



Sedro-Woolley, Washington
December 2, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Helping Hands Food Bank Director Terry Carter reported to King 5 news and to 92.9 KISM that Helping Hands is being evicted as a result of the City of Sedro-Woolley.

This is false.

Attached is a copy of the notice of eviction sent from Skagit County to Skagit Community Action Agency who forwarded it to Helping Hands Food Bank. This eviction letter was written because Skagit County plans to substantially remodel the County-owned building and the remodel cannot proceed with tenants in the building; the relocation is planned to be temporary. Skagit County's project is funded by a significant grant and will remodel the current facility to include a regional food distribution center which has been in the plans for about five years. If Skagit County does not complete its project by the middle of next year, more than million dollars in grant funds will be lost.

The parking issue with the City is very straightforward. As a result of the County's planned construction project, the County must include in their project adequate parking for the building and its uses.

The City has been and remains supportive of Helping Hands Food Bank and is not evicting or causing the eviction of Helping Hands from the County-owned building.

For additional information regarding Skagit County's plans and actions, please contact Skagit County at 336-9300.

For more information, contact Eron Berg at 360-855-9922.

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**SKAGIT COUNTY
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

TIM HOLLORAN, County Administrator

November 23, 2010

Bill Henkel
Executive Director
Skagit County Community Action
330 Pacific Place
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Dear Mr. Henkel:

This letter is to formalize the conversations beginning August of this year between Skagit County Community Action and the County's representative Roger Howard, of Howard Consulting, that the County is terminating its lease for the building located at 250 W. Moore Street, Sedro-Woolley, Washington.

Skagit County Community Action and any tenants occupying the building will need to vacate the building no later than December 31, 2010 in order to facilitate the remodeling of the facility funded in part by Community Development Block Grant administered by the Department of Commerce.

Once construction has been completed, the County looks forward to the opportunity to discuss new lease terms with Community Action to occupy the remodeled regional food bank contingent upon resolving parking and traffic issues to the satisfaction of the city.

It is our hope that the newly remodeled regional food bank will assist you and your partners in serving the needs of our community.

Sincerely,

Tim Holloran
County Administrator

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