



BOARD of CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES for the week of April 4 - 8, 2022

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4/12/22

WORK SESSION – 9 a.m.

The work session convened at 9 a.m., Monday, April 4, 2022. Present were Commissioners Ozias, Johnson, and Peach and Deputy Administrator Reyes.

Items of discussion per the agenda published March 31 were:

- Calendar/Correspondence
- Purchase order with CDW-G for Microsoft Office 365 licenses
- Pre-application questionnaire, Letter of Support and Resolution Designating Applicant Agent to Washington Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for construction costs of the Dungeness Off-channel Reservoir
- Removed: Letter of support to Representative Kilmer for the Lower Dungeness River Floodplain Restoration Project
- Letter of support for the Port Angeles Waterfront Center
- Resolution appointing Geoff James to the Marine Resources Committee
- Resolution appointing Beverly C. Lee, Alonah "Loni" R. Greninger and Tiffany A. Dunaway to the Homelessness Task Force

Meeting adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chair Ozias called the meeting to order at 10 a.m., Tuesday, April 5, 2022. Also present were Commissioners Johnson and Deputy Administrator Reyes. Commissioner Peach was excused

REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Removed: 1c Letter of support to Representative Kilmer for the Lower Dungeness River Floodplain Restoration Project

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt the agenda as modified, CMOs, mc

CONSENT AGENDA

1a Approval of vouchers for the week of March 28

1b Approval of minutes for the week of March 28

~~1c Letter of support to Representative Kilmer for the Lower Dungeness River Floodplain Restoration Project~~

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt the consent agenda, CMOs, mc

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- CRJ commented on trust land transfer
- CMO commented on the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Ceremony, Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary meeting, KSQM Radio Show.

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

2a Agreement appendix A with Washington State University Extension to provide educational programs

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

2b Agreement with Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts for court security equipment

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

2c Agreement amendment 2 with Anchor QEA, LLC for Dungeness Off-channel Reservoir Project

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

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2d Agreement with Peninsula Daily News as the Official County Newspaper

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

ADMINISTRATION

3a Resolution appointing Allyce R. Miller to the Marine Resources Committee

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt, CMOs, mc

3b Resolution appointing Jack Graham, Jaycie Wakefield, Cherish Cronmiller and Johnny Ankrom to the Homelessness Task Force

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt, CMOs, mc

3c Joint Resolution with the City of Sequim for affordable housing tax

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt, CMOs, mc

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Larry Campbell, Sequim, commented on Occupational Safety and Health Administration and Department of Health issues.
- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on trust land transfer.

Board recessed at 10:18 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

HEARING(S)

H1 Ordinance adding a Chapter to Clallam County Code Titled Additional Sales and Use Tax – Housing and Related Services

- Reyes read the agenda item summary into the record

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to open the public hearing, CMOs, mc

- The following provided comment:
 - Ellen Menshew, Port Angeles
 - Ingrid Carmean, Port Angeles
 - Sharon Maggard, Port Angeles, Serenity House of Clallam County
 - Bob Dunlap, Port Angeles
 - Patrick Day, Sequim
 - Colleen Robinson, Port Angeles, Habitat for Humanity of Clallam County
 - Jim McEntire, Sequim
 - Sarah Martinez, Port Angeles, Peninsula Housing Authority
 - Cherish Cronmiller, Jefferson County, Olympic Community Action Programs
 - Christy Smith, Port Angeles, United Way of Clallam County
 - Cheri Tinker, Forks, North Olympic Regional Veteran's Housing Network
 - Norma Turner, Port Angeles
 - Becca Korby, Port Angeles, Healthy Families of Clallam County
 - Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay
 - Matthew Rainwater, Port Angeles
 - Norma Turner, Port Angeles
- The following sent in written testimony: Cheri Tinker – North Olympic Regional Veteran's Housing network, Becca Korby – Healthy Families of Clallam County, Christy Smith – United Way of Clallam County, Wendy Sisk – Peninsula Behavioral Health, Ingrid Carmean, Jane Hielman, Bonnie Booth, Mary Ellen Winborn, Pamela Caldwell, Noelle Levesque, Becky Skilling, Lisa Dekker, Jean Pratschner, Kate Dexter – Mayor City of Port Angeles, Hanna J. Luther, Julie Fisher, Ellen W. Menshew, Eva Sanvik, Michael Lessor, Trisha Slater, Greg and Helen MacDonald, Thomas & Pepai Whipple, Steve Rankin, Ken and Janet Wahl, Ron and Bonnie Dawson, Sue Forde, Jodi Dotson, Dawn Black, Karen Rogers, Gayle Baker, Shirley Leckman, Pat and Anne Casad, Jeff Young
- Commissioners provided follow-up comments.

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to close the public hearing and adopt, CMOs, mc

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PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on district representation Clallam County Code Titled Additional Sales and Use Tax – Housing and Related Services.
- Norma Turner, Port Angeles, commented the Commissioners comments regarding Clallam County Code Titled Additional Sales and Use Tax – Housing and Related Services, district representation.
- Cheri Tinker, Forks, North Olympic Regional Veteran's Housing Network, thanked the Commissioners for their support.

Meeting concluded at 11:35 p.m. and continued to 9 a.m., Monday, April 11, 2022.

There are no Zoom chat logs for the week of April 4.

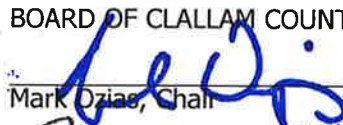
The Board of Commissioners attended a WSAC Virtual update and KSQM Radio Show during the week of April 4.

