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JOINT STATEMENT

Whatcom County Leaders Express Confidence in Election Integrity and Call for Civility

We, independently elected leaders of Whatcom County, are united in our confidence in the democratic process and the integrity of our electoral system. We also recognize that we have a joint responsibility to ensure safe and secure elections here in Whatcom County.

Some community members have raised concerns about the potential for disruptions and even violence during or after the election. Please be assured that all reasonable and prudent measures have been taken to anticipate, prevent and prepare for attempts to undermine the integrity of the election process or incite violence. We are closely monitoring the situation and are well prepared to respond to any challenge to election security or public safety.

It is important to recognize that our county, state and nation have been facing extraordinary challenges—a pandemic, economic hardship, social unrest and more—and public anxiety is high. The best antidote to this anxiety is to treat our fellow community members with respect and kindness. We are all in this together.

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