

**King County  
GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL**

**Wednesday, May 27, 2026  
3:30 – 5:00 PM**

**HYBRID MEETING**

**In Person:** Executive Conference Room, Chinook Building 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
401 Fifth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104

**Virtual:** [Zoom Link](#), Webinar ID: 813 6771 3628, Phone: 1-253-215-8782

**Agenda**

<b>I. Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	<b>3:30 pm</b>
<b>II. Action Item: Approval of Meeting Summary from November 19, 2025</b>	<b>3:35</b>
<b>III. Public Comment</b>	<b>3:40</b>
<b>IV. Federal Legislative Update</b> <i>Robin Koskey, Puget Sound Regional Council</i>	<b>3:50</b>
<b>V. Action Item: 2026 GMPC Work Program</b> <i>Erin Auzins, King County</i>	<b>4:05</b>
<b>VI. State Legislative Update</b> <i>Dave Anderson, Washington State Department of Commerce</i>	<b>4:10</b>
<b>VII. Housing Monitoring Program</b> <i>Carson Hartmann, King County</i>	<b>4:25</b>
<b>VIII. GMPC Affordable Housing Committee Update</b> <i>McCaela Daffern, King County</i>	<b>4:55</b>
<b>IX. Adjourn</b>	<b>5:00</b>

*Next GMPC Meeting: June 24, 2026 at 4:00pm*

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**GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL**

**November 19, 2025**

Hybrid Meeting via Zoom Webinar

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## **Meeting Summary**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representing King County:

Executive Shannon Braddock, Chair  
Councilmember Sarah Perry

Representing Seattle:

None present

Representing Bellevue:

Councilmember Jared Nieuwenhuis

Representing Sound Cities Association (SCA):

Councilmember Satwinder Kaur – City of Kent  
Councilmember Kent Treen – City of Sammamish  
Councilmember Melissa Stuart – City of Redmond  
\*Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson – City of Federal Way  
\*Councilmember Kate Baldwin – City of Auburn  
\*Mayor Jim Ribail – City of Carnation

*\*Alternates*

Other GMPC Members:

Commissioner Nav Otal – Sammamish Plateau Sewer and Water District

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## **AGENDA TOPICS:**

### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

King County Executive Shannon Braddock called the meeting to order and welcomed members to the November 19, 2025 meeting of the Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC).

### **II. Action Item: Approval of Meeting Summary from September 17, 2025**

The summary was approved by voice vote.

### **III. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **IV. ACTION – GMPC Motion 25-2: GMPC Affordable Housing Committee Charter Amendments**

McCaela Daffern, from the King County Department of Community and Human Services, presented the proposed Motion to amend the Affordable Housing Committee (AHC) Charter. The AHC has been evaluating its purpose and intent, and have found: 1) that the Countywide Planning Policies (CPP) serve as an effective flexible vehicle to carry out the AHC's work going forward, 2) meaningful local housing policy implementation, substantial new revenue and new financing strategies are critical, and 3) membership, leadership, meetings, decision making and staffing practices could be improved. Amendments align with these findings and reflect a focus on CPP Housing Chapter implementation, retaining its broad recommending authority recognizing the need for new revenue and financing, and new practices to strengthen its operational practice.

The Motion was briefed at the September GMPC meeting. No amendments requested by GMPC members at that meeting, so the Motion remains unchanged. Staff report includes a summary of recent AHC activity to adopt a 2026 work plan, set state legislative priorities, and review draft comprehensive plans for CPP Housing Chapter alignment.

Councilmember Stuart stated that the Sound Cities Association caucus is in support of this motion.

GMPC Motion 25-2 was moved for approval by Councilmember Perry, seconded by Councilmember Stuart. GMPC voted to approve Motion 25-2 unanimously.

