

Seattle Planning Commission

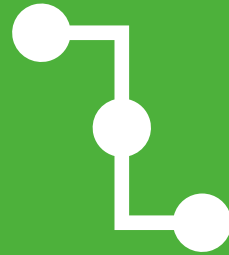
3.20.24 Seattle City Council
Land Use Committee

Purpose and Role



Stewards of the Comprehensive Plan

Major Updates, Annual
amendment process,
Equitable
Development
Monitoring reports



Project & Policy Work

Review and advise on
plans and policies
throughout
development and
implementation



Emergent Issues

Identify and weigh in
on emergent issues
related to land use,
planning, housing and
transportation

Commission Structure

- Sixteen members
- At least one urban planner and an architect/engineer
- Three years terms, may be reappointed to a second term



All appointments are subject to full City Council approval

Current Commissioners



Including:

- **Seattle Housing Levy**
- **Industrial Maritime Strategy**
- **Seattle Transportation Plan**
- **Vision Zero**
- **Sub Area plans**
- **Mandatory Housing Affordability Program**
- **Equitable Development Monitoring Program**

Comp Plan Issue Briefs





**Evolving Seattle's Growth Strategy
Towards a Racially Equitable and
Resilient Recovery
Neighborhoods For All
Family Sized Housing**

Future of Seattle's Industrial Lands

+ more @

<https://www.seattle.gov/planningcommission/our-work>

Commission Work Library

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|  <p>One Seattle Comprehensive Plan Work</p> <p>Read the Commission's issue briefs and comment letters related to the Comprehensive Plan Major Update.</p> |  <p>Commission Reports</p> <p>Read independent papers and reports produced by the Planning Commission.</p> |  <p>Plan and Policy Reviews</p> <p>Read letters from the Commission advising the Mayor, City Council, and City staff on plans and policy decisions.</p> |
|  <p>Year in Review Reports</p> <p>Read the Commission's annual reports that provide a high-level summary of the Commission's work for each year.</p> | | |

