

Memo

To: King County Affordable Housing Committee Members
From: McCaela Daffern, Affordable Housing Committee Manager
cc: Housing Interjurisdictional Team
Date: April 23, 2025
Re: New Affordable Housing Committee Member Appointment

In Brief

This purpose of this memo is to inform Affordable Housing Committee (AHC) members of Washington Multi-Family Housing Association (WMFHA) Director of Government Affairs Carter Nelson and King County Councilmember Jorge L. Barón's memberships to the AHC. Due to limited time at the May 1, 2025 AHC meeting, no staff briefing will occur.

Proposed Member Appointment

According to the current AHC charter, AHC members are appointed by the GMPC Chair, with concurrence from the GMPC membership, every odd numbered year. AHC members serve two-year terms. Membership is composed of elected officials representing King County, the City of Seattle, and Sound Cities Association and individuals with subject matter expertise in affordable housing, including displacement.

Each elected official caucus is responsible for recommending its own committee members for appointment by the GMPC Chair with concurrence from the GMPC membership.

If any of the subject matter experts are unable to complete their term, a represented organization may suggest a replacement for consideration by the GMPC. The GMPC may select any qualified candidate that maintains a balance of diverse demographic and geographic representation and expertise.

With AHC member Ryan Makinster's departure from the WMFHA in 2024, the WMFHA recommended their new Director of Government Affairs, Carter Nelson, to serve as their representative.

Following King County Councilmember Teresa Mosqueda's departure from the AHC this year, the King County Council recommends King County Councilmember Jorge L. Barón for appointment to the AHC.

What's Next

AHC staff continue to finalize the recruitment and selection process for vacant subject matter expert seats. Staff will propose their process to AHC members at the June 5, 2025 AHC meeting, followed by a briefing on new subject matter experts at the September 4, 2025 AHC meeting. Following AHC approval, AHC staff will brief and request GMPC concurrence on all new member appointments. Following concurrence, the GMPC Chair will issue an appointment letter. WMFHA Director of Government Affairs Carter Nelson and King County Councilmember Jorge L. Barón can serve in provisional capacities on the AHC until this occurs.