

Regional Affordable **Housing Task Force:** Different Approaches to 'Housing Density'



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### RANGE OF STRATEGIES

Market Rate Housing

Housing for Moderate Income: (50 – 80% Median)

Housing for Lower Income:

30 – 50% of median

0 – 30% of median

## A. Market increase diversity and general affordability

- Housing capacity to accommodate growth
- Allow diversity of housing multifamily/ small single family/ microunits / senior housing

## B. Incentive to create affordability through market (generally moderate inc.)

- Accessory dwelling units
- Land use density incentives
- Multifamily property tax exemption

### C. Direct assistance programs (generally lower income).

- Direct Funding (ARCH Housing Trust Fund)
  - Leverages other public fund sources
- Surplus land
- Impact fee waiver

## COTTAGE HOUSING Pine Street Cottages (Seattle)





### **COTTAGE HOUSING**



Danielson Grove, (Kirkland)



Connover Commons (Redmond)
Cottage Company

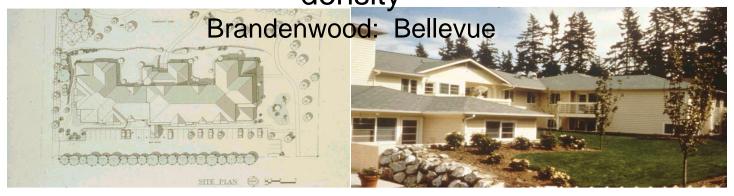
### ZERO-LOT LINE/DUPLEX/MULTIPLEX





## SENIOR HOUSING REGULATIONS Zoning Overlay

Smaller Senior Units count as ½ unit toward density



No density calculation Riverside Landing: Bothell



### MICRO-HOUSING



## ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS (ADU's)







	TOTAL	ADUs per 1,000 Detached Homes
Beaux Arts	2	14.3
Bellevue	114	3.9
Bothell	2	0.2
Clyde Hill	4	3.7
Hunts Point	-	-
Issaquah	40	6.6
Kenmore	41	7.2
Kirkland	136	6.7
Medina	1	0.8
Mercer Island	222	31.5
Newcastle	32	10.8
Redmond	12	1.2
Sammamish	13	0.9
Woodinville	2	0.7
Yarrow Point	_	-
EKC cities	621	5.7

### Affordability Provisions: Voluntary and Mandatory

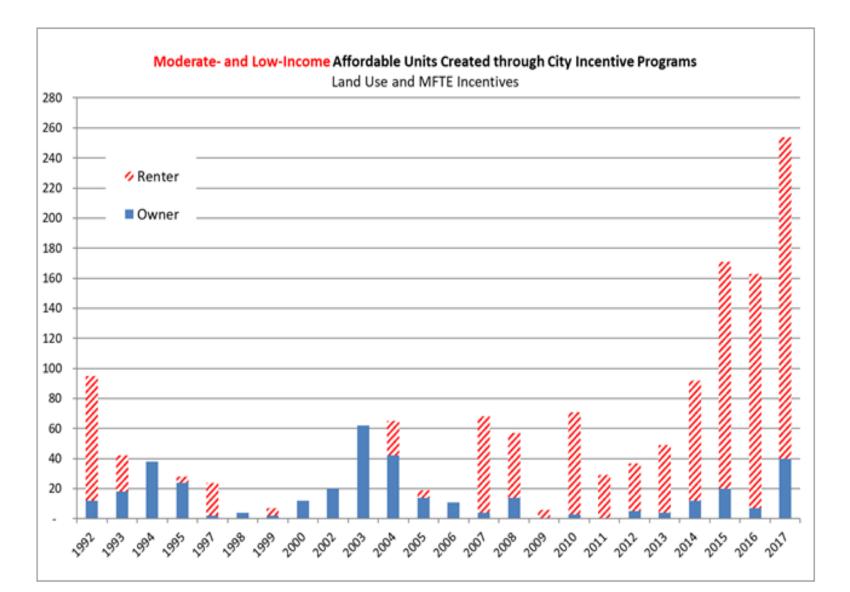
o Using attached housing to accommodate bonuses associated with affordable housing in lower density neighborhoods.







