

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF KITTITAS, STATE OF WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2012- 046

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CREATION OF A REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR YAKIMA AND KITTITAS COUNTIES

WHEREAS: Yakima County, Kittitas County and its public and private partners want to strengthen and diversify the regional economy;

WHEREAS: developing a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the two-county region will help marshal resources and drive effective partnerships;

WHEREAS: a CEDS will also help the region gain attention and support for specific projects with the Federal Economic Development Administration;

WHEREAS: the two county CEDS will be driven by a broadly representative local steering committee;

WHEREAS: several public forums will be held to generate input and interest in the CEDS plan;

WHEREAS: an extensive outreach process will be administered to specifically request that interested jurisdictions and eligible nonprofit associations submit economic development projects for prioritization and inclusion within the CEDS;

WHEREAS: the CEDS plan will help reestablish a two county Economic Development District that can help implement this important plan; and

WHEREAS: it is beneficial to maintain the CEDS so that the Economic Development Administration (EDA) can consider economic investments within our region.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Yakima County and Kittitas County Commissions hereby endorse a new CEDS planning process and support the efforts of the Kittitas Chamber of Commerce and the Yakima County Development Association to lead specific efforts to develop this plan for Central Washington.

DATED THIS 17th day of April 2012.

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