

February 13, 2024

Senate State Affairs Committee

RE: Senate Bill 1303

Honorable Chairman Guthrie and Honorable Committee Members,

I am writing to express the City of Post Falls' strong support for Senate Bill 1303. The current requirement for publishing a notice whenever a personal service contract over \$10,000 dollars is not located with the rest of the procurement rules that apply to local governmental agencies. This has made it difficult for local agencies to find, and comply, with the statutory requirements. Placing this requirement with the rest of the statutes governing local procurement will make it easier for local agencies to comply with the code.

Additionally, the City is supportive of updating the contract amount that triggers the published notice. The \$10,000 dollar trigger has not been adjusted to reflect the diminished purchasing power of \$10,000 due to inflation. Today essentially all personal service contracts will exceed the threshold to publish notice, which was not true when the statute was adopted. Resetting the threshold at \$50,000 will help balance between the costs of publishing such notices versus informing the public of larger personal service contracts.

I urge you to protect our legacy by supporting SB 1303 and sending it to the floor with a do-pass recommendation.

Respectfully,



Ronald G. Jacobson, Mayor