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To the members of the Homeless Strategies Workgroup,

I have been a resident of Whatcom County for over 20 years now and I have watched the homeless population grow every year in that time. These are our neighbors, the citizens of this county. It is deplorable that there are over 100 people on the lawn of city hall right now and you are dragging your feet when there are 50 shelters ready to go from Pallet Shelters. These people are YOUR responsibility! The shelters run by Hans are not the way to go, it has been shown over and over that lighthouse mission is unsafe and as a religious organization does not cater to everyone. Tiny homes are the answer, it has been shown right here in Fairhaven with Unity Village. Now, we need at least 150 shelters and clean green is the place to do it, with Markis Dee's four square model we can cater to so many people in need with 1 service building. As a taxpayer I am asking my government to use our tax dollars to help our brothers and sisters like they should be. Everything is right in front of you, you are backing the wrong horse with LHM and hotel vouchers. The city will own these tiny homes and they can be used again and again saving so much money.

Do what is right, look out on those people on city hall lawn, how can you sleep at night knowing you hold the key to giving these people warmth, safety and a fresh start yet you leave them out there freezing in a pandemic? Enough is enough. We will not settle for less any longer. We will not watch you abuse the most vulnerable of us any longer. Buy the 50 shelters they have ready at Pallet Shelters, continue the roll out from 360 Modular, get these people in shelter. We don't accept the "we have capacity at Base Camp" or "There isn't money" arguments anymore, it's a smokescreen. LHM only lets in who they deem worthy (which is a small list) and hates the homeless; they are just making money off their backs while they let them be abused and raped. Also, we know the money is there. Use our care dollars for this. 50 by Christmas, at least 150 by February, get to work.

Sincerely,  
Leslie Deegan