

The Greater Marysville Tulalip Chamber of Commerce

Resolution 2018-3 – Concerning Health & Human Services

Marysville, Tulalip, and other areas throughout the state are grappling with affordable housing shortages and homelessness and their affects on communities and local businesses. In addition, greater access to mental health and substance abuse services is necessary. Together with the state, counties, and other partners, Marysville-Tulalip needs additional resources to address mental health and chemical dependency issues, new local option tools for affordable housing, continued support of existing programs, and opportunities for engagement on these issues.

WHEREAS: Snohomish County has multiple food service locations throughout the county that offer free daily food services, and

WHEREAS: Snohomish County has multiple shelter locations throughout the county that offer cold weather shelters when the weather reaches 32°F. or lower, and

WHEREAS: Snohomish County offers additional resources for homeless, such as, transitional housing, domestic violence services, meals and medications, teen shelters, HIV/AIDS care management, permanent housing options, outreach for the homeless mentally ill, substance abuse treatment services, homeless life skills training, medical support, mental health access, and employment training services, and

WHEREAS: the cities in Snohomish County offer the Point-in-Time (PIT) count of all the local homeless people, which, on January 23, 2017, showed that 1066 persons did not have a permanent place to stay the night prior. These numbers include 462 persons in emergency shelters, 89 staying in transitional housing, and 515 who were unsheltered.

WHEREAS: the PIT study also identified that the top causes of homelessness are job loss, drug or alcohol abuse, family crisis/break-up, lack of affordable rental units, eviction, mental illness, medical problems, and illness, and

WHEREAS: the Greater Marysville Tulalip Chamber of Commerce recognizes the importance of healthy, sustainable communities and supports tools and funding for programs such as embedded social workers.at the local level to reduce homelessness and to assist those suffering from mental health problems and chemical dependency, thus reducing crime.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Greater Marysville Tulalip Chamber of Commerce supports the work to enhance the provision of much-needed human service programs to address issues that drive increased homelessness and affect public safety.