

# 2019-2020

## Affordable Housing Committee Work Plan

*Coordinating regionally to create more affordable housing*

### A Regional Solution to a Regional Problem

“Residents in every community in the county face an unprecedented challenge in finding and keeping a home they can afford. Affordable housing is a critical component of our region’s infrastructure, and we must act together, across all levels of government and all sectors, to address this crisis and ensure the health and livability of our communities and the economic vitality of our region.”

*—Regional Affordable Housing Task Force Final Report and Recommendations, December 2018*








### 2019 Progress

As a result of the Regional Affordable Housing Task Force process, a committee of 19 elected officials, nonprofit, and business leaders was established to **advance regional solutions** that address the growing affordable housing crisis in King County. With the goal of producing 44,000 units of affordable housing over the next five years and alleviating cost-burden for low-income families, the newly formed **Affordable Housing Committee** spent its first six months:

- **Establishing procedures** for collaboration and decision-making;
- **Developing a shared understanding** of equity and social justice principles to incorporate; and
- **Adopting a policy recommendation** on how the region could work together to maximize the impact of a new affordable housing funding tool (House Bill 1406).

### A Look Ahead to 2020

In consultation with community partners, the Committee finalized a work plan for late 2019 through end of 2020. The following seven areas emerged as the initial focus for regional coordination:

Build Accountability	Take Action
 <b>To each other</b> Establish procedures for Affordable Housing Committee	 <b>Emerging opportunities</b> Take advantage of timely opportunities to increase regional collaboration. 2020 will focus on the update of the housing chapter of the Countywide Planning Policies
 <b>To the people we serve</b> Center equity in the Committee’s work	 <b>Work with the community</b> Build support for affordable housing, develop a community engagement strategy
 <b>To achieving our goals</b> Develop the data dashboard and reporting systems	  <b>Advance Committee priority areas to produce more homes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Analyze and identify unused and new revenue sources and help build the case for greater investment</li><li>• Review and recommend zoning and land use actions to increase and diversify housing choices and maximize affordability, particularly near frequent transit</li></ul>