Comprehensive Plan Issue Briefs

- Affordable Housing
- Anti-Displacement
- Growth Strategy

- Repurposing the Right-Of-Way

Meeting the Challenge: Supporting Affordable Housing in the Comprehensive Plan

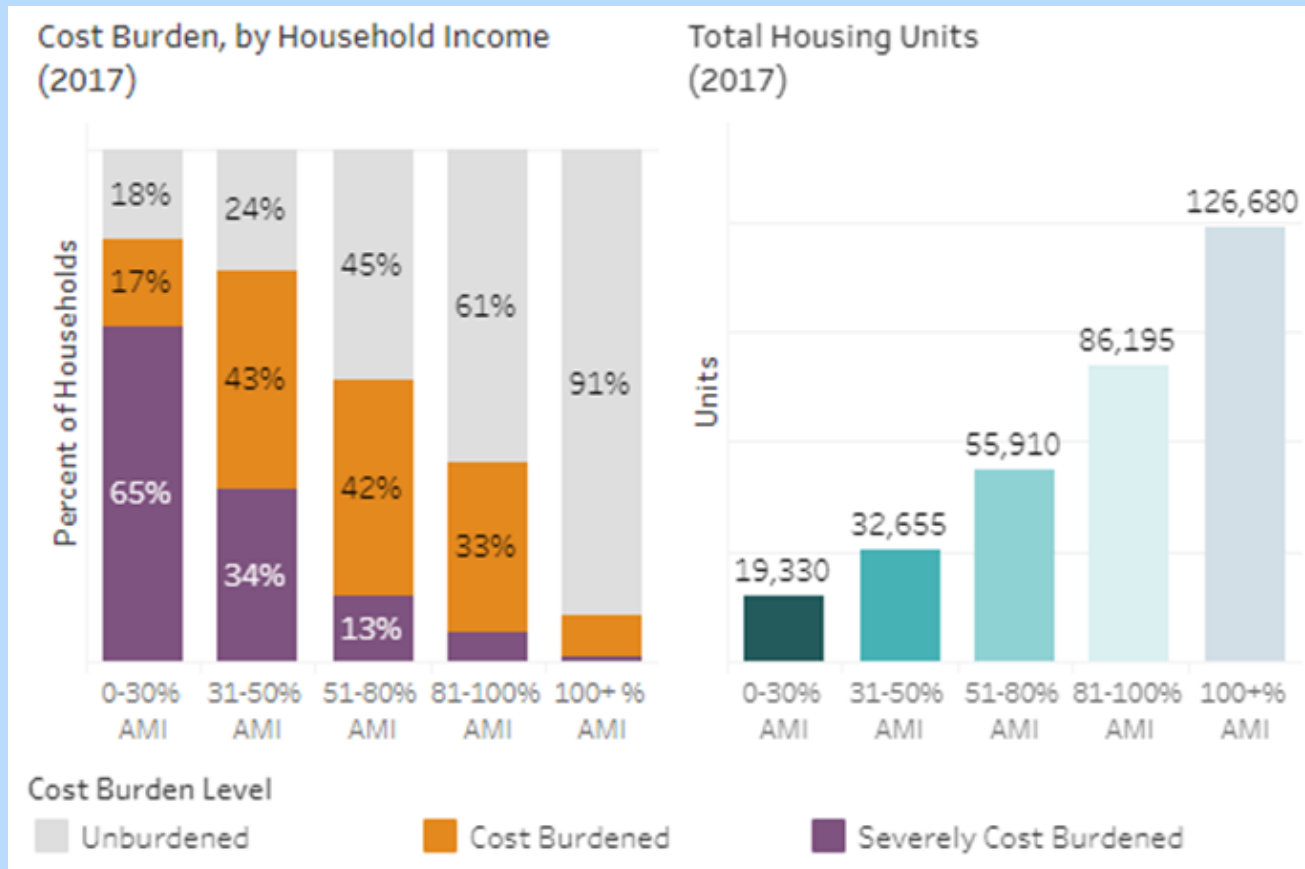


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- Seattle is working hard to provide affordable housing, and the need is enormous.
- Addressing barriers and leveraging resources to advance affordable housing must be a priority of the One Seattle Plan.
- Analyze and provide sufficient land capacity to accommodate Seattle's share of housing needs, including determining what housing types best support each level of affordability.
- Consider how the growth strategy and housing policies can be altered to better support the production and preservation of subsidized housing for very low-income households.
- Assess how current housing options in Seattle are serving the needs of households looking for affordable family-sized housing, inter-generational housing, and housing with accommodations for the

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Exploring the Affordable Housing Gap - Limitations of the housing market