#### LAND INCENTIVES



- 8 Cities in East King
   County have program with
   mandatory or voluntary
   provision.
- Significant increase in results in last four years.
- Creates a wider range of affordability than market on its own.
- Myth: Does not increase costs to other consumers

## UNDERUTILIZED OPPORTUNITY: Faith Properties



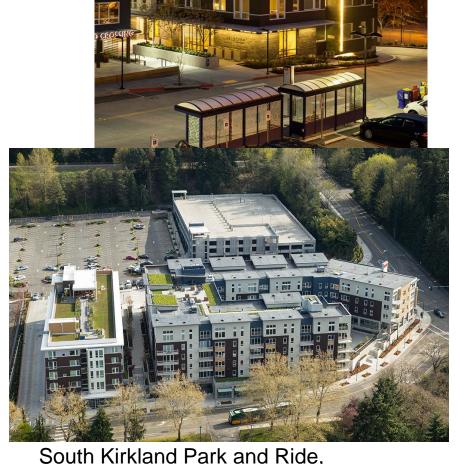
### **UNDERUTILIZED OPPORTUNITY:**

**Public Properties** 

Village at Overlake, (Redmond) King County Housing Authority







South Kirkland Park and Ride, Imagine Housing, Polygon

### **COMBINING MULTIPLE STRATEGIES:**

#### Greenbrier Heights, Woodinville



- County surplus land
- Single Family Zoning
- Mix of senior, family rental and ownership
- Narrow Roads
- Cottages
- Wetland Density Transfer
- Affordable Housing Bonus
- City Fee Waivers

