Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

In May 2020, the Pierce County Council created the Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness Ad Hoc Committee to facilitate further planning to **end homelessness in Pierce County** through [Resolution 2021-30s](https://online.co.pierce.wa.us/cfapps/council/model/otDocDownload.cfm?id=14416723&fileName=R2021-30s%20Signed%20Final%20Res.pdf). Two groups were formed from this committee – the Steering Committee to End Homelessness and the Shelter Plan Work Group.

I am part of the Steering Committee Group, which is comprised of homeless service providers, advocates, business and community leaders and city and county representatives from across the community. We have an ambitious goal set - to design and fund a system capable of ending homelessness in Pierce County, with a more immediate goal of **ending street homelessness by November 1, 2021.** To meet the shelter goal, we have surveyed people experiencing homelessness to understand what type of shelter is needed, why people may or may not be accessing current resources, how much shelter is required and what locations are best to meet the needs of the County’s most vulnerable residents.

**Now, we want to hear from you, your** (**insert employees, clients, community, networks, friends, family, etc. – can put in whatever makes sense for your audience) about your thoughts on what is most needed to end street homelessness within our given time frame.**

You’re invited to provide feedback using our [online survey](https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6479296/Open-House-for-the-2021-Comprehensive-Plan-to-End-Homelessness-Survey). We are open to attending a meeting or other group setting where we could discuss the needs of people experiencing homelessness. Please share this email and survey link with your networks and connections in the community. Your responses and input will help us design shelter that is acceptable both to people living unsheltered and those living adjacent to shelter sites. As a Pierce County resident, we want your opinion on how we can end homelessness in our region.

I invite you to look at the website ([www.piercecountywa.gov/2021plan](http://www.piercecountywa.gov/2021plan)) for more information about the 2021 Plan to End Homelessness and reach out to Social Services Supervisor, Gerrit Nyland, who is facilitating the outreach efforts, to schedule a time for an open discussion. Gerrit can be reached by phone or email at 253-370-9593 and [Gerrit.Nyland@piercecountywa.gov](mailto:Gerrit.Nyland@piercecountywa.gov).

Learn more about homelessness in Pierce County at [www.piercecountywa.gov/2021plansurvey](http://www.piercecountywa.gov/2021plansurvey).

Thank you for your time and continued efforts to make Pierce County a welcoming place for everyone.