Affordable Housing Committee Work Plan Survey Summary

Background

On July 8th, 2019, Affordable Housing Committee members were asked to complete a survey to inform annual work plan priorities for the Committee. The survey asked respondents to rank the strategies within each goal of the Regional Affordable Housing Task Force Five Year Action Plan in order of priority. The survey also included two open-ended questions about visioning and general comments on a first year Committee project or approach. There was a 70 percent response rate to the survey, with 16 out of 23 Committee members/alternates completing it.

Scoring Mechanism

Questions 2-7 show in the aggregate how each member ranked the strategies within each Action Plan goal. The bar chart in question two shows the weighted average scores of each strategy. The specific values can be found in the last column of the table beneath the chart. For example, question 2 shows columns 1-3 signifying what order the respondent placed the strategy. The table shows that 50% of respondents (8 people) ranked strategy A as the first priority. The weighted average score in the last column shows the overall score for the strategy. The higher the score, the higher the strategy ranked in prioritization. In question 2, strategy A and strategy B received equal scores of 2.25.

Summary of Results

Action Plan Goal	Highest Priority Strategies
Goal 2: Increase construction and preservation of affordable homes for households earning less than 50% area median income *(Note: There was even prioritization of two strategies)*	**Strategy A:** The Affordable Housing Committee will work with cities and the County to identify and prioritize new resources to build or preserve 44,000 units in the next five years and track progress toward the goal
	Strategy B: Make available at no cost, at deep discount, or for long term lease, underutilized property from State, County, cities, and non-profit/faith communities
Goal 3: Prioritize affordability accessible within a half mile walkshed of existing and planned frequent transit service, with a particular priority for high-capacity transit stations	**Strategy A**: Implement comprehensive inclusionary/incentive housing policies in all existing and planned frequent transit service to achieve the deepest affordability possible through land use incentives to be identified by local jurisdictions, which may include: a) Increased density b) Reduced parking requirements c) Reduced permit fees d) Exempted impact fees e) Multi-family property tax exemptions f) Programmatic Environmental Impact Statements

Goal 4: Preserve access to affordable homes for renters by supporting tenant protections to increase housing stability and reduce risk of homelessness *(Note: There was relatively even prioritization of two strategies)*	**Strategy A:** Propose and support legislation and statewide policies related to tenant protection to ease implementation and provide consistency for landlords
	Strategy B: Strive to more widely adopt model, expanded tenant protection ordinances countywide and provide implementation support
Goal 5: Protect existing communities of color and low-income communities from displacement in gentrifying communities	**Strategy B:** Increase investments in communities of color and low-income communities by developing programs and policies that serve individuals and families at risk of displacement
Goal 6: Promote greater housing growth and diversity to achieve a variety of housing types at a range of affordability and improve jobs/housing connections throughout King County	**Strategy B:** Decrease costs to build and operate housing affordable to low-income households
Goal 7: Better engage local communities and other partners in addressing the urgent need for and benefits of affordable housing	**Strategy B**: Expand engagement of non-governmental partners (philanthropy, employers, investors, private developers and faith communities) to support efforts to build and site more affordable housing