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December 13, 2024

Kristen Holdsworth
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Kent, WA 98032

Dear Ms. Holdsworth,

Thank you for submitting the City of Kent's draft comprehensive plan to the Affordable Housing Committee's (AHC) Housing-focused Draft Comprehensive Plan Review Program (plan review program) for review on November 18, 2024.

The AHC is a committee of the Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC), consisting of representatives of King County and its cities, housing providers, area employers, and others. By direction of the GMPC and [King County Countywide Planning Policies](#) (CPP) Housing Chapter policy H-26, the AHC now conducts a housing-focused review of all King County jurisdictions' draft periodic comprehensive plan updates, assessing the draft plans for alignment with the CPP Housing Chapter goals and policies prior to plan adoption and provides comment.¹

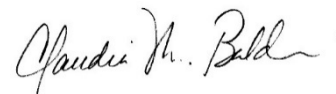
We appreciate the time and effort Kent put into development of the draft plan. Unfortunately, we were unable to complete review of your draft plan prior to our final AHC meeting of the year, on December 5, 2024, as we received your submission within the eight-week minimum it takes us to review the draft plan. We will complete review of your draft plan and provide comments on draft plan consistency with the CPP Housing Chapter as early as possible in 2025.

The AHC recognizes that your city might choose to adopt your comprehensive plan update by the state-mandated deadline for periodic updates of December 31, 2024, and that, without AHC comments, the adopted plan may be out of alignment with the King County [CPP Housing Chapter](#) (CPP) Housing Chapter.

If the AHC comments are issued after you adopt your periodic comprehensive plan update, you can bring your plan into alignment with the CPP Housing Chapter by amending your plan in accordance with any AHC recommendations at your next annual amendment process in 2025, consistent with RCW 36.70A.130(2).

If you have questions or need additional information regarding aligning with the CPP Housing Chapter, please contact the AHC plan review program at AHCplanreview@kingcounty.gov.

Sincerely,



Claudia Balducci
Affordable Housing Committee Chair
King County Councilmember, District 6

¹ CPP H-26 The Growth Management Planning Council or its designee will conduct a housing-focused review of all King County jurisdiction's draft periodic updates for alignment with the Housing Chapter goals and policies prior to plan adoption and provide comments.

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