

COME SUPPORT **GENERATIONS FORWARD** AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE!

April 2

10:30am

County Council Chambers

311 Grand Ave. | Bellingham

The Policy, Advocacy, & Funding Action Team invites you to join them as the Public Health Advisory Board presents a **resolution** to the Health Board.

What is a Resolution?

A resolution is a formal expression of opinion, will or intent voted on by an official body or assembled group.

But if a resolution just expresses intent, what real change can come from it?

Resolutions are important first steps in making a public declaration as a community that we care about something important. It is also a call to action.

Let's highlight families together.

You can make a difference.

Bring your kids!

What's in this Resolution?

This resolution affirms the collective commitments of Generations Forward with the following additional action items for the County Council:

- to support policy and funding aligned with the collective commitments.
- to have a County Council member participate in Generations Forward.
- to support development of a Child and Family Action Plan that includes measures of success.
- to prioritize the needs of young children and families in the areas of housing, behavioral health, criminal justice, economic development and land use.

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What is Generations Forward?

It is a community collaboration of over 150 participants committed to improving the well-being of Whatcom County's young children and their families.

How will this affect families like mine?

This public declaration could result in the needs of children and families, especially those who have been historically marginalized, being considered first when policy and funding decisions are made, such as:

- how to spend money on services
- how to support & organize the criminal justice system
- how to use land and develop neighborhoods
- how to invest in economic development

Why should I participate?

When you show up, you will be a part of a public proclamation that declares children and families are a priority in Whatcom County.

Showing public support, especially from families with children, will help make the need real for our County Council members. It will put real faces and stories to the issue.

Will my children need to be quiet?

No! This is a public meeting, and everyone is welcome. We want everyone to know that families come as units in different shapes, sizes and noise levels.

What can I expect at the Health Board meeting?

- Members of the County Council, who also act as the Health Board, will sit at the front of the County Council Chambers and bring the meeting to order.
- They will invite public comment from anyone who wants to speak. Each person's comments are limited to 3 minutes.
- Next, the Public Health Advisory Board members will present their proposal to the Health Board. Comments at this point can be made only by people recognized to speak.
- After the discussion of this resolution, additional business items will be brought to the Health Board by the Public Health Advisory Board. The public is welcome to attend the entire meeting or to leave at will.

All public attendees are welcome to sit anywhere in the audience seats. Please be aware that food and drink are not allowed in the County Council Chambers.