Mandatory Housing Affordability Citywide Implementation

a program of the Housing Affordability and Livability Agenda





City Council Select Committee for Mandatory Housing Affordability

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Presentation Overview

MHA & Displacement

- Background & Analysis
- Preferred Alternative & Legislation
- Investing MHA Revenue

Displacement Background & Analysis MHA Affordable Housing Outcomes

10-Year Goal: 6,000+ rent- and income-restricted units affordable to households at <60% of AMI

- New affordable housing is a critical anti-displacement strategy
- People of color comprise large share of households in rent- and income-restricted housing
- Opportunity for new housing choices in neighborhoods throughout Seattle



Displacement Background & Analysis Displacement Resolution (2017)



Council Resolution 31733 February 2017

- Reaffirms commitment to manage future growth to encourage racial and social equity and minimize impacts on marginalized populations
- Directs analysis of physical, economic, and cultural displacement potential — both loss of low-income units and displacement of low-income households — that could result from increases in development capacity
- Encourages use of Growth and Equity Analysis



Growth and Equity Analyzing Impacts on Displacement and Opportunity Related to Seattle's Growth Strategy



Companion analysis to Seattle 2035 Comprehensive Plan

- Analyzed growth strategy
- Developed typology based on displacement risk and access to opportunity
- Recommended equitable development strategies based on typology

May 2016





Displacement Risk Index

- Composite index that combines data on demographics, economic conditions, and the built environment
 - People of color
 - Linguistic isolation
 - Housing cost burden
 - Proximity to current or future transit
- Displacement risk varies considerably across Seattle
- Vulnerability high in some neighborhoods, such as southeast Seattle



Access to Opportunity Index

- Identifies disparities in marginalized populations' access to key determinants of social, economic, and physical well-being
 - Educational opportunity
 - Employment
 - Access to transit
 - Sidewalk completeness
- Factors people need to flourish not equitably distributed
- Areas with high opportunity are unaffordable and out of reach to most households



Equitable Development Typology

- Implement antidisplacement strategies in areas at high risk of displacement
- Increase housing choices in areas with high access to opportunity

Physical Displacement

Used two methods for estimating low-income households displaced due to demolition

- Modeled future growth at parcel level to estimate potential demolitions
- Examined historical ratio of new housing to demolished units based on 2010-2016 for each zone



Study Area Growth Estimate Based on

Parcel Allocation Model

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Cultural Displacement

- Examined neighborhood change in share of racial/ethnic minorities
- No significant statistical relationship between housing production and changes in the population of certain racial and ethnic groups, such as Black/African American people
- Factors other than housing production—such as influx of higher-income households, or changes to commercial institutions—are contributing to cultural displacement in ways distinct from displacement of low-income households



Preferred Alternative & Legislation FEIS: Preferred Alternative

Use Growth and Equity Analysis to vary scale of zoning changes based on displacement risk and access to opportunity



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Places for relatively more new development capacity:

- Encourage more (M1) and (M2) rezones in communities with low risk of displacement and high access to opportunity (near transit, parks, and schools)
- Expand urban villages boundaries to include full 10-minute walkshed to frequent transit nodes



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Places for relatively *less* new development capacity:

- Communities at high risk of displacement and communities with low access to opportunity
- For high displacement risk communities, focus limited (M1) and (M2) rezones near transit nodes, and enact (M) rezones elsewhere throughout community



How MHA Works How the City Invests MHA Dollars

Locational Goals

- Furthering fair housing choice
- Locating in urban centers/villages, near transit
- Promoting economic opportunity and addressing displacement
- Locating near developments that generate cash contributions

Invest in projects to deliver on key City priorities



Key Priorities include: Family-Friendly Affordable Housing & Housing with Community-Oriented Uses



The Tony Lee – Lake City Family Housing Low Income Housing Institute



Liberty Bank Building Africatown/Capitol Hill Housing



The Marion West Low Income Housing Institute



Plaza Roberto Maestas El Centro de la Raza/Beacon Development



Uncle Bob's Place Interim Community Development Association



Filipino Community Village Filipino Community of Seattle/Human Good

Affirmative Marketing

Housing providers/managers must:

- Market MHA unit vacancies to help households otherwise unlikely to apply for housing to know about and have the opportunity to rent affordable units
- Before general advertising, provide notice of vacancies to 3 community-based organizations and the Seattle Housing Authority



Mandatory Housing Affordability



Creating more **affordable housing** as we grow 6,000+ new affordable homes in ten years

thank you.