming at all in the agreement... [See More](#)



Accounting of the 6/27/17 afternoon Whatcom County Council Special...

July 1, 2017 Dena Jensen On June 27, 2017...

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Jackie Mitchell **Dena Louise** These leaders whom you presume not to be concerned are some of the same ones who supported or passed the 1/10 sales tax for behavioral health in 2008 and who sit on the advisory board for the programming. The one tenth tax was specifically designed for a nexus with criminal justice populations. The commitment is already there.

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Wendy Tarkon Actually, the proposition allows the cities to use any funds collected above the amount necessary to pay their monthly bond payment to be used for public safety purposes, including mental health, health care, more patrol officers, or whatever each municipality decides. This was purposefully built in to the proposal to make sure that rising needs did not go unmet. Additionally, the state health department kicks in much of the funding for mental health care. The recommendations of the incarceration reduction task force are also incorporated in to the wording of the agreement, so that programs to reduce, you guessed it, incarceration, are funded! The taxes from 2004 were largely used to construct and operate the work center, and put towards repairs on the failing downtown jail.

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Jackie Mitchell we have Housing First here. I think we were the 2nd or 3rd place in the nation to bring it to our County. But housing stock is very expensive and in short supply and some would say, if you build it, they really do come. See my comment below about the Mormon Church's contribution. Housing stock would help a lot of ppl who are homeless and don't have criminal behavior, but isn't enough to address criminogenic behavior and it doesn't keep the community safe.

We need both the new facility and alternatives to incarceration for those who would benefit from them.

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Jackie Mitchell

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Jackie Mitchell Anastacia Metcalf Lundholm If I thought the VERA "Opinion Paper" had any credibility, I might have agreed with you.

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[REDACTED] well, too bad we missed an opportunity to agree! Do you believe the data Whatcom County delivered to them was incorrect or incomplete?
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Sj Robson Jackie Mitchell: It is really disappointing to hear you, a behavioral health program specialist employed with Whatcom County's Health Department, try to discredit the Vera Institute's report when the County selected their group to conduct and prepare the report, by calling it an "Opinion Paper." I believe that is unfair, and is done merely to try to cause voters to question the findings in that report.

I have not heard any County or city officials complaining about the findings in the July 2017 preliminary report, or the final presentation of the "Jail Reduction Strategies for Whatcom County" report from Vera Institute recently, this month.
Like · Reply · 1 · November 1 at 6:14pm

[REDACTED] thank you. I did not know Jackies education level or area of expertise. In that case her comments REALLY surprise me.
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My career has been dedicated to helping ppl with behavioral health issues, no matter the setting, and that includes ppl who are incarcerated.

Additionally, I have a family member with serious and persistent mental illness who was also incarcerated, albeit in another jail.

I've been in this jail hundreds of times.

I agree with you that there are many things to be fixed none of which will happen overnight, and much of which has to change at the state level which will take years.

It would be unethical in my mind to lose the opportunity to "right the ship" for those ppl who need to be incarcerated. It would be wrong, in my opinion, to sacrifice the safety of the community, based on an opinion paper from an organization with an agenda, which misrepresented facts and which did not drill down to enough detail to determine if its hypotheses were accurate.

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 **Jackie Mitchell**
Kyle Pritchard good question, and the retrofitted jail won't have any more programming space than the current one!

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Jackie Mitchell mentioned you in a comment.



Jackie Mitchell

November 3 at 7:36am

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Jackie Mitchell

I'm going to sign out now as I believe most ppl have already voted.

It was a stirring debate right up until the moment my intelligence was questioned.

Thank you, to those of you who remained civil.

1h Like Reply



Jackie Mitchell

Carl Weimer, thanks for all the years of public service and your thoughtful approach to solving our community's problems, even when I didn't agree with you!

Watching how ppl approach our politicians on a single Issue sensitized me to the need to be kinder to those with whom I disagree.

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 **Jeff Hindman** It's been renovated so that would be incorrect. Please post accurate information
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 **Jeff Hindman** But due to the structural design, any further renovation is not going to change anything. I know that's hard for some to want to understand or accept with their false narrative and inaccurate information
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 **Jeff Hindman** Please arrange a tour sometime and see what is really going on inside the current jail
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the level of safety at the facility and will just take a financial and moral commitment to not allow people to work and live in the jail for another four years or more without life safety issues being addressed. Things like fire sprinkle... [See More](#)
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Nicole Michelle
Many of the renovations can't be done due to the building falling apart.
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Sj Robson
Nicole Michelle, do you work in the jail?
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Jeff Hindman
The old facility is worn out an unsafe, you can put lipstick on it but it's still unsafe for all
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Jeff Hindman
They have my yes vote for the new jail
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Jeff Hindman
Numerous people are saying that our money would be better spent on other programs than jail's, but I have yet to see or hear of anything proposed. Like Drug treatment, or better yet mental health care for the long long term. That is what is needed, but nobody has a plan, or reasonable cost estimate on how much that would be, or how it would even be funded. Everyone knows we need these programs, but until someone comes up with a better idea we need a safe and humane jail. When the programs are created and funded, then we can let everyone out with a bus pass and a map of where to go to get their treatment and long term follow up they need. Because you know you can count on the mentally ill, and the drug addicts to follow thru on their own.