### **V. ACTION – GMPC Motion 25-3: Unincorporated Urban Potential Annexation Area Growth Targets Amendment**

Rebecca Maskin, from King County Regional Planning, briefed the GMPC on a potential action to redistribute housing growth targets within urban unincorporated King County. As the County was completing its Comprehensive Plan, staff realized there was not sufficient capacity

in the Black Diamond urban unincorporated Potential Annexation Area (PAA). The motion moves urban growth targets between two PAAs, to where capacity exists in unaffiliated urban unincorporated. This change does not affect any city and town targets, or total growth targets in the urban area.

The Motion was briefed at the September GMPC meeting. The Motion has not been substantively changed since that meeting.

Clarifying questions were asked by GMPC members. Rebecca displayed a map showing where the two PAAs subject to the Motion are located.

GMPC Motion 25-3 was moved for approval by Mayor Ribail, seconded by Executive Braddock. GMPC voted to approve Motion 25-3 unanimously.

## **VI. GMPC Draft 2026 Work Program & 2025 Work Program Updates**

Ivan Miller, from King County Regional Planning, presented the draft 2026 work program. It includes Actions and Briefings for 2026. Actions include approval of the work program, and designation of Countywide and Regional Centers.

SCA members requested that the GMPC receive a March 2026 briefing on efforts to align and standardize CPP housing monitoring and reporting, along with the technical assistance available to jurisdictions. Members emphasized that the current reporting process is too burdensome, especially for small cities, and stressed that for the monitoring program to succeed, reporting must be simpler, require fewer staff hours, avoid new software, and result in publicly accessible, consistently aggregated data.

The work plan will be brought back to the next GMPC meeting.

Ivan also presented the 2025 work program, including 42 applications for Countywide Centers and 1 for Regional Centers. A subcommittee of staff are reviewing all of those. Reconciliation ordinance to approve the GMPC Motion for Snoqualmie and Carnation reconciliation has been ratified. The 2026-2027 King County budget includes a proviso to update the Action Plan in the Regional Affordable Housing Task Force Final Report and Recommendations. That will be brought to the GMPC in the future.

## **VII. Adjourn**

Executive Braddock thanked the GMPC for their time and work and wished the GMPC great success in their future work. The meeting was adjourned.

**KING COUNTY GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

<b>AGENDA TITLE:</b> Federal Legislative Update
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b> Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations and Communications, Puget Sound Regional Council

**Today's Meeting**

At today's meeting, the Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC) will receive a briefing on the planning-related actions by the federal government.

**Overview**

PSRC continues to monitor the impact of proposed legislation, rule-making, and federal funding directives for our region, including progress on appropriations, Continuum of Care and surface transportation reauthorization. PSRC is in frequent contact with members of the region's federal delegation to relay consequences of actions at the federal level to local governments and our region.

**For More Information**

Please contact Robin Koskey, Puget Sound Regional Council staff, at [dave.andersen@commerce.wa.gov](mailto:dave.andersen@commerce.wa.gov), or Erin Auzins, King County Executive staff, at [eauzins@kingcounty.gov](mailto:eauzins@kingcounty.gov).

**KING COUNTY GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

<b>AGENDA TITLE:</b> Potential Action Item: GMPC 2026 Work Program
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b> Interjurisdictional Staff Team

**Today's Meeting**

At today's meeting, the Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC) is scheduled to adopt its 2026 Work Program.

**Overview**

The draft 2026 Work Program was prepared by the Interjurisdictional Staff Team (IJT) and discussed by GMPC at its November 2025 meeting. The 2026 Work Program includes standard briefings, follow up work from 2025 topics, and some new topics.

**Standard briefings**

- Includes recurring topics such as annexation updates, school coordination with cities, state and federal legislative updates, and other updates of interest to the GMPC.

