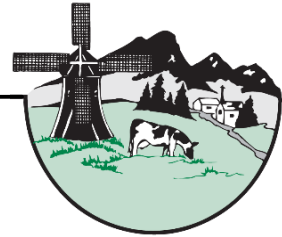


CITY OF LYNDEN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – Community Development Committee



CDC Meeting Date:	May 22, 2024	
Name of Agenda Item:	Comp Plan 2025: Population and Employment Projections	
Section of Agenda:	Discussion	
Next Steps Proposed by Staff:		Legal Review:
<input type="checkbox"/> Staff revisions	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Return to CDC	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Committees	<input type="checkbox"/> Recommended
<input type="checkbox"/> Schedule for full Council	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Required
Attachments:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whatcom Population and Employment Projections Report (Leland Consulting) 		
Summary Statement:		
<p>The Community Development Department is working in tandem with Whatcom County and the other cities of Whatcom County to update their respective Comprehensive Plans. Population and employment projections are used as a starting point to estimate if additional land area (Urban Growth Area) should be added to the City to accommodate future growth. Population projections are also used to estimate the total number of housing units needed over the next 20-year planning period.</p> <p>The data used to create the projections stems from annual population counts done by the State’s Office of Financial Management (OFM), which are corroborated with census data, and then projected using historical information and OFM predictions.</p> <p>The County and each city can use the population projections as they see fit to update their Comprehensive Plans and associated goals.</p> <p>Staff will be discussing this report and other initial data related to housing unit need at the Community Development Committee (CDC) meeting.</p>		
Recommended Action:		
None required.		