October 25 at 6:26 AM · Edited · Like · Reply ·  1

This would be one of the most expensive jails ever built in the US, on a per bed basis. There will be no money for anything other than a big building. It's been well documented in studies and experience that even 24 hours in jail makes an individual 40% m... See More

October 25 at 7:45 AM · Like · Reply

Jeff Hindman
So we stop booking criminals? YOu know most of them are repeat offenders, and continue to do crimes right. Still nobody has been able to explain what other options there are, can you at least tell me what you'd like seen done.

October 25 at 8:02 AM · Like · Reply ·  1

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Jeff Hindman

I'm not drinking your kool-aid. There are people that deserve to be in jail due to the nature of their crimes, repeated criminal activity, and threat to the public in general. Those same people also deserve to have humane living conditions, and acces to to... See More

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Barry Lovell shared **Whatcom Jail's** video.

October 17 at 12:08 AM · 🌐



Whatcom Jail added a new video.

October 16 at 5:30 PM · 🌐

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October 11 at 3:39 PM · 🌐



Whatcom Jail updated their cover photo.

October 11 at 1:37 PM · 🌐

We can no longer afford to allow this sub-standard facility to be used any longer. If YOU care about the people who work there, th... [Continue Reading](#)



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Whatcom Jail Alex McLean, we just passed an EMS property tax, providing them funding to create a "10,000,000 reserve;" fund, which will pay for another unit. It also pays for a new 'director' etc. Please see this article for both sides of the argument for and aga... See More



Your guide to the contested Whatcom County EMS levy

Your guide to the contested Whatcom County EMS...
CQRCENGAGE.COM

September 18 at 3:55pm

~~REDACTED~~ The nurses deserve our help to be safe while at work & to come home alive! We as a community need to stand behind these nurses and provide a structurally safe work environment!! We as a community need to ensure that they are all safe during their hours of work inside!! We as a community need to get past our bickering about if a jail is needed and protect those willing to care for our troubled community members.

1 · September 21 at 10:15pm



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Hi, I want to offer my deepest **apology** for a graphic that I recently posted that offended some of you ... that was not my intent. I promise to only offer my opinion and relevant posts about the jail issue.

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 i have no idea what was posted but i can say that I am sure it wasnt as offensive as the daily working conditions!
👍 2 · October 24 at 9:29pm

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 **Jeff Hindman** I thought it was pretty creative, and funny too. I'm sure my comment might offend someone too, but you have to admit it was funny
👍 2 · October 25 at 4:43am

[REDACTED] So they were arrested?

September 8 at 11:46am



Whatcom Jail Just for some clarification. WE are talking about two different things here. The Whatcom County Jail doesn't arrest people. We house people waiting for court. It's the correction deputies job to keep them safe once they are in the facility.

10 · September 8 at 7:33am · Edited



Whatcom Jail We aren't talking about incarcerating more people. WE are talking about operating under one roof instead of two separate facilities that are falling apart. The cost alone of operating two separate facilities is more expensive. The Work Center was made with the intention of using it for 5 years. WE are past that now.

2 · September 8 at 6:33pm



Whatcom Jail Christine -- the County Council recently hired a consulting group (again) and they have determined that it will cot \$42-50M to fix the current jail facility...

6 · September 7 at 12:21am

[REDACTED] Hey, just curious since you mentioned touring *** the jail, is that something that is possible to schedule?

4 · September 9 at 4:26am



Whatcom Jail Grace I will check and see what we can do.

3 · September 12 at 7:42pm



Wendy Tarkon I'm pretty sure that all of Anne's post is incorrect...unless her vision of a palace is a steel and concrete building with steel tables and seats bolted to the floor, with cameras watching everything and from which you cannot leave without a judge saying so, but hey. The jails capacity is 212, it's got more than 200 in there now. Because of the classification of the jail population, it doesn't have room to hold more 'real criminals.' The sales tax will be paid not only by 'citizens' but by all that spend money here, meaning Canadians and tourists. Homeless and 'drug' people do not go to the jail unless they break the law. It's illegal to jail people who have not been charged with breaking the law. The plans for the new facility have ample room for education and counseling, which can serve to prevent people from continuing to make bad decisions.