**Follow-up on 2025 topics**

- **Affordable Housing Committee Work:** Updates related to the work of the Affordable Housing Committee (AHC) including briefings on the housing element monitoring and reporting for 2026, additional appointments to the AHC to fill existing and upcoming vacancies, and updates on the progress of the AHC [work plan](#).
- **Countywide Capacity:** In 2025, the GMPC recommended reconciliation of growth targets for the cities of Carnation and Snoqualmie through GMPC Motion 25-1, and for unincorporated King County through GMPC Motion 25-3. As part of GMPC Motion 25-1, the GMPC directed staff to “analyze comprehensive plan growth assumptions and reported capacity after the periodic update of comprehensive plans is complete to inform required monitoring of the Countywide Planning Policies, the next version of the Urban Growth Capacity Report, and growth targets and housing need that support the 2034 periodic update.”

**Returning topics**

- **Countywide and Regional Centers Designations:** Following an application process in 2025, the IJT is reviewing over 40 applications for *countywide* centers and new *regional* centers, with GMPC review and potential approval in June 2026. Centers designations are required to be designated in the Countywide Planning Policies before they can be considered by the Puget Sound Regional Council for future funding decisions.

**Meeting Schedule and Format**

- Attachment A provides a proposed schedule for the 2026 GMPC meetings and illustrates when the topics will be presented at GMPC.
- GMPC meetings will continue to be held primarily on Zoom, with an in-person option available at the King County Chinook Building to meet Open Public Meetings Act requirements.

**For More Information**

Please contact Erin Auzins, King County Executive staff, at [eauzins@kingcounty.gov](mailto:eauzins@kingcounty.gov).

**Attachment**

**Attachment A.** Proposed 2026 GMPC Work Program

## 2026 GMPC Work Program

Date	Tentative Agenda Items
April 30	<p><b>Action:</b> Approve GMPC 2026 Work Program</p> <p>State Legislative Session Update (Department of Commerce staff)</p> <p>Federal Legislative Update (PSRC staff)</p> <p>Housing Monitoring Program</p> <p>GMPC’s Affordable Housing Committee Update</p>
June 24	<p><b>First Briefing:</b> King County Designation of Countywide and Regional Centers</p> <p>GMPC’s Affordable Housing Committee Update</p>
Sept. 16	<p><b>Action:</b> King County Designation of Countywide and Regional Centers</p> <p>Annexation Annual Update</p> <p>GMPC’s Affordable Housing Committee Update</p>
Nov. 18	<p>School/City/County Coordination Meetings (PF-22)</p> <p>Countywide Capacity, per Motion 25-1</p> <p>Initial discussion of 2027 GMPC Work Program</p> <p>GMPC’s Affordable Housing Committee Update</p>

**KING COUNTY GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

<b>AGENDA TITLE:</b> 2026 Legislative Session Update
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b> Dave Andersen, Managing Director, Growth Management Services, Washington State Department of Commerce

**Today's Meeting**

At today's meeting, the Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC) will receive a briefing on the countywide and local planning-related outcomes of the 2026 legislative session.

**Overview**

Numerous planning related bills were introduced in the 2026 session of the Washington State legislature and several were signed into law. At today's meeting, Commerce staff will provide an overview of the bills that were adopted, and the associated planning-related state budget activities, that impact the GMPC's work on countywide and local planning issues.

**Future Activity**

Staff will work to identify how the bills impact the GMPC's work and workplan. As warranted, information will be brought back to GMPC for future discussion.

**For More Information**

Please contact Dave Anderson, Washington State Department of Commerce staff, at [dave.andersen@commerce.wa.gov](mailto:dave.andersen@commerce.wa.gov), or Erin Auzins, King County Executive staff, at [eauzins@kingcounty.gov](mailto:eauzins@kingcounty.gov).

**KING COUNTY GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

**AGENDA TITLE: Countywide Planning Policy Monitoring and Reporting Update**

**PRESENTED BY: Carson Hartmann, Senior Housing Planner, King County**

**Today's Meeting**

King County staff will provide an update on Affordable Housing Committee (AHC) efforts to implement Countywide Planning Policies (CPP) Housing Chapter monitoring and reporting, including an overview of CPP Housing Chapter monitoring and reporting requirements and current efforts to align and standardize reporting.

