

West Sound for Social Justice
Community Forum on Homelessness
Homeless Housing Plan and General Audience Feedback
April 15, 2018

Community Engagement

- Create a groundswell of support for affordable housing and addressing homelessness
- De-stigmatization of Homelessness Ad campaign
- Use your voice at council and commissioner meetings to keep issues of affordable housing at the forefront.
- Note upcoming WWSJ next step planning meeting to be scheduled before June 1

Local Ordinances/Policies

- Voluntary rent stabilization
- Increased supply of affordable housing through:
 - o Inclusionary zoning
 - o Offering developers opportunities to increase height of buildings in exchange for development of a certain number of affordable units
 - o Weatherization – reducing energy costs in exchange for keeping units affordable for a period of time
- Close tax loopholes at the state level to increase available funding
- Pass Local ordinances that discourage:
 - o House flipping from out of the area
 - o Promote affordability
 - o Designate a portion of new units be affordable
- Consider expedited permitting process in exchange for development of affordable housing

New Funding

- Regarding possibility of levy/sales tax: Provide an overview of how funds are currently invested and specifically what a new tax will buy us as a community
- Need to push for market based solutions
- Provide community education regarding the investment impact of affordable housing (i.e. decreased ED, law enforcement, jail, EMS...in addition to reduction in suffering)
- Limit new homelessness by supporting existing providers through increased resources \$\$