👍 8 · September 7 at 3:12pm



Wendy Tarkon Wow Ann, none of what you said here is true at all! Repairs are done almost daily as old plumbing/wiring/electronics break. An Exec plan to rebuild the facility? Can we see a copy of that plan, can you post a link, or cite a source? As far as holding transports to court, don't you think a small room in the basement of the courthouse would suffice? It's secure.....

👍 1 · September 7 at 3:16pm



Anne Richardson Obviously the way you describe it, maintenance



Sean McDonald The problem with this photo is that no one cares about how bad the inmates have it. This is part of the reason that this prop. didn't pass last time. "Don't go to jail", "No pity here", "If you don't like the facilities don't break the law" are all understandable reactions. No one cares about improving facilities for people that may have broken the law. What the focus needs to be on is all of the safety issues for officers and medical staff in the current jail. Me being someone who works in the jail four days a week every week I see these safety issues first hand. Everything from faulty locks to a subpar medical clinic setup that lacks privacy for patients. Not to mention the fact that if an earthquake or major fire happens most of us would not make it home to our families. If more people that have doubts about if a new jail is needed came and took a tour of the facilities they would see it is not about if we need a new Whatcom county jail but how soon can a new jail be built.

👍 26 · September 5 at 4:06am



Whatcom Jail Julie Miller-Fernandez The Whatcom County Jail is not state owned, it is owned by Whatcom County. The Whatcom County Jail is not a state or federal detention center, it is not a 'for profit' facility. The media is aware of the situation, it's just not a 'cool' thing to support. The Bellingham Herald did come out supporting the tax in 2015. The County Council is aware of the situation at the jail, the earthquake damage it suffered from the 1999 Nisqually earthquake, and the continuing failure of antiquated technology in the building. They are keenly aware because they have to vote to appropriate funds to fix systems as they fail. They commission study after study, hoping to get a different answer than the provided by structural engineers. The former Executive, Pete Kremen, did not have the political will to carry through with the necessary task of following through with the process of replacing the jail, which began in 2004. The current Executive is taking a far more pro-active stance. Several measures have been taken to update the control system, but, if you've read the latest report, retrofitting the building to make it structurally sound is not recommended, due to safety and security issues. The cost of the 'repair' project is around \$40,000,000.00, and would not solve the woeful lack of space to house violent inmates, or those with issues that require them to be kept separated from general population. Nor would it increase the amount of space available for programs (GED, AA, NA, etc) or mental health or medical treatment. Additionally, Whatcom County would have to continue operating two separate facilities. The second facility (work center) was designed to be a temporary facility housing only non violent offenders (minimum-level), but with the current make-up of the inmate population, there is increasing pressure to put those with mid-level classifications at that facility. It is beginning to show it's age - the security system needs to be replaced, plumbing issues are arising and repair costs on that facility will soon start climbing. One more thing.....do members of Federal law enforcement agencies walk out en mass? County law enforcement Deputies do not.

👍 3 · September 21 at 3:06pm

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Bellingham Police Guild Supports Construction of New Jail

The Bellingham Police Guild supports the construction of a new Whatcom County Jail facility to replace the failing and outdated structure. Our primary concern is the safety and wellbeing of the citizens of Bellingham and Whatcom County.

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4 · October 21 at 1:18pm



Wendy Tarkon Thank you for your support!

2 · October 21 at 2:31pm



Wendy Tarkon Thank you Bellingham Police!

3 · October 21 at 2:26pm



Whatcom Jail Thank you Bellingham Police Guild for supporting a new jail.

2 · October 21 at 7:05pm



Let's get this done!!!vote yes

2 · October 24 at 6:14am



Whatcom Jail

October 13 at 3:00pm · 🌐

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11 · October 13 at 4:20pm · Edited

 **Whatcom Jail** Windy please contact your local legislative bodies to change laws regarding crime and punishment! Officers and Deputies don't make the laws, they just enforce them! Judges determine sentences, and whether or not a person is eligible for bail or to be released on personal recognizance!
4 · October 10 at 4:10pm

 ...let's not split hairs. This all falls under the umbrella of "public service", which is failing the people at a snowballing rate. The jail is a mere symptom.
1 · October 14 at 5:06am

 Why not stop taking and housing out of county inmates
1 · October 10 at 10:10pm

 **Whatcom Jail** Actually, Yakima county is housing several Bellingham inmates. Whatcom is often on booking restrictions and does not have room to house them
3 · October 11 at 5:01am

