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City Manager Harrison,

I have read the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments Regional Crime Resource Center proposal and there are several issues I believe I must address. These are the same concerns I raised in our meeting with YVCog on January 31, 2022.

First, the concept of shared resources for large expense items (like the NIBIN Enforcement Support System) is an excellent idea. As you know, I am hard-wired to be a collaborator and believe that collaboration is one of the best means of tackling difficult problems. It is why we have created a gang task force with the Yakima Sheriff and FBI and also a domestic violence coalition in the city of Yakima. I strongly support some elements of the proposal and have even forwarded an additional purchase proposal to YVCOG for consideration in this effort (hardware and software that could be shared in accessing child pornography evidence from cell phones). I would support joining the collective effort to fund:

- Purchase of NIBIN System - \$160,000
- Purchase of the Crime Analysts software (if needed and accessible by YPD analysts) - \$5,000
- Training (if needed and accessible by YPD analysts and YPD officers) - \$15,000
- Mileage - \$4,000
- Purchase and training for the software I mentioned above with training for several officers throughout Yakima Valley - \$60,000

However, I cannot support Yakima city taxpayers funding positions, equipment, overhead, and security which are a duplication of our current staff.

In the summer of 2021, the Yakima City Council invested in a dramatic increase in the size of our analyst team (adding two new positions to the current one analyst – creating a team). They further funded the purchase of LPR camera technology to gather data which will assist in identifying suspect vehicles associated with crime. These investments are valued at approximately \$320,000 (annually).

If the city were to agree to the proposal as written, we would be paying for police analytical services for everyone except the city of Yakima. I would support paying our portion of the cost for the items I listed in bullet points, and we are ready and excited to

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work with all of the agencies in the valley and their analysts should they agree to funding that portion of the proposal.

I am happy to clarify any of these points or answer questions as necessary.

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