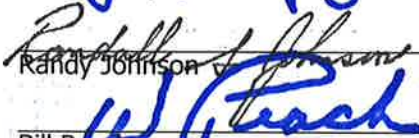
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of April 2022.

ATTEST:


Lori Gores, CMC, Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Mark Ozias, Chair

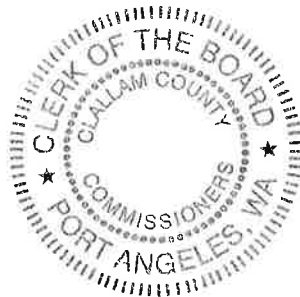

Randy Johnson


Bill Peach

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS:

ARS Administrator Rich Sill
CMO Commissioner Mark Ozias
CRJ Commissioner Randy Johnson
CBP Commissioner Bill Peach

m moved
mc motion carried
s seconded



BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC HEARING

H1 Ordinance adding a Chapter to Clallam County Code Titled Additional Sales and Use Tax – Housing and Related Services

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that any testimony that I give is true and accurate.

NO	PRINTED NAME	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS
1	ELLEN MENSHEW	Ellen W. Menshew	337 DEER TRACKS RD.
2	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3	Ingrid Carmean	Ingrid Carmean	Port Angeles
4	Sharon Magsd	Sharon Magsd	Port Angeles
5	Bob Dunlap	Bob Dunlap	PA
6	Patrick Day	Patrick Day	SEQUIM
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Signed on April 5, 2022 in Port Angeles, Washington

Hearing H1 April 5, 2022

House Bill 1590

Written Comments

Gores, Alanna

From: Sarge's Veteran Support <ct.sargesplace@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 3:34 PM
To: Ozias, Mark; Peach, Bill; Johnson, Randy
Subject: Support of HB 1590
Attachments: BRW283A4D6F27D7_0000004458.pdf

Hello Gentlemen!

Please find attached our agency's letter of support for HB 1590.

Thank you for your continued support!

Cheri

Cheri A. Tinker, MSW
North Olympic Regional Veteran's Housing Network (NORVHN)
250 Ash Avenue
Forks, Washington 98331
www.SargesVeteranSupport.com

"Who looks outside, dreams, who looks inside awakens." - Carl Jung



NORTH OLYMPIC REGIONAL VETERAN'S HOUSING NETWORK

250 ASH AVENUE, FORKS, WASHINGTON 98331

PHONE: 360.374.5252 FAX: 360.327.3601

www.SargesVeteranSupport Federal ID: 91-2046528

March 2, 2022

Commissioner Mark Ozias
Commissioner Bill Peach
Commissioner Randy Johnson
Clallam County
223 East 4th Street
Port Angeles, WA 98362

RE: HB 1590

Dear Commissioner Ozias, Commissioner Peach & Commissioner Johnson:

North Olympic Regional Veteran's Housing Network supports the passing, by simple majority, of 1/10th of 1% sales tax for affordable housing as allowed under HB 1590. Passing this tax would create approximately \$1million per year of new revenue for affordable housing that could be used to create permanent affordable housing in Clallam County.

Clallam County has an affordable housing crisis. Excessive cost and limited inventory of both owned and rental units is resulting in substandard living situations and homelessness. It is forcing local workers to find housing in neighboring counties and commute here, and local businesses are facing a labor shortage which is stifling local economic development.

It remains incredibly challenging for people making less than 60% of the Average Median Income (AMI) to find housing. Twenty percent of our homeless population are seniors with mental or physical disabilities. The waitlists are long. In 2021 the wait list for Serenity House and Peninsula Housing Authority has been over 3578 individuals. The Point in Time count for the county in 2019 was 286 and in 2020 rose to 379.

We urge you to approve HB 1590 so that the revenue can be used to create permanent affordable housing to alleviate this issue in our community.

Sincerely,

Cheri A. Tinker, MSW
Executive Director

Gores, Alanna

From: Becca Korby <healfam2@olympen.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 9:44 AM
To: Johnson, Randy
Subject: HB 1590
Attachments: Comm Johnson HB1590.pdf

*** EXTERNAL EMAIL *** This message was sent from outside our County network.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Becca

Becca Korby-Executive Director
Healthy Families of Clallam County
Children's Advocacy Center
1210 East Front Street Suite C
Port Angeles, WA 98362
Main Office: 360-452-3811
Crisis Line: 360-452-4357
Fax: 360-452-8243

HEALTHY FAMILIES OF CLALLAM COUNTY

1210 E. Front Street, Suite C Port Angeles, WA. 98362



Domestic Violence
Sexual Assault
Child Abuse Prevention

Our Name is Our Mission

Helping children and families heal since 1971

Domestic Violence/ Sexual Assault Program

Advocacy · Therapy
Education · Support
Safe Emergency & Bridge Housing

Children's Advocacy Center

Family Support Services
Forensic Interviewing Facility

Crime Victim Service Center

Providing services to victims of ALL crimes.

Phone: 360-452-3811
Fax: 360-452-8243
Sequim: 360-683-4494

**24 Hour Crisis Line
350-452-HELP (4357)**

Email:
www.healthyfam.org



March 3, 2022

Dear Commissioner Johnson,

Healthy Families of Clallam County supports the passing, by simple majority, of 1/10th of 1% sales tax for affordable housing as allowed under HB 1590. Passing this tax would create approximately \$1 million per year of new revenue for affordable housing that could be used to create permanent affordable housing in Clallam County.

Clallam County has an affordable housing crisis. Excessive cost and limited inventory of both owned and rental units is resulting in substandard living situations and homelessness. It is forcing local workers to find housing in neighboring counties and commute here, and local businesses are facing a labor shortage which is stifling local economic development.

