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Subject:	RE: Urgent Action Needed Today for Affordable Housing
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Good day, Mary,

Thank you very much for submitting comments related to the 2025 Comprehensive Plan update.

These will be added to the Comprehensive Plan Index of Record. I am forwarding to additional staff, including Rebecca Messinger from the Council's Office for awareness and to add to their record.

Best,

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Subject: Fwd: Urgent Action Needed Today for Affordable Housing

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This needs your attention!

Dear Clark County Democrats and Allies,

Please take action **today** for affordable housing in Clark County! We now have a public hearing date--this Thursday Oct 1--and some urgent action items for you. The **FIRST** action below is easy and we need many of you to do it so our collective voice is strong.

Most of the County Councilors have long told us they support our Affordable Housing Action Plan and the simple request for the county to set goals for affordable housing, track progress, and adjust as needed to reach their goals. This Thursday, October 1, is the public hearing when they can decide to add that to the county's comprehensive plan.

We need you to take two actions right away, please, since the public hearing is this Thursday.

FIRST

Please send this email **today** to the addresses shown. Personalize it or send it as-is.

To: wil.fuentes@clark.wa.gov; sue.marshall@clark.wa.gov; glen.yung@clark.wa.gov; matt.little@clark.wa.gov; michelle.belkot@clark.wa.gov; chair@clarkcountydems.com; comp.plan@clark.wa.gov

Subject: Add Affordable Housing Tracking to the Comp Plan on Oct 1

Dear County Councilors,

Affordable housing is an emergency and needs to be treated like the crisis it is. During your public hearing on October 1, please add a commitment to set affordable housing goals, track progress, and adjust as needed, using the data already being provided to the county by the state under SB 5587, which passed in 2025.

Setting goals, tracking progress, and adjusting as needed is fundamental for responsible management toward any goal, and affordable housing certainly deserves this level of seriousness and focus. Failing to set goals and track whether you are meeting them indicates a lack of seriousness regarding the affordable housing crisis that impacts so many Clark County families.

On October 1, please establish in the comprehensive plan a standard PDCA cycle based on the principles of lean management. Set goals, measure progress, and Plan, Do, Check and Adjust as needed to reach your goals and increase the supply of affordable housing for Clark County's people.

Setting goals, measuring whether you are reaching them, and adjusting as needed is not asking too much. Please add this simple commitment to set goals and track progress on affordable housing into the comprehensive plan, at your October 1 hearing.

Sincerely,

[Your name]

SECOND

Please attend the public hearing on Thursday, October 1, starting at 4 p.m. You can testify for up to 3 minutes in person, virtually or by phone.

In person: Sixth-floor hearing room, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St., Vancouver

Virtually via Webex: Meeting information

Talking Points for Your Public Hearing Testimony

Please be sure to say this.

- I am asking for you to add a commitment into the comprehensive plan for the county to set goals for affordable housing, track progress, and adjust as needed, using the affordable housing information provided by the state under Senate Bill 5587, which passed in 2025.

Then, add any or all of these talking points. Add your own story or feelings to personalize it.

- Affordable housing is an emergency. Families across our county are in crisis.

- Setting goals and tracking progress is the right way to solve the affordable housing crisis. Failing to do so indicates our county is not taking this crisis seriously.

- The data and analysis you need for this is already being provided by the University of Washington's Center for Real Estate Research, which is required by SB 5587 to publish biennial reports on housing supply and affordability, by county.

- This data includes how many households are in each income bracket, how many affordable housing units exist for each bracket, and how big the gap is.
    - 0–30% of area median income (AMI)
    - 30–50% AMI
    - 50–80% AMI
    - 80–100% AMI
    - 100–120% AMI
    - Above 120% AMI

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- "Affordable" means a total monthly housing payment of no more than 30% of monthly income, under SB 5587 and under the Department of Commerce's statewide standards.

- SB 5587 already requires the state to provide this information to counties, so no additional data collection is required of county staff.

- Please add to the comprehensive plan that the county will set goals, track progress, and adjust as needed, using the affordable housing information provided by the state under SB 5587.

Thank you for standing up for affordable housing in Clark County!

Forward together,

Tim

Tim Probst, Chair
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