AHC Member Appointments

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AHC Member Appointments | Background

- The AHC charter establishes an 18-member committee:
  - King County (3)
  - City of Seattle (2)
  - Sound Cities Association (4)
  - Organizations working on housing or serving communities most impacted by housing cost burden (9)
- GMPC appoints members every odd year for two-year terms
- Several members appointed in 2025 have since resigned
- King County, Seattle, and SCA recommended replacements
- The AHC recommended Aliesha Ruiz with Habitat for Humanity to fill an organizational vacancy
- Appointments today will fill vacancies for the remainder of the 2025–2026 term

Recommended Appointees to the AHC

King County

- Jelani Jackson, Interim Director, Housing and Community Development Division, Department of Community and Human Services, on behalf of King County Executive Girmay Zahilay
- Teresa Mosqueda, King County Councilmember

Seattle

- Kelli Larsen, Director, Office of Housing, on behalf of Seattle Mayor Katie Wilson
- Dionne Foster, Seattle Councilmember

Sound Cities Association

- Dana Parnello, Maple Valley Councilmember
- Lindsey Walsh, Issaquah Councilmember

Housing-Related and Community-Serving Organizations

- Aliesha Ruiz, Advocacy and Policy Manager, Habitat for Humanity Seattle–King & Kittitas Counties

AHC Updates

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Review Draft Plans

CPP H-26

What Happens

- The King County Affordable Housing Committee of the GMPC reviews draft periodic updates to comprehensive plans for alignment with CPP housing goals and policies and provides comments
- Jurisdictions address inconsistencies and adopt a plan consistent with the CPP Housing Chapter

Status

- AHC has issued comment for 36 of the 40 King County jurisdictions
- Snoqualmie plans to submit this week

Monitor & Report

CPPs H-27 & H-28

What Happens

- Jurisdictions report limited housing data to King County in an annual survey
- King County compiles, consolidates with other data, and publishes information online each year in a public facing tool

Status

- 2026 survey streamlined based on GMPC feedback
- 97.5% of King County jurisdictions participated (39 of 40), up from 75% last year
- Information reported will be available in a public dashboard next year

Assess Shortfalls & Adjust

CPP H-29

What Happens

- Five years after periodic update, the AHC uses monitoring data to identify significant shortfalls in efforts to plan for and accommodate housing needs
- Jurisdictions implement actions to address shortfalls

Status

- Next year, the AHC will recommend to the GMPC any protocols, procedures, or CPP amendments needed to guide this work