

## Summary by Theme of HMC Comments on Visioning Housing Goals from October 18 Meeting

### 1. Emphasize benefits to the region as a whole

- More regional thinking.
- Come up with a RHNA methodology that has universal support that makes sense and is fair and equitable.
- Think holistically: about sustainability, health, equity, and greenhouse gas reductions.
- Create housing stability for all income levels that benefits the region as a whole.
- Do all cities have space to accept more housing? Or is the region reaching capacity?

### 2. Ensure transparency and ease of understanding, make sure people feel heard

- Transparency and ease of understanding for the ultimate methodology. Make sure we help communicate it to people affected.
- Have people and communities satisfied with the final conclusion, and feel that people are heard. This includes people in this group, and those who are not.

### 3. Get more units built: make sure everyone has a place to live

- Make sure everyone has a place to live. Address homelessness and fixed incomes.
- Make sure RHNA is a useful tool.
- Numbers should result in units being built by maximizing housing laws.
- Ensure outcomes are realistic and consider what is feasible to build given construction costs.
- Make sure we are realistic, but also challenge our notions of what is realistic.

### 4. Further social and racial equity

- Outcomes will reflect the diversity in the region and take into consideration job deserts and unaffordable areas.
- Outcomes will be equitable and sustainable (greenhouse gas reductions).
- Social Equity.
- Equitable distribution of housing in the region.
- Better racial and economic equity.
- Reduce inequalities in government funding and climate impacts.
- Be able to see what the factors do for racial/social equity. Perhaps this may mean testing outcomes.

## **5. Create choices for all, so all communities have access to opportunities**

- People should be able to live where and how they want – all types of housing, families etc.
- Choices for all so all communities have opportunities for access to transit, jobs, and a livable wage.
- Place housing in the right locations – proximity to jobs and transit.
- Open opportunities to live in high-resource areas.
- Create housing stability for all income levels that benefits the region as a whole.
- Explore other ways to meet affordability other than density. Think about density that doesn't lead to sprawl.

## **6. Further the jobs-housing fit**

- Job to Housing Balance – between wages and housing affordability. Try to prioritize this relationship – is this done city by city, or by radius of where these jobs are created?
- Should there be average commute goals to achieve allocations (distance or time)?
- Should proximity to jobs be a higher priority than PDAs? Don't abandon but modify PDA.
- Get higher paying jobs into expensive suburbs or development opportunities.
- Address jobs and housing balance.
- Place housing in the right locations – proximity to jobs and transit.
- Support transit corridors.
- Responsibility for housing may be at the city-level because that is where approvals for commercial spaces and housing happen. Are there mechanisms to expand commercial space with housing?

## **7. Use this process as an opportunity to communicate the magnitude of the need for housing**

- Stay informed by implementation.
- Use this process as an opportunity to communicate and educate the magnitude of the need for housing.
- Connecting to the people that are impacted.