

# CITY OF LYNDEN

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



<b>Meeting Date:</b>	May 5, 2025	
<b>Name of Agenda Item:</b>	Non-Binding Multi-Jurisdictional Resolution Regarding Population, Housing and Employment Allocations	
<b>Section of Agenda:</b>	Consent	
<b>Department:</b>	Community Development	
<b>Council Committee Review</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Development <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Finance <input type="checkbox"/> Public Works <input type="checkbox"/> Parks <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		<b>Legal Review</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Reviewed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No - Not Reviewed <input type="checkbox"/> Review Not Required
<b>Attachments</b>		
Draft of Resolution 25-1121, Technical Report: Population and Employment: Growth Projections and Preliminary Allocations (May 22, 2024)		
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>		
<b>Amount: \$ 0</b> <b>Source/Fund:</b>	<b>Included in the 2025 Budget?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>Comments:</b>		
<b>Summary Statement</b>		
<p><b>Comprehensive Plan Update 2025:</b> A foundational component of the update to the City's Comprehensive Plan is to determine the expected population and employment projections for the 20-year planning period (a period ending in 2045). These projections are based on historic growth rates and the City's Land Capacity Analysis, a study that evaluates what land is available for development in the City's boundaries and Urban Growth Areas (UGAs).</p> <p>Based on the city's land supply and the current housing market, the Community Development Committee (CDC) selected the Office of Financial Management's medium growth rate as the most likely scenario for Lynden. This means that Lynden is projecting an additional 6,665 residents, 3,535 housing units, and 1,799 jobs over the next 20 years. Lynden's medium projection represents a slower growth rate than historic rates but is closer to what has been occurring in recent years (since 2020).</p> <p>The Growth Management Act dictates that projections be determined by the County with coordination amongst the cities within it. Whatcom County has indicated support for Lynden's medium growth projection. Resolution 25-1121 reflects the preliminary allocation numbers for each jurisdiction who, in turn, bring the agreement to their legislative bodies to ensure the projections are coordinated across the County.</p> <p>For reference the May 22, 2024, Technical Report is attached which describes the forecasting and projection methods used to determine these numbers.</p>		
<b>Recommended Action</b>		
Motion to approve Resolution 25-1121 regarding Population, Housing, and Employment Projections and authorize the Mayor's signature on the resolution.		