 I vote hell no the city can't even help the homeless
4 · October 10 at 11:33pm

 Shes got a point, the homeless should be the first priority.
October 11 at 4:47am

 **Whatcom Jail** Under the proposal, any money collected above the amount needed to make monthly payments can be used by the municipalities for other public safety needs, including behavioral health. Homelessness is also a public safety issue. Please read <http://www.co.whatcom.wa.us/DocumentCenter/View/29155> There's been much in the local news lately about Bellingham's search for a site to house the homeless.
2 · October 11 at 5:10am

 They should I use the old Costco building for the homeless shelter
2 · October 11 at 6:43am

 That's a good idea but we still need a jail before the Feds come and force us. Whatcom animal shelter is in better condition than the jail.
2 · October 11 at 6:29pm

 **Whatcom Jail** A.g. Garrison it's my understanding that this was allowed for the cities (if they collect more than necessary to pay the monthly bond payment) to make sure that increasing homeless, drug dependency and mental illness issues would not go unfunded. This is the only agreement that all parties would sign.
October 14 at 2:02pm

 Well, being jailed for every nit pickin thing does increase homelessness, causing mental illness that turns into drug dependency to self treat depression caused by being jailed causing a person to loose their job, leading to homelessness..... See the pattern here?
Less incarceration is what we need, NOT a Bigger jail!
October 14 at 4:15pm

 **Whatcom Jail** The state and cities make the laws and ordinances. If you don't like them you should talk to your local city official about getting them changed.
October 14 at 6:34pm · Edited



Whatcom Jail

October 3 at 12:22am · 🌐

THIS WAS TRUE BACK IN 2015 AND IT'S STILL TRUE TODAY. ACTUALLY THE USE OF NON-INCARCERATION PROGRAMS & ALTERNATIVES HAS DRAMATICALLY INCREASED SINCE 11.2015...

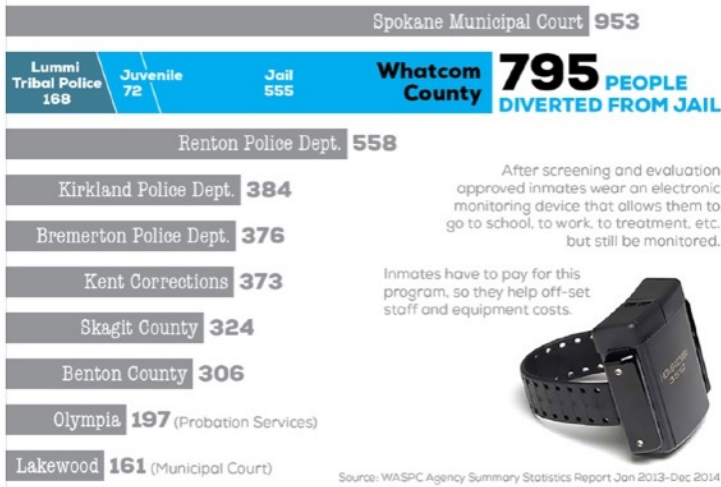
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Whatcom Jail Again the jail isn't the one making budget cuts to mental health programs. The jail didn't cut funding to mental health facilities over 20 years ago. Also built in to this tax each city get a portion of the money to do with anything they wish that is c... [See More](#)

October 4 at 8:00am



Wendy Tarkon A variety of politicians across the political spectrum support this, which is not something that happens in this area. That means something.

 5 · October 23 at 3:31pm

 1 Reply



Wendy Jones Amy if you get a chance to listen to the recording of the County Council meeting when the vote was taken to put the jail on the ballot, I think you find that the members each expressed their opinions on the need (or not) for the jail and the ballot measure.

October 24 at 7:37pm



Whatcom Jail

October 28 at 5:34pm · 🌐

We cannot afford to allow this sub-standard facility to be used any longer. It's a human rights violation for those who volunteer there to help others, the Correction Deputies who work there, and those who are incarcerated.

This REPLACEMENT jail is not a mega jail, it's not part of some prison industry conspiracy. It's simply a facility that needs to be replaced.

If YOU care about people then please VOTE YES for Proposition 2017-6. #WhatcomJail



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[REDACTED] am a bit late to the game. It looks like everyone is in agreement that this tax is good for the community. Are there any downsides to passing this tax?

October 28 at 10:07pm



Whatcom Jail our sales tax will increase by 2/10 of one percent. But the real downside is using a facility that is a fire trap with failing and broken systems, which results in a continuation of dumping huge amounts of tax-payer money into a building that need to be replaced.