### Greenbrier Heights - Woodinville

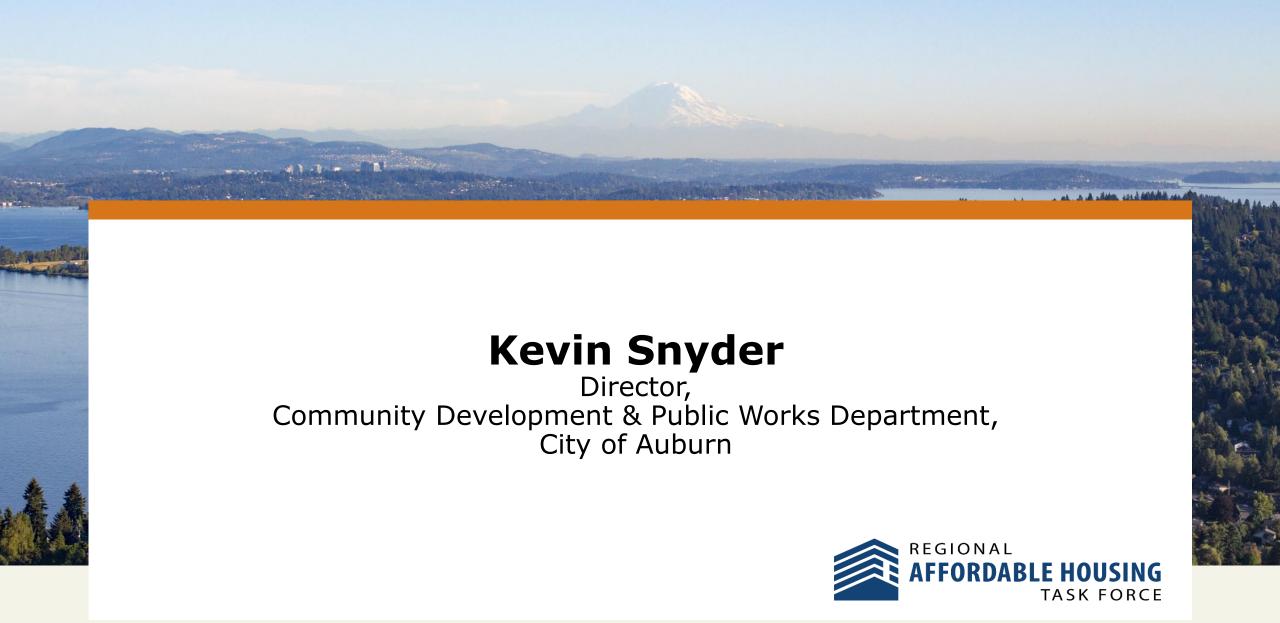


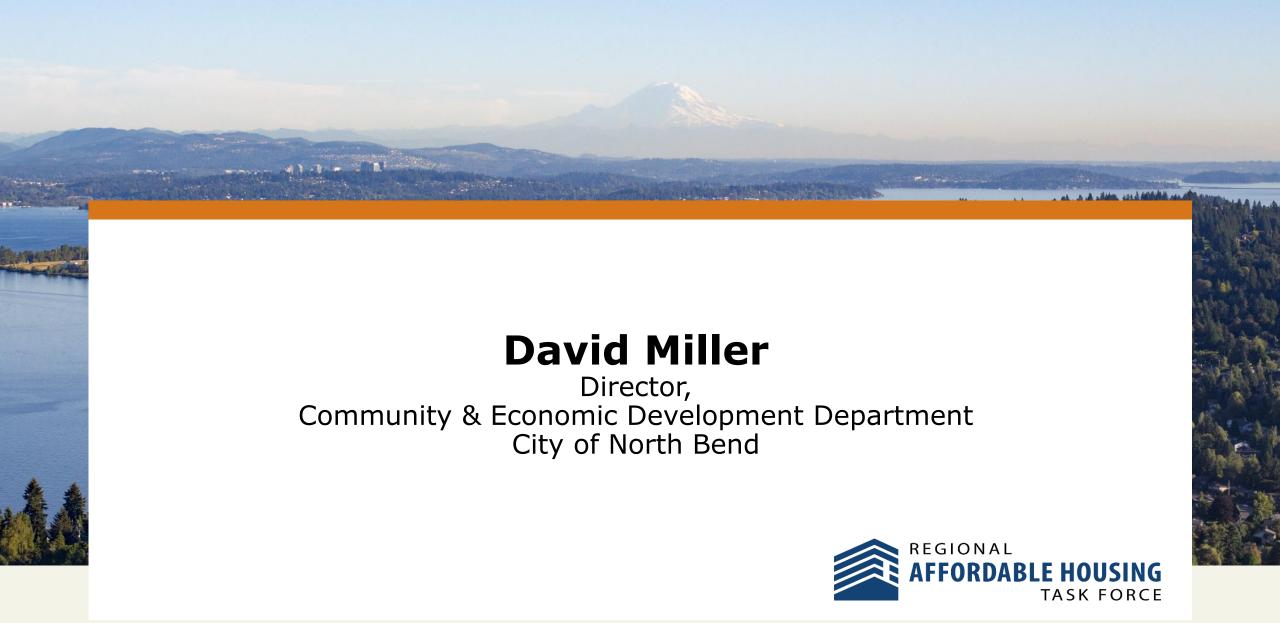
**Senior Rental** 

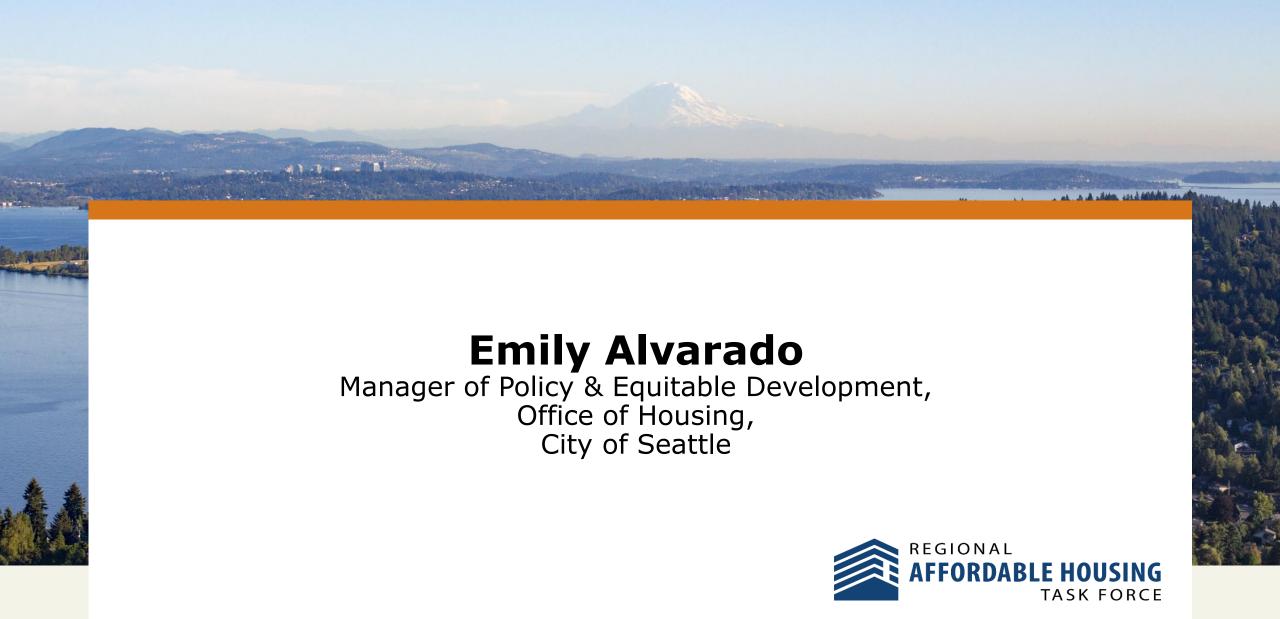
Ownership

### LAND USE INCENTIVE ZONING PROGRAMS – East King County Affordability required to Achieve Maximum Density/FAR

Jurisdiction	Neighborhood	Targeted Affordability	Additional Incentives		
Kirkland	Many multifamily zones.	50% median (rental)- 80-100% median (ownership)	Property tax exemption // Fee waivers // density/height		
Redmond	Most neighborhoods.	80% median			
Bellevue	Bel-Red (mixed use area)	80% median	FAR bonus		
Sammamish	Town Center	80% median	Potential fee reduction // Bonus density for more affordable units		
Newcastle	Business Center	70% median (rental) 80% median (owner)			
Mercer Island	Town Center	60% median (rental) – 90% median (ownership)	Permit fee reduction // Property tax exemption		
Issaquah	Central Issaquah	50-70% median – rental 60-80% median - ownership	Potential fee reductions // Additional height		