It remains incredibly challenging for people making less than 60% of the Average Median Income (AMI) to find housing. Twenty percent of our homeless population are seniors with mental or physical disabilities. The waitlists are long. In 2021 the wait list for Serenity House and Peninsula Housing Authority has been over 3,578 individuals. The Point in Time count for the county in 2019 was 286 and in 2020 rose to 379.

We urge you to approve HB 1590 so that the revenue can be used to create permanent affordable housing to alleviate this issue in our community.

Sincerely,

Becca Korby

Executive Director

Healthy Families of Clallam County

Gores, Alanna

From: Ozias, Mark
Sent: Friday, March 4, 2022 10:16 AM
To: Christy Smith
Cc: Gores, Alanna
Subject: Re: Please approve 1/10th of 1% tax for housing

Christy,

Thank you very much for writing to share United Way's support. We have this teed up for a public hearing on April 5.

Sincerely,

Mark O

From: Christy Smith <christy@unitedwayclallam.org>
Sent: Friday, March 4, 2022 9:31 AM
To: Ozias, Mark
Subject: Please approve 1/10th of 1% tax for housing

*** EXTERNAL EMAIL *** This message was sent from outside our County network.

Dear Mark,

United Way of Clallam County supports the passing, by simple majority, of 1/10th of 1% sales tax for affordable housing as allowed under HB 1590. Passing this tax would create approximately \$1million per year of new revenue for affordable housing that could be used to create permanent affordable housing in Clallam County.

Clallam County has an affordable housing crisis. Excessive cost and limited inventory of both owned and rental units is resulting in substandard living situations and homelessness. It is forcing local workers to find housing in neighboring counties and commute here, and local businesses are facing a labor shortage which is stifling local economic development.

It remains incredibly challenging for people making less than 60% of the Average Median Income (AMI) to find housing. Twenty percent of our homeless population are seniors with mental or physical disabilities. The waitlists are long. In 2021 the wait list for Serenity House and Peninsula Housing Authority has been over 3578 individuals. The Point in Time count for the county in 2019 was 286 and in 2020 rose to 379.

We urge you to approve HB 1590 in our county with a vote after the public hearing on April 5th. This revenue is vital to create permanent affordable housing and alleviate this issue in our community.

Sincerely,

Christy Smith *(She/Her)*

Chief Executive Officer

United Way of Clallam County

PO Box 937 • Port Angeles, WA 98362

(360) 457-3011 • www.unitedwayclallam.org

Gores, Alanna

From: Wendy Sisk <wendys@peninsulabehavioral.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2022 10:33 AM
To: Ozias, Mark
Subject: HB 1590 funding

*** EXTERNAL EMAIL *** This message was sent from outside our County network.

Hi Mark:

As you know, Peninsula Behavioral Health supports the passing, by simple majority, of 1/10th of 1% sales tax for affordable housing as allowed under HB 1590. Passing this tax would create approximately \$1.7 million per year of new revenue for affordable housing that could be used to create permanent affordable housing in Clallam County.

Clallam County has an affordable housing crisis. Excessive cost and limited inventory of both owned and rental units is resulting in substandard living situations and homelessness. It is forcing local workers to find housing in neighboring counties and commute here, and local businesses are facing a labor shortage which is stifling local economic development.

It remains incredibly challenging for people making less than 60% of the Average Median Income (AMI) to find housing. Twenty percent of our homeless population are seniors with mental or physical disabilities. The waitlists are long. In 2021 the wait list for Serenity House and Peninsula Housing Authority has been over 3578 individuals. The Point in Time count for the county in 2019 was 286 and in 2020 rose to 379.

Your support to date of affordable housing initiatives has been wonderful, but this is an opportunity for us to do more. I implore you and your fellow commissioners to approve HB 1590 so that the revenue can be used to create permanent affordable housing to alleviate this issue in our community.

Best,
Wendy

Wendy Sisk, LMHC
Chief Executive Officer
Peninsula Behavioral Health
360-457-0431 Ext. 531154

Gores, Alanna

From: Ingrid Carmean <icarmean2@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 13, 2022 10:15 PM
To: Ozias, Mark
Subject: HB 1590

*** EXTERNAL EMAIL *** This message was sent from outside our County network.

March 13, 2022

Dear Commissioner Ozias,

The subcommittee "Rehoming" of the Clallam Planning Commission supports the passing by a simple majority of 1/10th of 1% sales and use tax for affordable housing as allowed under HB 1590. Passing this tax would create approximately \$1 million per year of new revenue for affordable housing that could be used to create permanent affordable housing in Clallam County.

Clallam county has an affordable housing crisis. Excessive cost and limited inventory of both owned and rental units is resulting in substandard living situations and homelessness. It is forcing local workers to find housing in neighboring counties and commute here, and local businesses are facing a labor shortage which is stifling local economic development.

It remains incredibly challenging for people making less than 60% of the Average Median Income (AMI) to find housing. Twenty percent of our homeless population are seniors with mental or physical disabilities. The waitlists for housing are long. In 2021 the wait list for Serenity House and Peninsula Housing Authority has been over 3578 individuals. The Point in Time count for the county in 2019 was 286 and in 2020 rose to 379.

The Holiday Lodge is available and the current owner would like to sell it for supervised housing. It has about 40 units which are ready for this type of use.

The money also could be used to give grants to supplement the costs of building or buying homes. If someone could afford a \$200,000 dollar home grants could be given to supplement that so they could afford the \$500,000 necessary to buy a home. Local builders would be used to keep the money in the county.

The money also could be used to create infrastructure in Gale's addition so usage could be increased to 16 units per acre.

