

Presenter Template

Snohomish County Affordable Housing Task Force Meeting 3 June 20, 2019, 4-6 PM

PRESENTATION: Potential Solutions: How can County, Local and Tribal Governments Help Advance Housing Affordability?

Each Presenter will have 5 minutes to speak. Each presenter is asked to:

(1) address the following four questions, and

(2) complete this template and submit it electronically to Alessandra Durham

(Alessandra.Durham@co.snohomish.wa.us) (Phone: 425-388-3290) by **Noon, MONDAY JUNE 3** so it can be included in the meeting materials. The responses should be in summary format (no longer than 2 pages). You may append articles or weblinks as additional information. Thank you!

Presenter Name: Ashley Lommers-Johnson

Title: Executive Director

Agency/Business Name: Everett Housing Authority

Question 1: What is your Agency/Business's role in addressing housing supply in Snohomish County? (your mission, priority goals, market role, etc.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maximize use of existing supply• Ensure long-term physical and fiscal viability of existing supply (preservation)• Replace obsolete housing stock through acquisition or development (replacement)• Increase housing stock (new housing)
Question 2: What are the most significant challenges your agency/business faces in developing housing?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local, state and national neglect of families with children in favor of the visibly homeless—300,000 fewer families serviced nationwide during a 18-year period when housing vouchers increased by 300,000.• Construction and other development costs are too high• Difficult to compete with other jurisdictions that have levy or other development funding to fund gaps in financing.• No state support for new housing for families with children, even if they are homeless• Elderly residents do not receive much of any priority in federal and state development or operations funding• "Public works" projects can't utilize more innovative and cost-effective development processes—design build
Question 3: What are the 3-5 most important things that County, cities or Tribes could do to help increase housing affordability in Snohomish County?
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Establish a local levy to support housing development2. Establish a local funding stream for operating subsidy3. Change local laws and ordinances that remove obstacles to innovations in housing development
Question 4: Offer 1 example of a successful partnership with the County, a City or Tribal government in support of affordable housing (attach additional materials if desired)
The most recent successful partnership was with the City of Everett forgiveness of principal and interest on a loan that allowed preservation of an 80-unit family development by means of a \$100,000 per unit tax credit acquisition/rehab.