

Memo

To: King County Affordable Housing Committee Members
From: Isaac Horwith, Affordable Housing Planning Program Manager
cc: Housing Interjurisdictional Team
Date: March 1, 2024
Re: Housing-focused Draft Comprehensive Plan Review Program Status Update

Introduction

At the March 7 Affordable Housing Committee (AHC) meeting, AHC staff will provide a brief status update on the housing-focused draft comprehensive plan review program.

Background

The [King County Countywide Planning Policies](#) (CPPs) establish a housing-focused draft comprehensive plan review program through CPP H-26. At a high level, the goal of the program is to review the housing-related components of each jurisdiction's draft plan for alignment with the CPP Housing Chapter goals and policies prior to plan adoption and provide comments. AHC staff will review jurisdiction's draft plans and prepare a comment letter for AHC members to review and potentially approve.

The "Housing-focused Draft Comprehensive Plan Review Program" drop down on the [Affordable Housing Committee's website](#) provides more information about the program, resources for jurisdictions, and AHC-approved comment letters issued to date.

Program Status Update

So far, the AHC has approved comment letters on King County and Redmond's draft plans, with 38 jurisdictions remaining. As of March 1, 2024, no additional jurisdictions have submitted to the program. AHC staff tentatively expect the cities of Algona, Bellevue, Maple Valley, Sammamish, Seattle, and Tukwila to submit to the program in March. AHC staff's goal is to prepare at least two comment letters for AHC consideration at the May AHC meeting. The AHC will consider the remaining letters at the June AHC meeting.

King County continues to increase staff capacity to support this work. King County plans to post a job listing to hire a term-limited temporary position to support the housing-focused draft comprehensive plan review program Friday, March 15. Once hired, the program will have three full-time staff through December 31, 2024.

Staff will share any updates since March 1 on jurisdiction's submissions verbally at the March AHC meeting.