We urge you to approve HB 1590 so that revenue can be used to create permanent affordable housing to alleviate this issue in our community.

Sincerely,

Ingrid Carmean
Jane Hielman
Bonnie Booth
Mary Ellen Winborn

Gores, Alanna

From: Pamela Caldwell <pandmcalldwell@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2022 6:06 PM
To: Peach, Bill
Subject: Taxes for building housing

I'm confused and hope you can explain. Is this housing like the housing south of Lauridsen Blvd. (Clallam County Housing Authority) or individual homes spaced all over the town? I think you should go through the Sales Tax page and see what you can drop before you add another tax.

Sincerely,

Pamela Caldwell
1225 Leo Lane
Port Angeles, WA 98363

Gores, Alanna

From: Pamela Caldwell <pandmccaldwell@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 2, 2022 7:00 PM
To: Gores, Alanna
Subject: Affordable housing tax

No! No new 0.1 percent sales tax increase. But here's an idea, go over what we're already paying in sales tax and get rid of one, then replace it with this one. No increase. We pay way too much in sales tax and property taxes.

Pamela Caldwell
1225 Leo Lane
Port Angeles, WA 98363

Gores, Alanna

From: Noelle Levesque <noellel2019@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 27, 2022 10:50 AM
To: Ozias, Mark; Johnson, Randy; Peach, Bill
Subject: [REDACTED] NO ! NO SALES TAX INCREASE FOR HOUSING!!!!!!!!!!!!

*** EXTERNAL EMAIL *** This message was sent from outside our County network.

Commissioners,

HELL NO TO any more [REDACTED] sales tax increases!

WE DO NOT NEED TO BE TAXED MORE FOR [REDACTED] HOUSING!

Its [REDACTED] time for the massively corrupt Clallam CO Govt TO BE CUT DOWN IN SPENDING AND SPENDING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We the washington residents are already taxed more than enough and we DO NOT NEED TO BE TAXED MORE!!

KILL THIS [REDACTED] PROPOSAL TO ADD ANOTER [REDACTED] SECTION TO THE CODE TO INCREASE TAXES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

NO MORE TAX INCREASES OR NEW [REDACTED] TAXES!!

Noelle Levesque

[REDACTED]noellel2019@aol.com

Gores, Alanna

From: Becky Skilling <skilgirl@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 1:42 PM
To: Gores, Alanna
Subject: Affordable Housing

*** EXTERNAL EMAIL *** This message was sent from outside our County network.

What is considered affordable housing in Clallam County? I heard there was to be county tax money used to build said housing.

Thank you.

Becky Skilling
Joy Begins in Loving Hearts

Gores, Alanna

From: Lisa Dekker <dekkerla@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 4:14 PM
To: Gores, Alanna
Subject: Clallam County Home Fund

To: commissioners@co.clallam.wa.us (Board of Commissioners)

This message was sent via the Clallam Website Email Form 03-29-2022.

Name: Lisa Dekker

Email: dekkerla@gmail.com

Subject: Clallam County Home Fund

Comments: As a resident of unincorporated Clallam County I urge you to support the Home Fund 1/10 of 1 percent funding mechanism. There is dire need for affordable housing here, and by helping to provide it for our most vulnerable citizens, we improve quality of life for everyone in the community. Thank you for doing what other WA counties have done!

Gores, Alanna

From: Jean pratschner <Jlpratschner@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 8:25 AM
To: Gores, Alanna
Subject: Low income Housing assist

To: commissioners@co.clallam.wa.us (Board of Commissioners)

This message was sent via the Clallam Website Email Form 03-30-2022.

Name: Jean pratschner

Email: Jlpratschner@gmail.com

Subject: Low income Housing assist

Comments: Our County is seeing unprecedented housing shortages for the working class. I support a tax of AT LEAST 1% From the sale or building permits of homes over \$100,000 for the purpose of creating a low income housing fund to assist and encourage building and keeping homes for middle to lower income folks. I personally would be happy to contribute if when i sell or buy a home.
We must share our good fortune!

Gores, Alanna

From: Sherry Curran <Scurran@cityofpa.us>
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 11:56 AM
To: Gores, Alanna
Cc: Kate Dexter; nwest@cityofpa.us; Kari Martinez-Bailey
Subject: City of Port Angeles Letter of Support for HB1590
Attachments: Clallam_County_HB1590_Letter_of_Support Signed.pdf

*** EXTERNAL EMAIL *** This message was sent from outside our County network.

Hello Loni,

On behalf of Mayor Dexter, the attached letter of support for HB 1590 is addressed to the Clallam County Commissioners.

Thank you for your patience on receipt of this letter of support.

Best,
Sherry

Sherry Curran, CMC
Administrative Assistant | Deputy Clerk
City Manager's Office
City of Port Angeles
360.417.4500
www.cityofpa.us

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PORT ANGELES
WASHINGTON, U.S.

321 East Fifth Street
Port Angeles, WA 98362

March 30, 2022

Clallam County Commissioners
223 E 4th St, #4
Port Angeles, WA 98362

Via Email:

Commissioner Mark Ozias: mozias@co.clallam.wa.us

Commissioner Randy Johnson: rjohnson@co.clallam.wa.us

Commissioner Bill Peach: bpeach@co.clallam.wa.us

Dear Commissioners:

Clallam County has an affordable housing crisis. HB 1590 was enacted by the Washington state Legislature and the bill authorizes cities and counties to impose a sales and use tax up to 1/10th of 1% for affordable housing. The City of Port Angeles has already passed this tax.

