Proposal for Ending Chronic Homelessness in King County

May 2020
6,500 people in King County are Chronically Homeless

Visible and Vulnerable:  The Most Costly:

- Exposed on the street
- Suffer from higher rates of poor health, mental illness, and substance abuse
- Emergency services
- Hospitalization
- Police services
- Court
- Probation resources
- Time spent in correctional facilities
Someone is **Chronically** Homeless if...

...they have been homeless for:

- 1 year or longer, or
- at least 4 times totaling 12 months in the last 3 years

and

...they have a qualifying disability that prevents them from maintaining work
Housing First.
Housing as a Foundation.

Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs
It Costs The Same to Provide

3 Days at Harborview = 3 Months in a King County Jail = One Year of Permanent Supportive Housing
A Proven Solution to End Chronic Homelessness

**Permanent Supportive Housing**

**Permanent**
Tenants can live there as long they want – it’s not a temporary shelter. Most stay for the rest of their lives.

**Supportive**
Tenants are provided robust, voluntary services aimed at housing retention and achieving life goals.

**Housing**
Tenants sign leases and contribute up to 30% of their income for their apartments, the same place they return to every day.
Living in Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
We need to create 6,500 more permanent supportive housing units in King County

- 16.5% through innovative development
- 24.5% through increasing scattered sites
- 59% through standard new development
Moving Forward, Faster Together

Status Quo Approach:
- Insufficient
- Costly
- Slow

Permanent Supportive Housing:
- Cost effective, sustainable plan
- Addresses individual needs
- Saves taxpayer dollars

In 5 years, we can close the gap through a public/private partnership
Public-Private Partnership Framework

- Formed through legislature
- With representatives from public and private entities
- Managing a fund with transparency and accountability
Closing the Gap in Supply and Demand through Permanent Supportive Housing

All counts are cumulative
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![Chart showing supply and demand projections from 2020 to 2026. The chart includes existing supply, partner planned, proposed build, proposed scattered sites, and demand, with cumulative counts indicated.]
## Reducing the Cost to Build for Impact

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<th>Current Development (Today)</th>
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<td>Avg Cost per unit:</td>
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<td>Savings 14%</td>
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A Way to Create 6,500 Permanent Supportive Homes with $1.676 billion in King County

Additionally, $175 million to come from permanent annual levies to pay for annual operating and service costs
We Don’t Have to Share the Same Reasons for Caring about this Issue to Solve It
We Are the Third Door Coalition Leadership

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A Proposal Built on Data, Impact, and Partnership

• Focused on the most visible, vulnerable, costly, and solvable subset of our homeless crisis.

• Committed to collaboration and partnership – we don’t have to agree on everything to agree on PSH as the most cost effective and humane solution.

• Evidence-based and data-driven. No other intervention has been as studied and proven to work.

• Informed by 2 years of analyzing needs and ways to effectively bring PSH to scale.

• Aware that government cannot solve homelessness alone, especially in light of strained local and regional budgets. We need a public private partnership to respond to this crisis.

• Pursuing transparency and accountability; we recognize the need to communicate what is being done and how it is working.
Over the next 5 years, we can house the most visible, vulnerable, and costly homeless population in King County.

How will you contribute?
Working Together to Bring King County Home

- Make a Commitment.
- Share Our Story.
- Make an Introduction.