Kenmore	Site specific, central Kenmore	85% median	Property tax exemption		
King County	Master Planned Communities	80% / 100% / 120% median			







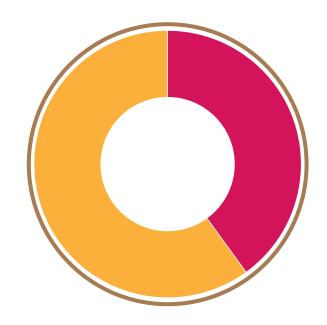
# City of Seattle Select Housing Affordability Strategies





# HALA Context: HALA Goals by 2025

30,000 market-rate homes



## 20,000 affordable homes

- Create net new rent- and income-restricted homes, tripling current production
- Create and expand public and private resources
- Target funds primarily to serve ≤ 60% AMI households
- Target incentive programs primarily to serve 60% to 80% AMI households
- Require new development to contribute to affordable housing



# HALA Context: Housing Affordability & Livability Agenda



### **Invest in Housing for Those Most in Need**

- Renew Voter Approved Housing Levy
- Maximize City Owned Surplus Property
- Authorize Local Option REET



## **Prevent Displacement and Foster Equitable Communities**

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- Strengthen Tenant Protections
- Investing in Programs that Stabilize Vulnerable populations