**Monitoring and Reporting Requirements in the CPPs**

Under RCW 36.70A.210, King County develops Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) in cooperation with cities to ensure their comprehensive plans are consistent across the county. As legally binding policies, the CPPs serve as the framework that all jurisdictions must use to guide their comprehensive plans, including how each jurisdiction plans for and accommodates its share of the countywide housing need.

Because meeting housing needs requires jurisdictions to continually evaluate real-world outcomes and refine their strategies between periodic comprehensive plan updates, the CPPs establish a coordinated system for reviewing draft comprehensive plans, monitoring and reporting outcomes, and assessing progress and adjusting strategies between updates. These requirements were strengthened through major CPP amendments adopted in 2021 and 2023 to reinforce a reliable continuous-improvement cycle for housing implementation.

This process ensures that local plans are coordinated and consistent with countywide housing goals and policies, increases the likelihood that housing-related plan commitments are implemented so needs are met, and provides jurisdictions with structured opportunities for adjustment and continual improvement between periodic comprehensive plan updates.

Key policies guiding this work include:

- **CPP H-26**, which requires the GMPC or its designee to conduct a housing-focused review of each jurisdiction's draft periodic comprehensive plan update prior to adoption and provide comment. This review:
  - offers early guidance and assistance to jurisdictions on alignment with the CPP Housing Chapter;
  - ensures plans address all Housing Chapter goals, policies, and required analyses;

- evaluates the meaningfulness of plan responses to CPPs, where meaningful responses can be reasonably expected to achieve a material, positive change in the jurisdiction’s ability to meet housing needs; and
- collects implementation details to inform future monitoring and evaluation throughout the planning period.
- **CPP H-27**, which requires jurisdictions and the County to monitor progress toward meeting housing needs and eliminating disparities in access to housing and neighborhood choice, where feasible, use existing reports and monitoring tools and collaborate to reduce duplicative reporting, and annually report specific data to the County.
- **CPP H-28**, which requires the County to provide ongoing, publicly accessible information on jurisdictional progress through tools such as the King County Regional Affordable Housing Dashboard, including standardized benchmarks, comparative measures, and countywide housing trends.
- **CPP H-29**, which outlines a mid-cycle “assess and adjust” process five years after comprehensive plan adoption. During this process, the GMPC or its designee review the monitoring and reporting data collected through annual reporting and other local data and analysis, identify significant shortfalls in planning for and accommodating housing needs, and recommend actions to address shortfalls. Jurisdictions then identify and implement actions to address these shortfalls.<sup>1</sup>

In 2025, the GMPC amended the AHC’s charter, authorizing the AHC, among other duties, to conduct the upfront plan review and mid-cycle assessment of shortfalls processes, and monitor and annually report in public-facing tools countywide and jurisdictional progress to meet housing needs and eliminate disparities in access to housing and neighborhood choice. The AHC’s 2026 work plan reflects this expanded role.<sup>2</sup>

At the November 2025 GMPC meeting, members requested AHC staff provide a briefing on CPP Housing Chapter monitoring and reporting activities — covering annual data reporting requirements and efforts to standardize reporting and technical assistance. The sections below include this requested information.

### **CPP H-27 Annual Reporting Requirements**

CPP H-27(a) requires jurisdictions to report four data points to the County each year. Attachment 1 details these requirements, County staff’s proposed data-collection approach, and a use case for the data in CPP monitoring and reporting.

In general, data provided to the County from CPP reporting allows:

- cities and King County to track housing supply, income-restricted units, policies, and housing needs consistently across the county;

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<sup>1</sup> Full policy text can be found in the King County 2021 CPPs, Amended July 1, 2025, Ratified October 22, 2025, pg.49-51 [\[link\]](#)

<sup>2</sup> King County Affordable Housing Committee’s 2026 Work Plan and Meeting Schedule [\[link\]](#)