👍 2 · Yesterday at 9:16am



Whatcom Jail

October 25 at 10:24am · 🌐

Again, we need to thank the following County Council Members, Carl Weimer, Rud Browne, Barbara Brenner, and, Satpal Sidhu who had the courage of their convictions to put a new safe jail proposition on the ballot for the general election. VOTE for Proposition 2017-6
#WhatcomJail

http://www.lyndentribune.com/.../article_a5e9d538-6c8f-11e7-9...



Jail sales tax to be on fall ballot

4-3 County Council action comes a day after Bellingham signs on to jail agreement

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voted for the jail, but to give credit to the above mentioned knuckleheads is total crock

1 · October 28 at 10:41am



Whatcom Jail good point...

October 28 at 12:37pm

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 **Whatcom Jail** October 18 at 9:13pm · 🌐

Hi, INFORM YOURSELF... first link is the County Jail Funding proposal. The second link is the Counties Jail info... 😊
<http://www.whatcomcounty.us/449/Jail-Funding-Background>
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 **Whatcom Jail** This link shows how the tax is divided between governmental entities and how it can be used
<http://www.whatcomcounty.us/faq.aspx?qid=284>
👍 2 · October 21 at 10:50am · Edited

██████████ and yet this nagging feeling that no matter how big or new a jails, Seattle and Everett may still bus drifters and drug abusers to Whatcom county. I was not involved in the bussing of addicts and drifters up here but I've heard from 2 reliable sources this has been happening. It's nothing new, cities have done this for I don't know how long.
October 25 at 8:37pm
👤 2 Replies

 **Whatcom Jail** October 16 at 5:30pm · 🌐

In addition to having limited space to house inmates safely, keeping gang members, sex offenders and those with medical/mental health problems separated, the jail also has limited space to provide services. Medical, dental and mental health services are offered in the same small room, which is located in the same corridor as the in-house courtroom and the single classroom. Everyone in jail goes through this busy hallway, which creates security problems. The same situation exists in the booking area, where releases and transports are also processed. There is no room to move these services elsewhere in the facility. The lack of proper design and lack of room creates safety and security problems that deputies face every day.

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 **Whatcom Jail** shared Whatcom Co Deputy Sheriff's Guild PAC's post. October 14 at 8:29am · 🌐

 **Whatcom Co Deputy Sheriff's Guild PAC**
October 12 at 6:09pm · 🌐


The Whatcom Co Deputy Sheriff's Guild fully supports and endorses the construction of a new Jail and Sheriff's HQ. For far too long, we have been putting off th...

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Whatcom Jail updated their cover photo. October 11 at 1:37pm · 🌐

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Whatcom Jail October 10 at 6:00pm · 🌐

As the problems that we face in our county and cities change, so do the problems in the jail. Gangs and drug problems that we encounter around our area are problems in the jail as well. As our county and cities seeks solutions to handle these problems, so does the jail. No longer does the jail hold primarily low-risk offenders. Members of one gang cannot be housed with members of another gang, violent offenders must be kept separate from other inmates. With 6 large housin... See More



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Reducing incarceration levels by offering alternative sentencing options to qualified offenders is not new in Whatcom County, these programs have been available and expanded over 25 years. Court authorization is required to participate on some alternative programs. Some programs allow qualified offenders to serve their sentences outside of the jail, while other programs reduce the length of time a sentenced individual must spend in the jail. Sergeants, Deputies and Supervisors work together to help participants successfully complete programs.

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👤 Nice video, Chris!
👍 1 October 8 at 4:52pm

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Wendy Tarkon Actually, the proposition allows the cities to use any funds collected above the amount necessary to pay their monthly bond payment to be used for public safety purposes, including mental health, health care, more patrol officers, or whatever each municipality decides. This was purposefully built in to the proposal to make sure that rising needs did not go unmet. Additionally, the state health department kicks in much of the funding for mental health care. The recommendations of the incarceration reduction task force are also incorporated in to the wording of the agreement, so that programs to reduce, you guessed it, incarceration, are funded! The taxes from 2004 were largely used to construct and operate the work center, and put towards repairs on the failing downtown jail.

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LOL all the county council members people want gone
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if the Bellingham city council is for something that probably means it's bad
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Whatcom Jail Thor, in this case replacing an old broken down facility is a good thing... 😊
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Someone said Downtown is being overrun with homeless people and drug addicts. We can't build a big enough jail for this current administration, who seem to want to care for homeless, and the homeless are coming to be cared for by Bellingham.
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It is widely known that I NEVER do exactly what someone else tell me to do. I investigate, read, think deeply and make my own decision.
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Yes!

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End the prison industrial complex. No new taxes.

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