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**GMPC MOTION NO. 15-2**

A MOTION amending the 2012 King County Countywide Planning Policies; addressing strategies for providing affordable housing.

WHEREAS, The Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC) developed policies for the Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) that revised the method for defining housing need in the county and for allocating responsibility among jurisdictions to identify and address local housing needs; and

WHEREAS, recent, rapid growth in the county has exacerbated the shortage of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS the GMPC at its September 24, 2014 meeting heard presentations about the complex mixes of funding sources required to support each rent-restricted housing project; and

WHEREAS, during discussion of climate change at the GMPC's July 22, 2015 meeting, it was noted that providing affordable housing near employment centers or near high-capacity transit can make it easier for workers in low-income households to commute to work without driving a car and without adding greenhouse gases to the atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, a presentation to GMPC at its November 6, 2015 meeting highlighted various tools and programs local governments can use to increase the supply of housing affordable to very low, low and moderate-income households; and

WHEREAS, currently the CPPs do not expressly encourage jurisdictions to consider the full range of tools available for producing affordable housing;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Growth Management Planning Council of King County hereby recommends that the 2012 King County Countywide Planning Policies be amended as follows:

H-8 Tailor housing policies and strategies to local needs, conditions and opportunities, recognizing the unique strengths and challenges of different cities and sub-regions. Jurisdictions may consider a full range of programs, including mandatory programs, that will assist in meeting the jurisdiction's share of the countywide need for affordable housing.

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