



The Housing Development Consortium Seattle-King County (HDC) is a nonprofit membership organization of 125 private businesses, nonprofit organizations, and public partners dedicated to the vision that all people should live with dignity in safe, healthy, affordable homes in communities of opportunity. HDC will advocate for these policies in 2017*. We invite you to join us.

FUND AFFORDABLE HOMES

Currently, 127,000 King County households are paying more than half their income for housing costs, placing them at great risk of homelessness. In the midst of our region's rapid population and economic growth, public funding is even more critical to ensure everyone can have a safe, healthy, affordable home. In 2017, HDC will advocate to:

- ❖ Renew and Expand the King County Veterans & Human Services Levy
- ❖ Renew and Expand Document Recording Fees
- ❖ Fund the State Housing Trust Fund
- ❖ Increase funding for the Eastside Housing Trust Fund
- ❖ Authorize new local funding options, including an additional Real Estate Excise Tax for affordable housing
- ❖ Expand the Federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit

BUILD & MAINTAIN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

The benefits of King County's current growth should be shared equitably across our region, but communities of color and low-income renters are particularly vulnerable to displacement in this quickly changing market. To promote equitable growth and prosperity for all, King County and our many cities should implement best practices that ensure low-income residents can live in communities of opportunity and remain in their home communities. HDC supports the following goals to build and maintain inclusive communities:

- ❖ Implement Seattle's Mandatory Housing Affordability program
- ❖ Enact and implement appropriate, effective Inclusionary Housing tools in rezones and station area plans across King County cities
- ❖ Create and Implement strong Housing Strategy Plans
- ❖ Enact and Expand Source of Income Discrimination Protections
- ❖ Build affordable housing on public property

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* This is not a comprehensive list of all policies HDC intends to advocate for or support throughout 2017.

IMPROVE HEALTH OF HOUSING

Too many homeowners and renters are currently living in unhealthy or substandard homes particularly in areas of South King County. Too often, renters in these homes are unable or afraid to report their inadequate housing conditions. King County residents need more tools to improve the quality of affordable, market-rate housing while protecting renters from displacement and preserving affordability as housing conditions improve. In 2017, HDC will advocate to:

- ❖ Implement local Rental Registration & Inspection programs

SUPPORT COUNTYWIDE HOUSING STRATEGY PLANS

HDC applauds and supports elected leaders who work to create AND implement comprehensive housing affordability plans. In 2017, HDC will advocate to:

- ❖ Implement Seattle's Housing Affordability & Livability Agenda
- ❖ Implement King County's Housing Strategy Plan
- ❖ Development strong, comprehensive housing strategy plans across Eastside cities

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