

# YVCOG GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

## AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2018

HARMAN CENTER

101 NORTH 65TH AVENUE, YAKIMA, WA 98908



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# - A G E N D A -

*Yakima Valley Conference of Governments  
December 12, 2018  
General Membership Meeting*

6:30 p.m. – Social Time  
7:00 p.m. – Dinner - **\$25.00**  
7:30 p.m. – Program

- I. CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS / ROLL CALL
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY – *It is the policy of the YVCOG General Membership to accept public comment on agenda items at the time the item is being discussed. Public comments regarding items not on the agenda will be heard at the end of the meeting.*
- III. WELCOMING REMARKS - City of Yakima
- IV. BUSINESS - Vice Chair John Hodkinson
  - Minutes from October 17, 2018 - *Motion to approve*
  - Proposed Amendment to the YVCOG 2018 Balanced Budget - *Review, discuss and approve by Resolution 2018-4*
  - YVCOG Executive Committee Appointment - Mayor Sherry Raymond
  - 2019 General Membership meeting times - Proposed start time to 6:00 p.m. or keep 6:30 start time. *Discussion and motion to approve.*
- V. PROGRAM - Larry Mattson, Executive Director
  - 2018 YVCOG Program Highlights and 2019 Focus
    - Mike Shuttleworth, Land Use & Community Planning
    - Alan Adolf, Transportation and
    - Crystal Testerman, Homeless Housing and Assistance
  - Homeless Youth - Anchor Communities Initiative, Joshua Jackson
  - 2018 Outstanding Member Service Award
- VI. OTHER BUSINESS
- VII. LOCATION OF January 16, 2019 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
City of Toppenish hosting.
  - Need hosts for
    - March 20, 2019
    - May 15, 2019
    - September 18, 2019
    - October 16, 2019
    - December 11, 2019
- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT
- IX. ADJOURN

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# - INFORMATION -



## Anchor Communities Initiative

Every year, more than 13,000 unaccompanied young people under the age of 25 experience homelessness in the state of Washington. On September 27, 2018, leaders from across the state launched Washington's new coordinated effort to prevent and end youth homelessness.

Advocates announced a widespread and diverse coalition of nonprofits, elected officials, philanthropy, businesses, and community members who are committed to helping all young people in this state find their way home. Joined by First Lady Trudi Inslee and youth advocates, A Way Home Washington and All Home announced an innovative program to end youth homelessness in four Washington communities by 2022. **The initial four communities are Pierce, Spokane, Yakima, and Walla Walla Counties.**

With local leaders on the ground, AWHWA will bring all parts of each community to the table and develop a unique plan that covers prevention, long-term housing, treatment services, employment, and educational attainment.

## Bio for Joshua Jackson, Executive Director Rod's House

Josh Jackson is the Executive Director of Rod's House, where he has worked since December 2016. Josh also serves as the co-chair of the Homeless Network of Yakima County Youth Coalition and the co-chair of the Balance of State Continuum of Care Youth Subcommittee. He was also a member of the Yakima County Homeless Planning & Policy Counsel.

Josh's background includes more than a decade in the public and non-profit sectors. Prior to joining Rod's House he worked in disaster readiness, response and recovery activities with the American Red Cross in Texas and Virginia.

Josh graduated from the University of Texas with high honors majoring in government and international studies. Josh adores his spouse Elizabeth and their three year-old son Harlan. Outside of work, you'll find Josh with his family exploring the Yakima Valley and Washington State.



## *Special Thanks to Our Executive Board*

**James A. Restucci, Chair**

*Sunnyside - City Council*

**John Hodkinson, Jr., Vice Chair**

*Area 1 - Union Gap City Council*

**Mike Leita**

*Yakima County - Commissioner*

**Brad Hill**

*City of Yakima - City Council*

**Janice Gonzales**

*Area 2 - Zillah City Council*

**Bill Moore**

*Area 3 - Grandview City Council*

**In Memoriam - Dan Olson**

*Member at Large*