The City has already seen results from implementing the 1/10th of 1% sales tax for affordable housing. Projects within the City have included construction of affordable housing, construction of mental and behavioral health-related facilities, funding the operations and maintenance costs of new affordable housing units and facilities where housing-related programs are provided for those who have met the income requirements, to include persons with behavioral health disabilities, veterans, senior citizens, homeless, or at-risk homeless, families with children, persons with disabilities and domestic violence survivors.

We understand the tax by itself will only solve a small portion of the problem. However, if this funding source is coupled with other funding including 1406, ARPA, Opportunity Fund, and matched with State funds such as the Housing Trust Fund, real progress can be made on this issue. The City looks forward to a favorable outcome at the Clallam County Public Hearing on this matter held April 5, 2022.

The City partners with you in working to alleviate homelessness in the community. We offer our support and look forward to working together to improve and increase affordable housing within Clallam County.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

Kate Dexter
8F060451455E409...
Mayor

Gores, Alanna

From: Hanna J Luther <hannaluther@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 8:24 PM
To: Gores, Alanna
Subject: Home Ordinance

To: commissioners@co.clallam.wa.us (Board of Commissioners)

This message was sent via the Clallam Website Email Form 03-30-2022.

Name: Hanna J Luther

Email: hannaluther@gmail.com

Subject: Home Ordinance

Comments: Dear Sirs,

We are in such need for affordable housing in Clallam County. I know several people who are on waiting lists that are 3 years out! Please support this measure.

Gores, Alanna

From: Ozias, Mark
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 8:23 AM
To: Julie and Kelly Fisher
Cc: Gores, Alanna
Subject: Re: resolution for Affordable Housing dollars

Ms. Fisher,

Thank you very much for taking the time to write and share your support. I do plan to support this new 1/10 of 1% sales tax to support affordable housing and the Commissioners are putting together a task force comprised of providers, builders, elected officials and community members from across the county (including Serenity House) to help identify "doable" projects and investments.

Sincerely,

Mark Ozias
Clallam County Commissioner

From: Julie and Kelly Fisher <kfisher221@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 2, 2022 3:27 PM
To: Ozias, Mark
Subject: resolution for Affordable Housing dollars

*** EXTERNAL EMAIL *** This message was sent from outside our County network.

The Honorable Mark Ozias
Commissioner
Clallam
County
223 E. Fourth Street
Port Angeles, WA 98362

JulieFisher
413 Merrill
Way
Port Angeles, WA 98362

April 2, 2022

Re: Joint Resolution with the City of Sequim for affordable housing tax

Dear Commissioner Ozias,

Serving on the Board of Directors of Serenity House of Clallam County gives me a broader and clearer understanding of the needs of the homeless in our community than I would have otherwise had. It is an ever-growing population in our community and in our county. Addressing the problem of limited housing, especially low-income housing, is in everyone's

best interest. Business owners, those who live and work in Port Angeles and Clallam County, and all who want to see our communities grow and thrive need for the HB1590 tax dollars generated to be distributed and allocated for housing needs.

I truly appreciate all support for Serenity House and its efforts to provide for the homeless and those who need a helping hand for a better life. All of our properties have been greatly improved, especially the Overnight Shelter, under the excellent guidance of Sharon Maggard. I hope you will come tour.

I thank you for your efforts and leadership.

Sincerely,
Julie Fisher
SHCC Board President

Gores, Alanna

From: Ellen Menshew <menshewmom@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 3, 2022 11:06 AM
To: Johnson, Randy
Subject: Joint Resolution with the City of Sequim

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Ellen W. Menshew

337 Deer Tracks Rd.
Port Angeles, WA 98363
360-928-9455

The Honorable Randy Johnson
Commissioner
Clallam County
223 E. Fourth Street
Port Angeles, WA 98362

Email: rjohnson@co.clallam.wa.us

April 2, 2022

Re: Joint Resolution with the City of Sequim for affordable housing tax

Dear Commissioner Johnson,

There couldn't be a more crucial time to address the need for housing to help our ever-growing homeless population in Clallam County. I am writing in support of the proposed Joint Resolution with the City of Sequim to execute the .1% sales tax approved in HB1590 for support of affordable housing and related services. Additionally, a sales tax allows for a much more equitable participation in generating funds from property owners, business owners, residents, and visitors who partake of goods and services in our community.

Moving forward I urge you to rely on Serenity House of Clallam County, Executive Director Sharon Maggard and her team, for oversight in determining how the future funds will best serve the homeless in attaining permanent supportive housing in our county.

I want to thank you for all your past and continued efforts in addressing the critical state of homelessness that exists in our community. And thank you for your willingness to serve in public office during such challenging times.

Sincerely,

Ellen W. Menshew
SHCC Board Member

Gores, Alanna

From: Eva Sandvik <evasandvik1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 7:18 AM
To: Gores, Alanna
Subject: Oppose sales tax increase for housing.

To whom it may concern:

I oppose the proposed .1 percent sales tax increase to support affordable housing.

Kind regards,
Eva Sandvik
3315 E Masters rd

Gores, Alanna

From: Mike Lessor <lessorm31@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 11:08 AM
To: Gores, Alanna
Subject: Tax increase

To whom it may concern,

I am unable to attend the public hearing Tuesday regarding the tax increase but would like to state that I am opposed to it.

It seems a bit wrong taking money from citizens without allowing them to vote. Even by having this meeting you could hear all sorts of opposition by the public and still pass it which is just wrong.

By all means pass the tax if people want the housing but this can't be a solution every time we need something. Surely there are more options to getting our financial needs met besides more taxes.

It also seems like a contradiction to raise taxes to provide more housing when the increased taxes are part of the reason housing it hard to come by for some.

