

## **July 27, 2022 Affordable Housing Committee Meeting**

### **Summary of Community Partners Table Comments**

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#### **Overarching Community Partners Table Comments**

- Support for Option 3: focus on new growth adjusted for local factors for allocating jurisdictional affordable housing need
- Option 3 is more equitable and accounts for geographic disparities
- Jurisdictions with fewer affordable housing options today should receive more allocated housing need

#### **Indian American Community Services**

*Nanda Tewari, Senior Services Coordinator*

- The choice for someone to live near their community no matter their income is vital
- There is a need for affordable housing in communities in East and North King County near work and cultural opportunities
- Prioritize maintaining existing housing in addition to producing new housing

#### **Centro Cultural Mexicano**

*Angie Hinojos, Executive Director and Co-founder*

- Low-wage workers have to leave their communities because they can't find affordable housing near where they work – this causes families to uproot and separate into different households
- A fully functioning community should include diversity of income levels, ages, cultures, and job types. People who work far from where they live can't fully participate in a healthy, inclusive community
- Low-wage workers deserve high-quality lives and want access to good schools, parks, trails, and other amenities available in areas that have more resources through taxes
- There is a huge affordable housing need in East King County

#### **Lived Experience Coalition**

*Harold Odom, former Director of Policy*

- Shared personal story on barriers to finding affordable housing

#### **African Community Housing and Development (ACHD)**

*Bree Nicoletto, Director of Community Development & Special Projects*

- The communities ACHD serves need more options for intergenerational housing, given their average family size of seven people
- There should be requirements and incentives around family-sized housing. Although units with 3+ bedrooms are more expensive to build, they are needed for families.
- Currently, families have to split up and send kids to live with others; this impacts the success of families and their ability to thrive
- Working families deserve affordable options and an opportunity to live in areas that meet their needs and provide vital connections to their communities
- There should be more missing middle housing that allows for density in single-family neighborhoods
- ACHD is pursuing a homeownership pilot project that includes affordable, family-sized homeownership for families making \$55,000 a year

#### **Open Doors for Multicultural Families**

*Ginger Kwan, Executive Director*

- The communities Open Doors serves need more options for family-sized housing and access to services on site to ensure communities are built, not just houses
- Access to services like healthcare, transportation, jobs, and childcare are essential when thinking about where to grow housing
- The current housing funding structures make it difficult to build mixed-income, mixed-use, and multi-generational affordable housing, which are much needed in low-income Black, Indigenous, and People of Color communities
- When considering affordable housing need targets, consider more housing to serve the needs of those earning 0-50% area median income

### **Sound Generations**

*Brittany Blue, Chief Marketing and Philanthropy Officer (absent)*

*Comment conveyed by Sarah Ballew, Headwater People*

- A lot of older adults are in low-income housing, and it is not adequate. It is outdated, with no remodeling to support aging in place. The housing is not fully accessible like it should be.

### **Lavender Rights Project**

*Ebo Barton, Director of Housing Services (absent)*

- No comments