- cities and King County to evaluate progress toward housing needs, including reducing disparities and meeting CPP housing needs by income level;
- cities and King County to highlight annual planning accomplishments, such as zoning capacity increases, implementation of strategies that align with the CPPs, and contributions to subregional collaborations;
- King County and the AHC to monitor housing-related policy implementation and support accountability for planning and accommodating housing needs; and
- cities and King County to learn from one another’s progress and share effective approaches.<sup>3</sup>

### **Past King County Survey Efforts**

Consistent with CPP H-27, King County relies on existing regional reporting tools whenever possible to avoid duplication. In 2022 and 2025, County staff partnered with the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) to collect required data from jurisdictions. Because PSRC only conducts its survey every three years, King County distributes its own shorter, CPP-focused survey in the off-years. In 2025, jurisdictions completed both PSRC’s Housing Incentives and Tools Survey and a King County addendum, which together gathered necessary information on income-restricted housing, zoned residential capacity, and implementation strategies.<sup>4</sup> Since PSRC will not release a survey in 2026, King County will issue its own CPP-focused survey.

### **Efforts to Standardize Reporting in 2026**

After the 2025 jurisdiction survey, jurisdictional staff and elected officials reported that the survey took a lot of staff time to complete and in some instances, required costly consultant support.<sup>5</sup> AHC staff are committed to reducing these burdens in the 2026 survey.

To increase predictability, County staff intend to:

1. **Release the survey at the same time each year**, so jurisdictional staff can integrate the survey into recurring workflows.
2. **Email multiple contacts at each jurisdiction**, to ensure timely assignment and completion.
3. **Notify key stakeholders**—such as the King County Planning Directors and Housing Interjurisdictional Team members—shortly before or after the survey opens.

To further reduce workload and costs, County staff propose the following:

1. **Shorten the survey** in between major regional reporting cycles by excluding questions periodically administered by PSRC in their Housing Incentives and Tools Survey.
2. **Refine the survey questions and instructions** to improve clarity and user experience.

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<sup>3</sup> King County’s 2021 CPPs, Amended July 1, 2025, Ratified October 22, 2025, Appendix 4: Housing Technical Appendix, pg. 74 [\[link\]](#)

<sup>4</sup> King County 2021 CPPs, Amended July 1, 2025, Ratified October 22, 2025, pg.49-50 [\[link\]](#)

<sup>5</sup> King County Growth Management Planning Council. (2025, March 26). November 19, 2025 GMPC meeting [\[link\]](#)

3. **Prepopulate survey forms with 2025 data**—such as income-restricted unit inventories and implementation strategies—so jurisdictions need only update items that changed during the reporting period.
4. **Streamline land-capacity reporting** by requesting only high-level descriptions of changes to zoned residential land capacity. This approach should avoid the need for additional analysis or consultant support.
5. **Provide technical assistance**, offering one-on-one support upon request, open office hours, and a prerecorded webinar.
6. **Request information about subregional contributions from subregional entities**, continuing current practice.

The County intends to release the 2026 jurisdictional survey on June 25, 2026, and keep it open until September 11, 2026.

### **For More Information**

If members and/or their staff are interested in additional information on monitoring and reporting, contact Senior Housing Planner Carson Hartmann at (206) 848-0681 or [cahartmann@kingcounty.gov](mailto:cahartmann@kingcounty.gov).

