

DRAFT – For Internal Review

December 26, 2018

[The Honorable Sherry Raymond]
[Mayor, City of Selah]
[115 West Naches Avenue]
[Selah, WA 98942]

Re: H2A Worker Housing Forum Invitation

Dear [Mayor Raymond]:

The Yakima Valley Conference of Governments and the Yakima City Council invite you to attend a forum on H2A Worker Housing on January __ in Yakima.

The purpose of the forum is to determine if this issue is a concern of other cities in the Yakima Valley, and to explore a regional approach to locating H2A worker housing. A key question for your consideration prior to the forum is, "What are the potential impacts of expanded H2A housing in the Valley, and what might be suitable mitigation for any adverse impacts?" The forum will be moderated by the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments.

The forum will begin at 10 am on __, January __, 2019; we plan to conclude no later than noon. The forum will take place in the __ room at the Yakima Convention Center.

Sincerely,

Lauris (Larry) C. Mattson
Executive Director

Yakima Valley H2A Worker Housing Forum

Draft Agenda

2nd/3rd week of January, 2019; 10 am – Noon

Yakima Convention Center

Purpose: To explore a regional approach to locating H2A worker housing and determine if this is a concern of other cities in the Valley. Discuss the potential impacts and mitigation of expanded H2A housing.

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Purpose & format of forum
3. One-minute shares – pairs exercise
4. Ground Rules
5. Summary of existing status/challenges of housing ag workers
 - a. Mike Gempler, Washington Growers League
 - b. Marty Miller, Office of Rural and Farmworker Housing
 - c. Michele Thomas, Washington Low-Income Housing Alliance
6. Observations and Concerns from other sectors
 - a. Elected officials
 - b. Other Ag/Employment interests
7. Summary & next steps
 - a. Regional concern?
8. Adjourn