



DRAFT Statement of Intent

Residents in every community in the county are facing 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 economic vitality, health (or livability), and sustainability of our communities and our region.

The Regional Affordable Housing Task Force will make recommendations that are actionable, sustainable, and regional in nature and that will make a meaningful difference toward meeting the projected need by building, preserving, or subsidizing 244,000 new, affordable homes countywide by 2040. The Task Force will identify strategies to reduce the disproportional impacts of housing affordability challenges, including displacement, on communities of color, older adults, and others with fixed or limited-incomes or special needs. Further, the Task Force will develop a five-year work plan that prioritizes strategies that can be implemented at the regional level or through jurisdictional collaboration.