### **Attachments**

**Attachment 1.** Summary of CPP H-27 Requirements, County Reporting Process, and Data Uses

## Attachment 1. Summary of CPP H-27 Requirements, County Reporting Process, and Data Uses

CPP H-27 Reporting Requirement	County Reporting Process	Data Uses
<b>H-27(a)(1):</b> In the first reporting year, total income-restricted units, total units, by tenure, area median income limit, address, and term of rent and income restrictions, for which the jurisdiction is a party to affordable housing covenants on the property title created during the reporting period. In future years, report new units created and units with affordability terms that expired during the reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual survey</li> <li>• Baseline established in 2025</li> <li>• In 2026, jurisdictions will report on expired and new income-restricted housing covenants established between June 1 and June 30, 2026</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adds information on units produced through incentive programs to the County’s income-restricted housing database</li> <li>• Supports tracking production and supply of income-restricted units</li> <li>• Enables CPP housing-needs progress reporting</li> <li>• Demonstrates consistency with CPPs H-10 and H-17<sup>7</sup></li> </ul>
<b>H-27(a)(2):</b> Description and magnitude of land use or regulatory changes to increase zoned residential capacity including, but not limited to, single-family, moderate-density, and high-density	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual survey</li> <li>• Baseline established in 2025</li> <li>• In 2026, jurisdictions will provide written descriptions of land-use or regulatory changes that increase residential zoning capacity (no new land-capacity analysis required)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highlights significant residential zoned capacity increases</li> <li>• Demonstrates consistency with CPPs H-1, H-9, H-11, H-18, and H-22</li> </ul>
<b>H-27(a)(3):</b> New strategies (e.g., land use code changes, dedicated fund sources, conveyance of surplus property) implemented during the reporting period to advance the policies of this chapter. This includes strategies to increase housing diversity, strategies to increase the supply of income-restricted units in the jurisdiction and implementation details identified in the jurisdiction’s comprehensive plan;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual survey</li> <li>• Jurisdictions finalized the list of strategies in 2025 based on adopted comprehensive plans</li> <li>• Starting in 2026, jurisdictions will verify or update a prepopulated list of strategies and report implementation status</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports peer learning and collaboration</li> <li>• Potential to facilitate reporting for the State’s five-year implementation progress report</li> <li>• Helps the AHC and GMPC hold jurisdictions accountable to their implementation commitments</li> <li>• Demonstrates consistency with all CPPs requiring implementation and adoption, including CPPs H-1, H-2, H-9, H-10, H-12, H-13, H-14, H-15, H-16, H-17, H-18, H-19, H-20, H-21, H-22, H-23, H-24, and H-25</li> <li>• Demonstrates consistency with CPP H-11</li> </ul>
<b>H-27(a)(4):</b> The value of jurisdictional contributions to subregional collaborations to support preservation or creation of income-restricted housing within the subregion made during the reporting period. Contributions may include, but are not limited to, cash loans and grants, land, and fee waived	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• County staff will collect data annually from A Regional Coalition for Housing and South King Housing and Homelessness Partners</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helps the AHC and GMPC recognize jurisdictions’ contributions to ARCH and SKHHP</li> <li>• Demonstrates consistency with CPPs H-1, H-6, H-7, H-14, and H-20</li> </ul>

<sup>7</sup>For CPP full text, see 2021 King County Countywide Planning Policies [\[link\]](#)

**KING COUNTY GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

<b>AGENDA TITLE:</b>	<b>Affordable Housing Committee Updates</b>
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b>	<b>McCaela Daffern, Regional Affordable Housing Planning Manager, Department of Community and Human Services</b>

**Today's Meeting**

At today's meeting, Affordable Housing Committee (AHC) staff will brief the Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC) on recent AHC activities. As a committee of the GMPC, the AHC provides general updates at each regularly scheduled meeting.

**AHC 2026 Work Plan and Meeting Schedule**

The AHC adopted its 2026 Work Plan and Meeting Schedule on November 6, 2025, establishing priorities related to leverage emerging housing trends to inform affordable housing policy solutions and building and sustaining accountability to the King County Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs).<sup>1</sup> On May 7, 2026, the AHC supported revisions to adjust the membership appointment schedule, reduce legislative touch points, discuss monitoring and reporting efforts, and refine the timeline and process for identifying and addressing jurisdictional shortfalls, including coordination with the Washington State Department of Commerce.<sup>2</sup>

**2025 Regional Affordable Housing Dashboard Annual Update**

At its December 4, 2026 meeting, AHC staff briefed members on insights from the 2025 Regional Affordable Housing Dashboard update.<sup>3,4</sup> The dashboard draws from multiple data sources, including federal Census data and datasets built and maintained by King County in partnership with the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC), to track housing policy implementation and net new income-restricted housing unit production reported by jurisdictions and public funders. With the 2025 update, the Regional Affordable Housing Dashboard now serves as a bridge to a new dashboard in 2026 that will report on efforts to advance housing policy requirements in the CPPs and an updated Five Year Action Plan.

