

# Memo

**To:** King County Affordable Housing Committee Members  
**From:** Carson Hartmann, Regional Affordable Housing Planner  
**cc:** Housing Interjurisdictional Team  
**Date:** September 15, 2023  
**Re:** Community Partners Table Update

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## Purpose of September 21 AHC Meeting

At the September 21 AHC meeting Headwater People Consulting, the consultants managing the Community Partners Table, will brief the Affordable Housing Committee (AHC or Committee) on the first two meetings of the Community Partners Table (Table) in 2023, including details on the 2023-2024 Table membership and work plan. AHC members are invited to ask questions.

## Background

In January 2022, the AHC formed the Table to support the Committee in advancing regional housing solutions and eliminating housing cost burden among low-income households in King County. Headwater People Consulting established and managed the Table in 2022. The Table was composed of leaders from seven community organizations representing people who were/had:

- low-income;
- Black, Indigenous, and People of Color;
- gender diverse;
- experiencing homelessness;
- developmental/intellectual and physical disabilities;
- aging adults or elders;
- lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, intersex, asexual, and more;
- youth and families;
- cost-burdened renters;
- immigrants and refugees; and
- undocumented individuals.

Throughout 2022, the Table met nearly monthly to deepen their knowledge of the AHC's work, as well as review and provided feedback on AHC projects, including the 2022 AHC recommendation to the Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC) in response to GMPC Motion 21-1.<sup>1</sup> The Table briefly paused work after its original contract expired at the end of the 2022. King County's Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) provisionally extended the Table's contract in order to support member attendance at the March 2023 GMPC meeting. In May of 2023, DCHS secured additional funding to continue the Table in 2023 and 2024.<sup>2</sup>

## Membership

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<sup>1</sup> Recommended Responses to GMPC Motion 21-1 [\[link\]](#)

<sup>2</sup> For a more complete summary of the Table's 2022 and 2023 activity, see the Community Partners Table Update staff report from the June 15, 2023 AHC meeting [\[link\]](#)

All eight Table members, representing seven community-based organizations, from the 2022 Table cohort recommitted to the Community Partners Table for the remainder of 2023 and through 2024. Table members organizations and representatives include:

- **African Community Housing & Development / Partner: Bree Nicoletto, Director of Community Development**, their mission is to provide opportunities for African Diaspora immigrant and refugee communities, families, and individuals in King County to attain health and housing stability, economic development, high-quality education, and referrals to legal services.
- **Centro Cultural Mexicano / Partner: Angie Hinojos, Executive Director**, strives to inspire inclusive participation by the community in all aspects of education, culture, and society by providing opportunities to create a positive future. They work to build a vibrant community of empowered individuals through art and culture.
- **Indian American Community Services / Partners: Nanda Tewari and Dr. Pran Wahi, Seniors Program**, is committed to supporting the local Indian community with critical programs and services, especially for those most at-risk members of our community. They seek to work together to increase the well-being of the community by addressing individual needs ranging from healthcare, financial assistance, family assistance, mental health and counseling.
- **Lavender Rights Project / Partner: Ebo Barton, Director of Housing Services**, elevates the power, autonomy, and leadership of the Black intersex & gender diverse community through intersectional legal and social services. We utilize the law as an organizing principle to affirm our civil rights and self-determination. The organization disrupts oppressive systems that target Black gender diverse and intersex communities of color and lead to disproportionate levels of poverty, housing disparities, and gender-based violence, especially among Black and Indigenous people.
- **Lived Experience Coalition / Partner: Harold Odom, Director of Policy and Outreach**, is a diverse group of people who are coming together to lift each other up, advocate for themselves and others, and advance race and social justice.
- **Open Doors for Multicultural Families / Partner: Ginger Kwan, Executive Director**, engages and partners with culturally and linguistically diverse individuals with developmental/ intellectual disabilities and their families. We use a cultural brokerage model to navigate services, provide specialized programming, and advocate for systems change. Open Doors for Multicultural Families envisions a world where all culturally and linguistically diverse individuals with developmental or intellectual disabilities and their families thrive in an inclusive society of their design.
- **Sound Generations / Partner: Brittany Blue, Chief Marketing & Philanthropy Officer** supports people on their aging journey through community connections and accessible services. They envision a just society where aging adults, adults with disabilities, and those who care for them can live their best lives in a supportive and caring community.

### **Community Partners Table Work Plan 2023-2024**

The Table met for the first time in 2023 since the extension of the Table contract on August 18, 2023. In this meeting, the Table reviewed past Table work, 2023 AHC progress on its own work plan and a work plan for the duration of the Table contract (see below).

## Community Partners Table Work Plan 2023–2024

Work Plan Item	Timeframe
1. Inform <b>new dashboard structure</b> with progress metrics, comparative standards, and annual reporting procedures for jurisdictions to demonstrate they are planning for and accommodating housing needs	Aug 2023-April 2024
2. Inform <b>AHC charter amendments</b>	Aug-Dec 2023
3. Recommend to AHC staff how to better review <b>comprehensive planning strategies intended to identify and repair harms to Black, Indigenous, and People of Color</b> communities and develop recommendations for equitable comprehensive planning and community engagement processes	Dec 2023-June 2024
4. Recommend to the King County Department of Community and Human Services Planning, Policy, and Special Projects Team or the Housing, Homelessness, and Community Development Division <b>community engagement best practices or characteristics of a new structure for informing broader housing efforts</b> for future implementation	June-Dec 2024

On September 7, 2023, the Table met for a second time to determine what role the Table would play in the development of a new dashboard structure, a comparative standard, and metrics and reporting procedures. The Table decided to first focus on informing options to compare jurisdictional progress on planning for and accommodating housing needs.

### What's Next

At the October 16, 2023 Table meeting, Table members will review preliminary options for comparing jurisdictional progress on planning for and accommodating housing needs. After the October meeting, the Table will meet throughout 2023 and 2024 to execute its workplan. Dates for meetings include:

- September 7, 2023
- October 16, 2023
- February 5, 2024
- April 12, 2024
- June 10, 2024
- August 9, 2024
- October 7, 2024
- December 6, 2024