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Subject:	RE: Add Affordable Housing Tracking to the Comp Plan on Oct 1
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Good day, Carrie,

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

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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.

- Housing is becoming more and more unaffordable for so many of my friends and neighbors. I know young people who are working good jobs with decent pay, but have no hope of ever affording a house of their own.
- I know seniors on fixed incomes who are grappling with $300/month rent increases every year. When your rent continues to go up, but your income doesn't, there comes a point of no return.
- I am always surprised to see how many of the new homes being built are huge and expensive--not affordable to the average person. Where are the old 3-bedroom ranch-style houses? Those were good starter homes, but no one builds them anymore.
- I am appalled at the frequent stories of investors buying low-rent mobile home parks and apartments.

Then they kick people out and raise the rents to unaffordable levels.

So much of this is driven by unchecked greed.

This is not good for our society or for building community. Young people feel helpless and disenfranchised. Older people feel scared and helpless. Those with few resources are ending up on the streets, and even children are growing up with no solid homes. This crisis makes our community more and more unstable. Kids that don't grow up with a sense of security will not be able to lead productive lives. Homeless people are a problem for businesses and neighbors, leaving trash and doing petty theft to get by. But what are they supposed to do? Many have mental health problems. If they didn't have them to start with, they will after awhile on the streets. That all leads to more drug use. All of this leads to anger and division, making our community unhealthy. We can't afford to keep going down that path.

Setting goals, measuring whether you are reaching them, and adjusting as needed is not asking too much. 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.

"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 these affordable housing goals, track progress, and adjust as needed to the Comprehensive Plan on Oct. 1.

Sincerely,

Carrie Parks
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Councilor District #4

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“Today we grieve, but tomorrow we organize.”

--Roxana Norouzi, CEO of OneAmerica