NORTHWEST REGIONAL COUNCIL

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TO: Northwest Regional Council

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SUBJECT: NW LEARN Transition Plan

As you know, NWRC has managed the NW LEARN radio network since its inception in the 1970's as a method for the participating counties and municipalities to cooperate to maintain law enforcement communication equipment and infrastructure. NWRC's role has been to collect contributions and make expenditures necessary to maintain analog radio communication towers, and, increasingly, make individual equipment purchases on behalf of the participating jurisdictions.

However, communication approaches, capacities, and technologies have evolved considerably in all jurisdictions, which makes the need to continue NW LEARN questionable. I raised this question with the NW LEARN Board, composed of law enforcement representatives from the various jurisdictions, and they agreed it is time to sunset NW LEARN, effective December 31, 2020 and transfer the purchasing functions to individual jurisdictions. I recommend the attached transition plan to accomplish that. The plan has also been reviewed and recommended by the NW LEARN Board

PROPOSED MOTION:
The NWRC approves the transition plan to dissolve NW LEARN by December 2020.

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