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Dear Leaders of Okanogan County:

We wanted to let you know that Okanogan County has retained the services of Points Consulting to conduct a Regional Housing Needs Study. The study initiated in February 2020 will conclude by the end of August 2020. The study will consider all forms of housing (rentals and owned, subsidized and market rated, farmworkers, etc.) and will include recommendations for each of the County's five subregions: North, Central, Grand Coulee/Elmer City/Nespelem, Brewster/ Pateros, and the Methow Valley. Our hope is that this study will help the County and its various municipalities plan for current and projected housing needs, and to better understand the housing needs and preferences of our citizens.

This letter of support is provided as an introduction to Points Consulting. This also serves as an encouragement to community leaders to help Points Consulting's staff in connecting with various community members so they can obtain diverse perspectives on this important issue.

Lastly, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the project Steering Committee members listed below.

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Sincerely,

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