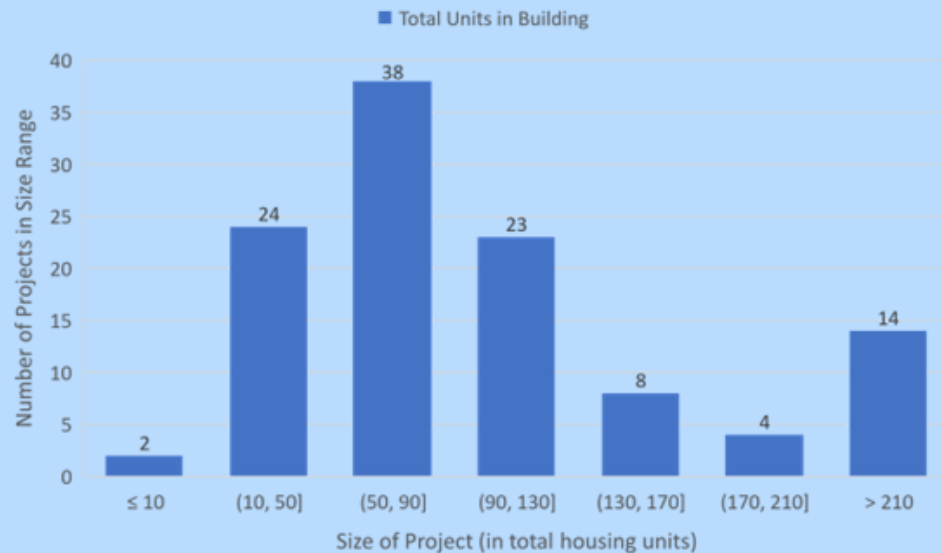


Particularly large gap for households making 0-30% AMI

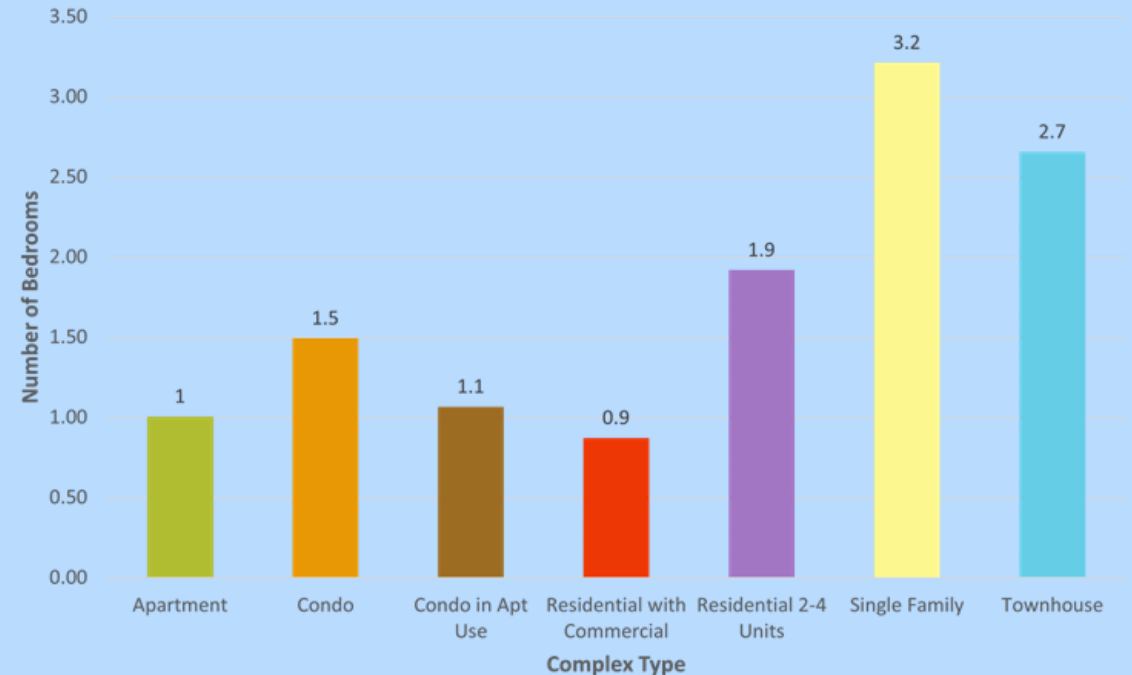
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Affordable housing and land use

Total Number of Units in Buildings Under Development with Affordable Housing (2019)



Average Number of Bedrooms by Complex Type



Existing policies do not support enough housing, small to medium sized affordable projects, or family-sized housing

Addressing Displacement in Seattle's Comprehensive Plan



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- Seattle has a history of growth at the expense of BIPOC communities. We have a responsibility to address and reverse that trend
- Past approach to growth has contributed to displacement and inequitable development.
 - Skyrocketing home purchase prices and rents
 - Housing demand outpacing supply and production
 - Lack of homeownership opportunities
 - Disproportionate impact on low-income and BIPOC households
- Embrace growth by weaving growth and anti-displacement strategies together
- Anti-displacement policies belong in multiple Comprehensive Plan elements
- Goals for anti-displacement in the Comprehensive Plan include focusing on:
 - Community-led policy and investments
 - Affordable housing production
 - Housing stabilization and community resilience
 - Continuing to evaluate and monitor displacement

Updating the Growth Strategy

Re-Imagining the Urban Village Growth Strategy

- Genuine and effective community engagement
- From Urban Villages to a network of neighborhoods
- Embracing the 15-minute city
- Actively address displacement
- Achieve housing for all
- Avoid downzoning to upzone
- Balance neighborhood preservation with the need for more housing

Repurposing the Right of Way



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Mobility Options and People-Oriented Streets in an Equitable City

- **Equitable streets for people in a growing city**
 - Land use policies such as minimum parking requirements and “free” on-street parking have prioritized the movement and storage of cars on our increasingly valuable public rights-of-way.
 - A true devotion to Vision Zero requires redesigning roads and reallocating space to reduce traffic speeds and create safe spaces for people walking, biking, and rolling.
 - Taking climate action requires allocating more space to providing safe and convenient alternatives to driving, as well as increasing tree canopy, vegetation, and “green stormwater infrastructure”.



Questions?