Thank you for your time,

Michael Lessor

Sent from my iPhone

Gores, Alanna

From: Trisha Slater <trisha_12_16@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 8:38 PM
To: Gores, Alanna
Subject: Proposed tax hike for affordable housing comment

*** EXTERNAL EMAIL *** This message was sent from outside our County network.

Hi,

My name is Trisha Slater. I've lived in Port Angeles for a majority of my 30 years of life. I've lived here long enough to see it go from a small, tired town, to a revitalized tourist spot, to now unfortunately a town with drug, crime, and housing issues on the rise.

Personally, I feel that the city isn't doing enough for any of these issues that have risen in the last handful of years. The volunteer program 4PA seems to be doing what citizens here wish the city would do themselves in way of cleaning and caring for where we live. One of the things I see most often is how dirty, run down, and misused the abandoned buildings are in this town. I run a food blog on Instagram showcasing Port Angeles and the surrounding areas. I get messages all the time from tourists looking for places to eat and things to do. I am passionate about my little project and have amassed a pretty good following as well as kept good relationships with the eateries around here. I do my best to tell the people who are asking me these questions before they come to town that Port Angeles is a beautiful place full of fun things to do. However I am painfully aware that the first sight they'll see when they come into town on Front street is the hideous brick building on the left. That building has been vacant since I moved here in the 90s, and it has seen so much misuse. It is such a disgusting eye sore it's embarrassing to the locals. Right across the street from that is the old abandoned restaurant on the corner of N Lincoln, which has been empty since I was a child. There are a handful of abandoned homes and properties that seem to be falling apart around here, as well as the complete mess that is the abandoned old humane society building on the highway which now looks like a junkyard filled with trash, old busses, cars, and other things that people get to see on their way to enjoy our beautiful hikes and lakes.

In addition to the many abandoned, falling apart properties around here, we've got some pretty huge unfinished projects. Now I don't know the whole ins and outs of why these things are still unfinished, but the two that come to mind at this moment are the field arts and events hall on the waterfront, and the large pit that should be the Elwha hotel. The pit has been there for so long one only has to wonder if it ever will be a hotel, and if Cornerhouse had to close as early as it did, as well as the Lincoln Theatre looks like it's coming apart and the seams and doesn't ever have anything going on inside it.

With the sanctions placed on Russia during the war on Ukraine, we are already seeing the first repercussions of this in how expensive our gas is, and President Biden just recently stated that there will be issues with food supply. We are also seeing a huge amount of properties in town that could be homes for locals to live in turn into vacation rentals. Though it is amazing to have people want to visit us, this increase in vacation rentals is absolutely detrimental to our housing issue and no doubt adding to the housing crisis here.

This is what I propose instead of taxing residents who are paying enough for groceries, gas, housing, and everything else that seems to be increasing in price after the pandemic and during the war on Ukraine. Instead of increasing the sales tax, start taxing the owners of these abandoned buildings and lots. Their carelessness is

not going unnoticed and that land those run down buildings are on could have been land people are living on. It's absolutely selfish. Start charging them for running down the image of this town and maybe we'll see those places being taken care of finally. Put a tax on building projects that last longer than they should be taking, and put a tax on vacation rental owners. I don't think negatively of anyone wanting to have a side hustle, but at this point, the vacation rentals are definitely a hot point here. An added tax on them, and these abandoned places could bring in an astronomical amount of dollars and it would only make sense for those funds to go toward housing assistance for locals.

I implore the city to not raise the sales tax during a time when everything is already extremely expensive, and tax the owners of abandoned buildings and vacation rentals.

Thank you for your time,

Trisha Slater

Gores, Alanna

From: Greg MacDonald <macdiver24@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 9:35 PM
To: Gores, Alanna
Subject: public comment on new proposed tax increase
Attachments: Another Tax Increase.pdf

*** EXTERNAL EMAIL *** This message was sent from outside our County network.

Please add our comment to the public file for the Commissioners. Thank you.

Greg and Helen MacDonald
156 San Juan Drive
Sequim, WA 98382
macdiver24@gmail.com

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Greg MacDonald and I live at 156 San Juan Drive in Sequim. On behalf of my wife and I, we ask you to NOT vote in favor of yet another tax increase in the form of the proposed housing assistance tax. We realize that this is being presented as a small, one tenth of one percent tax increase. That is not the issue. Many in our community are retirees living on fixed incomes. Adding even a small increase affects us negatively. With inflation at a 40 year high of nearly eight percent, gas prices up by more than 40 percent, food prices up over 14 percent and our Clallam County personal property taxes up by an additional 14 percent this year—making it a 48.5 percent increase since moving to Clallam County less than six years ago, any increase affects us negatively. And since this tax is an addition to our already large sales tax—the most regressive form of taxation—it will hurt those least able to afford it the most.

Just because the state says that you can increase our local taxes does not mean that you must, or even should, increase them. If you feel compelled to spend money on this program then you should do what any family would do when they want to spend money not already in their budget and reduce your spending in some other area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Greg M MacDonald
156 San Juan Drive
Sequim, WA
macdiver24@gmail.com

Gores, Alanna

From: Pepai Whipple <pepalapu@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 10:59 PM
To: Gores, Alanna
Subject: Hearing April 5, 2022 Sales & Use Tax

Please enter in to record regarding Joint Resolution with the City of Sequim for affordable housing tax/sales tax and/or Property Tax to support a Housing Trust Fund to be heard April 5, 2022 at 10:30am.

