



# City of Yelm

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June 11, 2014

Gregory J. Kopta  
Administrative Law Judge  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
PO Box 47250  
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Dear Judge Kopta,

I just received a request from The Yelm Adult Community Center Board of Directors to write a letter in support of their request for a hearing in regards to a letter they received last month concerning the vehicles that they use to transport seniors to the Senior Center here in Yelm. I urge WUTC to grant them a hearing and take into consideration the challenges that this grassroots non-profit has been facing.

As Mayor of the City of Yelm, I have been trying to assist this agency over the past year. For many years, Yelm Adult Community Center has served older adults in our community and the surrounding rural area. Last September, their Center Manager was dismissed under the cloud of financial mismanagement. Since that time, the Board of Directors has been trying to manage the center with volunteer help and as you can imagine, it has had its challenges. One of the volunteers who tried to help, did not share the important mailing from the WUTC and the requirement of the annual report and fee. That volunteer is no longer at the center and the current board is trying to bring the center into compliance.

Due, in part, to the misuse of funds and lack of leadership, the Yelm Adult Community Center is struggling financially. I am working with their Board of Directors to develop a strategy so that the seniors can continue to be served. I have reached out to Senior Services for South Sound to ask for their guidance through the WUTC annual report process.

Yelm is a very rural community and the Senior Center uses volunteers to transport seniors into the Center for meals and essential services. The older adults in town and in the rural area around Yelm count on this transportation for their health and well-being. I would appreciate your consideration and leniency in reducing or waving any penalty assessment. I will continue to work with the Yelm Adult Community Center Board of Directors and Senior Services for South Sound to help bring their vehicles into compliance.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions please contact me at 360-458-9679.

Sincerely,

Ron Harding, Mayor - City of Yelm

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