

KING COUNTY GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL

AGENDA TITLE: Affordable Housing Committee (AHC)

PRESENTED BY: Housing Interjurisdictional Staff Team (HIJT)

Topics for Discussion

The Affordable Housing Committee (AHC) is composed of 19 members with 4 alternates; about half of the members are elected officials from King County, Sound Cities Association cities, and the City of Seattle. The other half are non-elected stakeholders with expertise in certain goals from the Regional Affordable Housing Task Force (RAHTF) Five Year Action Plan. On June 21st, the AHC convened for the first time and selected a chair (King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci) and vice chair (Nicole Vallesterro Keenan-Lai from Puget Sound Sage). At this meeting, members shared initial priorities for implementing the Five Year Action Plan and explored opportunities for regional coordination in implementing House Bill 1406. The Housing Interjurisdictional Team (HIJT), which supports the work of the Committee, convened and met for the first time on July 2nd. A work group of the HIJT has developed a HB 1406 decision memo to present options and recommendations for jurisdictions to take advantage of HB 1406. The AHC is preparing to meet for the second time on July 30th where they will discuss a policy position and explore work plan options.

Background

The Affordable Housing Committee (AHC) of the Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC) serves as a regional advisory body to recommend action and assess progress toward implementing the RAHTF Five Year Action Plan. The Committee functions as a point of coordination and accountability for affordable housing efforts across King County.

The RAHTF wrapped up its work in 2018, releasing the Five Year Action Plan which strives to “eliminate to eliminate cost burden for households earning 80% Area Median Income and below, with a priority for serving households at or below 50% Area Median Income.” The Action Plan contains seven goals to accomplish the overall goal, with supporting strategies and actions for each goal. Goal 1 is to “create and support an

ongoing structure for regional collaboration.” The Affordable Housing Committee implements Goal 1.

The HIJT is composed of staff from King County, the City of Seattle, other cities, transit agencies, and nonprofit and stakeholder groups which support the work of the AHC. The Regional Affordable Housing team in the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) supports and staffs this team.

Timeline for AHC Activities

2019:

- June 21st: AHC kickoff meeting held
- July 2nd: HIJT kickoff meeting held
- July-December: AHC will meet bimonthly and HIJT will meet monthly
- September: AHC will adopt a 2019 work plan

Next Steps:

- AHC meeting, July 30th
- HIJT meeting, August 20th
- Draft 2019 Work Plan
- Discuss and possibly issue policy position for regional implementation of House Bill 1406