



Health & Community Services

San Juan County

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To: County Council

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Through: Mike Thomas
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Re: Affordable Housing Workgroup Draft Strategic Action Plan – First Touch
Review & Provide Input

Background: Affordable housing issues have been confronting the county for many years with numerous studies and community forums documenting housing concerns for low and moderate income households countywide. Recent reports and studies include, but are not limited to: 2015 Washington State Housing Needs Assessment; Draft Housing Action Plan dated May 2011; Opportunity Council's Prosperity Project 2015, United Way ALICE Report 2015; and 2015 San Juan Island Community Foundation Needs Assessment.

In March 2016, the County Council authorized a Workgroup to develop an Affordable Housing Strategic Action Plan. The goal was to develop four to six prioritized actions to address the housing issues. Actions were to consider all areas including: regulatory, funding, infrastructure costs, and land costs.

The Workgroup held five meetings between March and November 2016 and developed the attached Strategic Action Plan. The Action Plan includes a Vision, Identified Housing Needs, three Strategies, sixteen Actions, an Implementation Timeline, and Measures to Monitor Success.

Next Steps: The draft Action Plan will be presented to the Housing Bank Commission in February for review and recommendation. Final Action Plan and Housing Bank Commission recommendation to be presented to the County Council in late February or early March.

Action Requested: Review and provide input on the draft Strategic Action Plan.