

Executive Director Monthly Update

By the time you read this election results will have been talked out and we will be ready to move on to the implications... a "new season".



Speaking of which, I'm moving into a new season myself. I'm accepting the HDC Executive Director role with deep appreciation and a lot of excitement. I'm especially grateful for the unique leadership of Carla Okigwe, HDC's founding director, and Harry Hoffman, who carried the torch for the past several years. They built the HDC we know and love today.

Similarly, we need to express our gratitude to Rick Friedhoff. Rick left retirement and ably led the organization during the transition period. With the committed HDC staff and board of directors, Rick stepped up and moved things forward with skill and good spirits.

Speaking of work...it's not hard to see what is ahead of us. We're diving right into it. At the same time it's critical that I hear from you, HDC's members. What are the most important things your HDC can do for you? I look forward to those frank conversations.

Thank you for believing in the continued importance of our mission: "Through education, advocacy and leadership, HDC supports and inspires its members as they work collaboratively to meet the needs of limited-income people throughout King County."

And thank you for working so hard to make our shared vision real. It's an honor to work with such a large and diverse group of professionals united by their desire to see "all people live with dignity in safe, healthy and affordable homes within communities of opportunity."

Here's to the next era of your HDC.

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HDC Board Meetings

November 6, 2013

9:00 a.m - 10:30 a.m.
WSHFC, 28th Floor, Training Room
1000 Second Avenue, Seattle

December 4, 2013

9:00 a.m - 10:30 a.m.
WSHFC, 28th Floor, Training Room
1000 Second Avenue, Seattle

HDC Monthly Meetings

November 15, 2013

Noon - 1:30 p.m.
WSHFC, 28th Floor, Board Room
1000 Second Avenue, Seattle

December 13, 2013

Noon - 1:30 p.m.
WSHFC, 28th Floor, Board Room
1000 Second Avenue, Seattle

For more information, contact

Save the Date: January 28th, 2014 is Housing and Homelessness Advocacy Day!



Don't miss this critical opportunity to show your state legislators the importance of investing in the [Housing Trust Fund](#) and other programs that serve those most in need. Mark January 28 on your calendar today! **Please note that this is a [change from the original date](#) of January 22,**

2014. Stay tuned for details about registration, which opens in mid-November.

Every year, our statewide partner [Washington Low Income Housing Alliance](#) (WLIHA) leads Housing and Homelessness Advocacy Day (HHAD) in Olympia. This is the day that hundreds of advocates from across the state come together to deliver one message to their elected officials: Everyone should have the opportunity to live in a safe, healthy, affordable home.

Last year, over 600 people participated in HHAD and spoke up for investments in the Housing Trust Fund and to preserve crucial safety net programs, such as Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) and Disability Lifeline. If you've never participated in HHAD before, this is a great opportunity to meet your state legislators in person, learn effective advocacy tips from HHAD veterans, and witness firsthand the power of many voices united around one goal.

We hope you'll join us for this exciting, action-packed day! To see inspiring videos from last year's Housing and Homelessness Advocacy Day, visit the Housing Alliance's [website](#).

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Make Your Voice Heard for Affordable Housing!

As the year comes to a close, many of our local and regional public agencies are taking some time to plan for their futures (YOUR future!). Whatever you call it (comprehensive planning, strategic planning, long-range visioning), they want to hear from you! Below we've compiled just a few of the opportunities you have to make your voice heard for affordable housing and equitable community development throughout our region:

Sammamish

- On November 21st the Sammamish Planning Commission will be discussing affordable housing policies for their comprehensive plan update. Please join us (6:30-8:30 at Sammamish City Hall) for this important meeting, and tell the Commission how important affordable housing is for creating a diverse, inclusive, and thriving community. For more information about the Sammamish Comprehensive Plan update, visit their [website](#).

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Housing in the News

- [A To-Do List for Seattle's Next Mayor](#)
- [City Light Partners with Nonprofits to Promote Discount Program](#)
- [Seola Gardens Affordable Apartments Completion Celebrated by All](#)

Affinity Group Meetings

Resident Services

November 21, 2013
10:00 am - Noon
Wellspring Family Services

Affordable Homeownership

November 21, 2013
1:00 - 2:30 pm
Vance Building

Senior Housing

November 25, 2013
Noon - 1:30 pm
WSHFC, 28th Floor

AM / PM

Canceled

Tax Credits

Canceled

Job Listings

See the [HDC Job Listings](#) page for all current job posts.

[Housing Case Manager](#)

Plymouth Housing Group

[Program Director, TOD](#)

Enterprise Community Partners

[Manager](#)

Building Changes

[Director of Property Management](#)

REACH Community Development

Upcoming Events

[Poverty Immersion Workshop](#)

Seattle

- The City of Seattle is soliciting public input to form their Environmental Impact Statement for their Comprehensive Plan Update. We want to ensure the city evaluates how policy changes preserve and increase access to affordable housing. Email your comments by December 27th to [Gordon Clowers](#). To stay up to date with their full update process, keep an eye on their [website](#).

Kirkland

- In crafting their Comprehensive Plan Update, Kirkland wants to know, "What's your vision for the City in 2035?" Answer: A place where all people, regardless of income, have the opportunity to live with dignity in a safe, healthy, affordable home in a community of opportunity, of course! Add your vision for the future of Kirkland [here](#).

Bellevue

- The Bellevue Downtown Livability Advisory Committee will be meeting again November 20th and December 18th, 6:30 - 9:30 pm at Bellevue City Hall. Join us for these meetings and tell the Committee how important affordable housing is for creating a thriving, livable downtown. Can't make the meeting? Send the Committee and the City Council an [email](#) to remind them to make affordability a top priority for their downtown planning.

King County

- King County is updating their Strategic Plan and seeking your input for creating [One King County](#). Be sure to add your comments about the need for more affordable housing by November 30, and you can earn [rewards](#) just for participating!

Sound Transit

- Sound Transit is creating a long-range plan for expansion of regional transit. This is a great opportunity to ensure that low-income households and people living in affordable housing have access to quality transit service. Check out their current long-range plan [here](#). Then, take their public survey by November 25. (Hint: Question 13 is a great place to support affordable housing.) To find out about public meetings in your neighborhood or to learn more about the long-range planning process, visit their [website](#).

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Is There Enough Affordable Housing in Seattle? [Infographic]

HDC's most recent [infographic](#), focuses on whether or not there is enough Affordable Housing in Seattle for the people who live and work there.

November 19, 5:00 - 8:00 pm
NUHSA

[Criminal Records & Barriers to Housing - A Learning Session](#)
November 22, 9:00 - 11:30 am
Seattle Office of Housing

[13th Annual Turkey Trot](#)
November 24, 10:00 am
Hopelink

[Annual Member Meeting & Reception](#)
December 4, 5:00 - 7:00 pm
WLIHA

Can Seattle Workers Afford To Live in Seattle?



To view the full infographic, [visit our website](#).

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