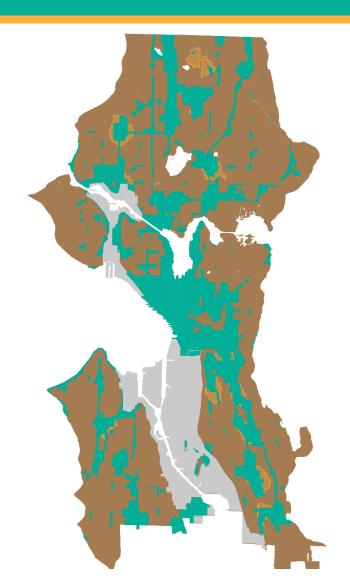


- Require New Affordable Housing as a part of all new multi-family development (MHA)
- Expand on Successful Incentive Programs (e.g. MFTE)

## **Promote Efficient and Innovative Development**

- Review Planning and Development Processes, focus on what works
- Invest in Quality Development and Design

## Mandatory Housing Affordability (MHA): How MHA Works:



- Consistent with state sponsored approach (RCW 36.70A.540)
- Affordable housing requirements take effect when the Seattle City Council adopts new zoning that adds development capacity
- 10-Year Affordable Housing Goal:
  - 6000+ units affordable to households at <60% of AMI</li>
  - Combination of Payment and Performance
- Propose comprehensive zoning changes to implement MHA
  - All Urban Villages and Urban Village expansion areas
  - All areas outside of Urban Villages zoned for multi-family or commercial development

### How MHA Works: Calculating MHA Requirements

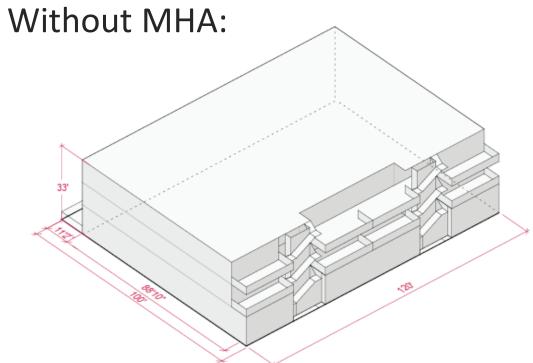
		Geographic Area					
Proposed requirements for recidential and highrise commercial		Low Area		Medium Area		High Area	
		%	\$	%	\$	%	\$
Scale of Zoning Change	Zones with (M) suffix	5%	\$7.00	6%	\$13.25	7%	\$20.75
	Zones with (M1) suffix	8%	\$11.25	9%	\$20.00	10%	\$29.75
	Zones with (M2) suffix	9%	\$12.50	10%	\$22.25	11%	\$32.75



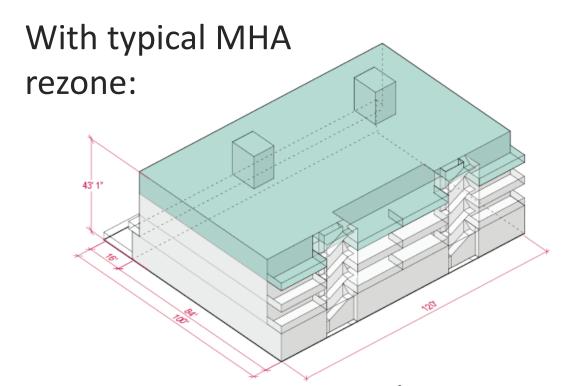
### **How MHA Works:**

### Requirements + Rezones

### MHA example from a "high" market area:



30ft mixed-use building w/ 29 homes
No affordability requirement



40ft mixed-use building w/ 36 homes 3 affordable homes OR \$664,000

## Maximize Publicly Owned Property

#### **City-Owned Property**

- Assessment of all property prior to disposition
- General government property transferred to OH at discount or free
- Issue RFPs to meet multiple public benefits

#### **Sound Transit & King County**

Collaboration on RFPs



### Take-Aways from HALA

#### **Maximize Local Tools**

- Implement land use tools within local control
- Local options availed by the State

#### Participation at All levels of Government

- HALA including assumption of increased resources at all levels of government
- Shared responsibility by private and public sectors
- Explicit State Legislative Agenda (Housing Trust Fund, REET)



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