Taxes must be put to the voter! This Ordinance adding a Chapter to Clallam County Code Titled Additional Sales and Use Tax-Housing and Related Services circumvents the tax payers in Clallam County and fails to put the increase to the voter. The tax payers of the county must not be excluded/eliminated from government oversight.

Regards,
Thomas & Pepai Whipple

Sent from my iPad

Gores, Alanna

From: Steve Rankin <steve@serenitysys.com>
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 11:46 PM
To: Gores, Alanna
Subject: Comment on Proposed Ordinance

*** EXTERNAL EMAIL *** This message was sent from outside our County network.

Commissioners,

During a time of rampant inflation, caused to a large extent by the irresponsible fiscal behavior of the current administration, the County Commissioners was to raise taxes? This is ludicrous. The County needs to deal with their fiscal problems the same way everyone else does - control your expenses. Instead, the Commissioners are considering taking on new expenses. Permanent expenses that will do precious little if anything to resolve the homeless problem.

Everyone knows how property values are skyrocketing, which results in windfall property tax increases for the County, which should negate any actual need for increasing tax rates.

Lastly, even liberal economists from liberal universities know that providing feel good programs for the low-income population always fails in the long run. If you are serious about improving the conditions for our low-income citizens, then stop increasing taxes and focus on creating jobs. Especially, but reducing the government overhead on employers of entry level and service jobs, such as clerical, hospitality, laborer and blue-collar jobs.

Steve Rankin
MBA, California State University of the East Bay
1366 W Sequim Bay Road
Sequim, WA

The need to raise taxes is doubtful at best during a time when the County's income from property taxes is rapidly increasing.

Gores, Alanna

From: Kenneth Wahl <kwahl1@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 7:01 AM
To: Gores, Alanna
Subject: Let Taxpayers Vote on Taxes

We support the Joint Resolution with the City of Sequim for affordable housing tax/sales tax and/or Property Tax to support a Housing Trust Fund. But. Taxes must be put to the voter! This Ordinance adding a Chapter to Clallam County Code Titled Additional Sales and Use Tax-Housing and Related Services circumvents the tax payers in Clallam County and fails to put the increase to the voter.

The tax payers of the county must not be excluded/eliminated from government oversight.

Best to you,
Ken and Janet Wahl
Sequim, WA

Sent

Gores, Alanna

From: Bonnie <bdawson@copper.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 9:15 AM
To: Gores, Alanna
Subject: Comment on Proposed Ordinance

*** EXTERNAL EMAIL *** This message was sent from outside our County network.

To whom it may concern,

We are asking that the county not increase our sales tax. We are really overloaded right now with the rate of inflation, the massive increase in gasoline, property taxes, and the cost of food. Most of us just can't afford any more in taxes. My husband and I are on a fixed income, as are many in our county.

Please consider this.

Thank you for your time,

Ron and Bonnie Dawson

Gores, Alanna

From: Sue Forde <sue98382@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 9:20 AM
To: Ozias, Mark; Johnson, Randy; Peach, Bill; Gores, Alanna
Subject: Vote "NO" on the Ordinance to Increase Sales Tax

*** EXTERNAL EMAIL *** This message was sent from outside our County network.

Dear County Commissioners,

I urge you to vote "NO" on the proposed Ordinance to increase sales tax.

Although 1/10th of 1% INCREASE in sales and use tax may not seem like much, with the 40% increase in costs due to inflation, it will add up quickly, adding more taxes to those who can least afford it.

After two years of shutdown, jobs lost and small businesses hurting, some having closed their doors, this should be a time when there is tax "relief" not MORE taxes. With many individuals on a fixed income, and skyrocketing inflation, please consider tax RELIEF, not MORE taxes.

The funds raised from the extra money out of your pocket will be used for "affordable housing and 'related services' (vague)," with the recommendation that the "success of this funding be tracked and reviewed for ten years to measure the success of the program before reauthorizing the tax." (Or failure... how often have you ever seen sales taxes decreased?)

Please consider the working men and women who are struggling to make ends meet already, and do NOT increase sales tax more.

At minimum, put the tax on the ballot for the people to decide.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sue Forde, long time resident of Clallam County
Former elected Clallam County Home Rule Charter Commissioner
P. O. Box 3457
Sequim, WA 98382

Gores, Alanna

From: Jodi Dotson <jdotson_99@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 9:24 AM
To: Gores, Alanna
Subject: Comment on Proposed Ordinance

*** EXTERNAL EMAIL *** This message was sent from outside our County network.

I am responding to the ludicrous idea of increasing taxes at this time. Our community has been hit hard with the shut downs, loss of jobs and businesses, people loosing their homes and livelihood. Now with inflation through the roof, gas, food etc you want to pour salt into the wound bed by increasing taxes. I guess you people get paid a pretty penny if you can afford to eat, medical bills, medicines , and tax increases by Inslee. Many people are struggling and have to decide whether to eat or pay rent! This is not the time to push people over the edge. You people are supposed to look out for your community not crush it. No to more tax.

Jodi Dotson

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Jodi Dotson also called
4/5/22 @ 9am

Gores, Alanna

From: Dawn Black <dawnablack85@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 9:32 AM
To: Gores, Alanna
Subject: Comment on Proposed Ordinance

*** EXTERNAL EMAIL *** This message was sent from outside our County network.

DO NOT RAISE TAXES!!

"Although 1/10th of 1% INCREASE in sales and use tax may not seem like much, with the 40% increase in costs due to inflation, it will add up quickly, taxing those who can least afford it.

After two years of shutdown, jobs lost and small businesses hurting, some having closed their doors, this should be a time when there is tax "relief" not MORE taxes."

"NO" on new taxes!