**AHC Membership**

The AHC is composed of 18 members representing King County, the City of Seattle, the Sound Cities Association, and housing-related or community-serving organizations. All members are

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<sup>1</sup> Affordable Housing Committee (2026 May 1) Revised Draft 2026 AHC Work Plan Staff Report [\[link\]](#)

<sup>2</sup> Affordable Housing Committee (2026 May 1) Recommended Revisions to 2026 Work Plan and Meeting Schedule Staff Report [\[link\]](#)

<sup>3</sup> Regional Affordable Housing Dashboard [\[link\]](#)

<sup>4</sup> Affordable Housing Committee (2025 November 26) 2025 Regional Affordable Housing Dashboard Update Insights Staff Report [\[link\]](#)

appointed by the GMPC every odd-numbered year and serve two-year terms. King County, the Sound Cities Association, and the City of Seattle recommend their respective members, while the AHC recommends organizational representatives based on the collective expertise needed to carry out the Committee's work.<sup>5</sup>

To develop these recommendations, AHC staff solicit input from AHC members on the expertise areas needed, then present a prospective slate for consideration. On May 7, 2026, AHC members were briefed on the status of returning member appointments, newly recommended members, and proposed areas of expertise to prioritize when recruiting new organizational representatives to fill two vacancies. Members affirmed staff's recommended areas of focus and suggested additional expertise areas to consider.

Staff will develop a recommended slate for AHC consideration at the July 9 meeting, where the AHC will review and potentially recommend a slate of organizational representatives whose expertise aligns with the Committee's needs. The final recommendations will then be forwarded to the GMPC for consideration and potential appointment on September 16. New members will serve on the AHC provisionally until they are appointed.

### **Regional Affordable Housing Task Force Action Plan and Dashboard Update**

The Department of Community and Human Services, Housing and Community Development Division, Budget Proviso 4 in the 2026–2027 King County Budget directs the King County Executive to update the Regional Affordable Housing Task Force Five Year Action Plan and the Regional Affordable Housing Dashboard. This work must be completed in collaboration with relevant interested parties, including the AHC.

At their May meeting, AHC staff briefed members on lessons learned from past implementation and key analytic findings shaping the plan update. Staff then sought feedback on proposed principles to guide development of actions for inclusion in the updated Action Plan.<sup>6</sup> Committee members affirmed the draft principles and suggested targeted refinements to strengthen the plan's overall focus. They also highlighted additional considerations and potential areas of emphasis for the plan update.

King County Councilmember and AHC Chair, Claudia Balducci—who sponsored the proviso—expressed her intent to adjust the project deadline and emphasized the need for a more targeted, high-impact action plan. She also clarified that the AHC's role in this process is consultative and that members will likely be asked to review a draft once the updated deadline and work plan are confirmed. AHC staff are currently preparing next steps in alignment with this guidance.

### **Future Activity**

At the upcoming July AHC meeting, members will learn about effective, evidence-based housing affordability solutions from other communities. Staff will also brief AHC members on

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<sup>5</sup> Affordable Housing Committee Charter (2025 November 19) [\[link\]](#)

<sup>6</sup> Affordable Housing Committee (2026 May 1) Principles for Regional Affordable Housing Task Force Five Year Action Plan and Dashboard Update Staff Report [\[link\]](#)

today's GMPC discussion on efforts to standardize annual CPP reporting and consider and possibly recommend organizational representative members and provisional members appointments for GMPC concurrence in September.

**For More Information**

If members and/or their staff are interested in additional information on these items, contact Regional Affordable Housing Planning Manager McCaela Daffern at 206-263-3627 or [mdaffern@kingcounty.gov](mailto:mdaffern@kingcounty.gov).