Dawn Black
Resident of Sequim since 2019
dawnablack@comcast.net

Gores, Alanna

From: Karen Rogers <karen@karenrogersconsulting.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 9:47 AM
To: Gores, Alanna
Subject: Comment on Proposed Ordinance - Sales Tax increase

Commissioners -

Please vote no on this proposed sales tax increase. We are all struggling as individuals and companies recovering from the financial distress of COVID-19 shut down and now increased inflation.

The simply is just not the time for another increase in sales tax.

Sincerely,
Karen Rogers
Port Angeles Resident and retail business owner.
460-460-5995

Gores, Alanna

From: Gayle Baker <gaylebaker7458@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 9:58 AM
To: Gores, Alanna
Cc: Gores, Alanna; Ozias, Mark; Johnson, Randy; Peach, Bill
Subject: Comment to Hearing H1 Ordinance adding a Chapter to Clallam County Code Titled Additional Sales and Use Tax – Housing and Related Services
Attachments: Comment to CCC Board 04.05.22.pdf

*** EXTERNAL EMAIL *** This message was sent from outside our County network.

Please place this letter into public record.

Date: April 5, 2022

To: Board of Clallam County Commissioners

Subject: Comment to Hearing H1 Ordinance adding a Chapter to Clallam County Code, entitled "Additional Sales and Use Tax – Housing and Related Services."

This is a Hearing where you wish to pass an "Ordinance adding a Chapter to Clallam County Code, entitled "Additional Sales and Use Tax – Housing and Related Services."

I'd like to address the taxes that are already imposed on the residents in Clallam County. Excise tax collected in Clallam County on the sale of homes is based at .50%. Using numbers provided in an article published in the Sequim Gazette on Jan 19, 2022, in which RE/MAX Prime, Team McAleer broker, Michael McAleer, reported that "average home sale prices in the Sequim School District boundaries jumped more than \$100,000 from \$448,140 in 2020 to \$548,480 in 2021."¹ Using those figures and the excise tax rate of .50%, that is a jump of 22.4% in taxes collected due to inflation on the sale of homes.

Let's also factor in the 9.1% county tax rate on the sale of all other consumables, except for food, and Clallam County is raking in a fairly good chunk of an already overburdened populace's income. We suffer from inflation, the county prospers. In fact, according to The Sale's Tax Handbook put out by Washington State, Clallam county's tax rate is higher than 85% of any other county in the state.² A dubious distinction to be sure.

The people in your county are suffering from two years of draconian COVID mandates that cost business owners approximately 20% in lost revenue and/or complete closure of their business. In fact, Jefferson and Clallam Counties stood alone in the state of Washington, indeed across the nation, in requiring restaurants and bars to demand patrons produce proof of "full" vaccination in order to obtain service inside.³ The mandates and the suffering they caused to this county falls squarely on your shoulders.

There are other, less draconian, more practical ways to build affordable housing. Eliminate the bureaucracy and red tape that ties projects up in years of paperwork and hurdles before a project can even break ground. Allow builders to renovate existing buildings that stand empty and become magnets for vagrants. Allow more dense use of land i.e. duplex and fourplex. Quit enticing homeless people to our county by not implementing and enforcing vagrancy laws—another burden on our businesses. Shoplifting crimes are up across the county.

¹ <https://www.sequimgazette.com/news/sequim-home-sale-prices-hit-all-time-high/>

² <https://www.salestaxhandbook.com/washington/rates/clallam-county>

³ <https://www.porttownsendfreepress.com/2021/12/10/local-challenge-to-proof-of-vaccine-mandate-supported-by-federal-rulings/>

In my opinion, there are only two reasons for even considering imposing higher taxes when county coffers are overflowing with tax money at our expense. Either you live in a self-imposed bubble and are completely ignorant of what is going on around you economically, or you are a full-blown Socialist, implementing Klaus Schwab's Agenda 21 and his "Great Reset".⁴ My opinion is that one or two of you, not all of you, are of the latter persuasion and have bought into the Socialist ideology, implementing your version of wealth redistribution through taxation without representation. Socialists describe this plunder as "Equity."

In summary: No new taxes!

Sincerely,

Gayle Baker
7458 Old Olympic Hwy
Sequim, WA 98382

⁴ <https://www.weforum.org/great-reset>

Gores, Alanna

From: saleckman@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 10:03 AM
To: Gores, Alanna
Subject: Comment on Proposed Ordinance

NO NEW TAXES!!

How can you even consider new taxes after the financial drain on so many of us in the past two years?!

Shirley Leckman
Sequim resident since 2016

Sent from my iPhone

Gores, Alanna

From: AJay <casannie.jay@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 11:10 AM
To: Gores, Alanna
Subject: Comment on Proposed Ordinance

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There's definitely no shortage of tax in this state. With record inflation, I can't imagine how much money is to be made on a sales tax increase. Keep hitting people in the pocket book, continue making life difficult for the families that are already struggling to put food on the table and fill up gas tanks to get to work. Is there any consideration for retirees on a fixed income? Is there any consideration for making life easier for the working class? I've seen nothing but deterioration of Clallam County, in many ways over the last 3 years.

I am appalled by Washington's neverending tax increases, it's a constant! You are literally running people, multiple generations out of this state due to the high cost of living.

Pat & Anne Casad

Gores, Alanna

From: Jeff Young <mrclean777@q.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 11:56 AM
To: Gores, Alanna
Subject: Comment on Proposed Ordinance

Please don't increase our sales tax. We are on fixed income and this unvoted tax increase makes no sense in our inflated economy. Having worked in government over 40 years I know there is always something to spend money on, but yield very little change that is noticeable. Thanks Jeff young

Sent from my iPad