



BOARD of CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES for the week of April 12 - 16, 2021

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WORK SESSION – 9 a.m.

The work session convened at 9 a.m., Monday, April 12, 2021. Present were Commissioners Ozias, Johnson and Peach, and Deputy Administrator Reyes.

Items of discussion per the agenda published April 8 were:

- Calendar/Correspondence
- Roadside integrated weed management update
- Discussion with Serenity House
- Update of Sequim Health and Housing Collaborative
- Discussion on Charter Review Recommendation regarding Department of Community Development
- Letter of Support for Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe - Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Safety in Blyn, Washington
- Resolution appointing Keith Larkin to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee
- Resolution authorizing an expenditure from the Clallam County Heritage Advisory Board Grant Fund
- Discussion on proposed budget reductions to be considered on April 27
- Discussion of proposed supplemental appropriations to be considered on April 27
- Discussion of proposed budget emergencies to be considered on April 27

Meeting concluded at 12:50 p.m. and continued to a continued work session commencing at 1 p.m. regarding Charter Review Recommendation Hearings.

Continued Work Session

The continued work session convened at 1 p.m., Monday, April 12, 2021. Present were Commissioners Ozias, Johnson and Peach.

HEARING(S)

H1 Charter Review Recommendation Hearings (continued from Tuesday, April 6 at 10:30 a.m.):

- 1) Consider an Ordinance ensuring franchises comply with the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA)
- 2) Consider a resolution calling on the state legislature to pass legislation, which would enable the County (and other Jurisdictions in the state) to adopt ranked-choice voting for local elections, if they so choose
 - Commissioner Ozias provided a summary.
 - Sue Erzen, 2020 Charter Review Commission Chair, provided a brief summary of the Charter Review recommendations (see attached).

First Hearing:

- 1) Consider an Ordinance ensuring franchises comply with the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA)
 - The following made comments:
 - Ron Richards, Port Angeles
 - The following sent in written testimony: Darlene Schanfald, Therese Stokan, Clallam County PUD, Tony Corrado, Don Myers, Diane Hood, Inga Able. (see attached)

Second Hearing:

- 2) Consider a resolution calling on the state legislature to pass legislation, which would enable the County (and other Jurisdictions in the state) to adopt ranked-choice voting for local elections, if they so choose
 - The following made comments:
 - Ron Richards, Port Angeles

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- Norma Turner, Port Angeles
- Tony Corrado, Sequim
- The following sent in written testimony: Christy Holy (see attached).

ACTION TAKEN: CMO noted the hearing is continued to Monday, April 12, 2021 at 5 p.m.

Meeting concluded at 1:18 p.m. and continued to a continued work session commencing at 5 p.m. regarding Charter Review Recommendation Hearings.

Continued Work Session

The continued work session convened at 5 p.m., Monday, April 12, 2021. Present were Commissioners Ozias, Johnson and Peach.

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- The following made comments:
 - Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay
 - Therese Stokan, Neah Bay
 - Benji Astrachan, Port Angeles

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to close the hearing CBPs, mc

The meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board convened in open session at 8:02 a.m. to discuss collective bargaining and contract negotiations with all represented unions of Clallam County. Present were Commissioners Ozias (video), Johnson and Peach, Deputy Administrator/Risk Management Reyes, Human Resources Analyst Sullenger and Chief Financial Officer Lane.

RCW 42.30.140 (4)(a) - Collective bargaining sessions with employee organizations, including contract negotiations, grievance meetings, and discussions relating to the interpretation or application of a labor agreement; or (b) that portion of a meeting during which the governing body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress.

The Board may recess into Executive Session to consider employment or dismissal of personnel, to review the performance of a public employee, to consult with legal counsel, to consider the position to be taken in collective bargaining, to consider acquisition or sale of real estate, or other matters per RCW 42.30.110

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to recess to executive session for 45 minutes, CBPs, mc

The Board convened in open session at 8:51 a.m.

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to extend the executive session for 25 minutes, CBPs, mc

The Board convened in open session at 9:15 a.m. and CMO noted no action will be taken.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m. and continued to the regular meeting at 10 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chair Ozias (video) called the meeting to order at 10 a.m., Tuesday, April 13, 2021. Also present were Commissioners Johnson and Peach and Deputy Administrator Reyes.

REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4b Postponed – Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe letter

5c Amended – Debatable emergencies

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt the agenda as modified, CBPs, mc

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ron Richards, Port Angeles, commented on Charter Review Recommendations

CONSENT AGENDA

1a Approval of vouchers for the week of April 5

1b Approval of minutes for the week of April 5

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt the consent agenda, CBPs, mc

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- CBP commented on wake boat meeting, Broadband, House Bill 5383.
- CRJ commented on Homelessness Task Force.
- CMO commented on Washington State Association of Counties Board Retreat.

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CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

- 2a Agreement with Washington State University Extension to provide educational programs in the Extension Program

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CBPs, mc

- 2b Agreement with Clallam Conservation District for the National Estuary/Department of Health Pollution Identification and Correction Grant

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CBPs, mc

- 2c Agreement amendment with US Department of Transportation – Federal Highway Administration for the Spruce Railroad Trail Segment B Project

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CBPs, mc

BIDS AND AWARDS

- 3a Notice of call for bids to be received no later than 10 a.m., Tuesday, May 25, 2021 for Jail Control Room Upgrade and Improvement Project

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to issue, CBPs, mc

ADMINISTRATION

- 4a Resolution appointing Robert Knapp to the Marine Resources Committee

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt, CBPs, mc

- 4b Letter of Support for Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe - Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Safety in Blyn, Washington

ACTION TAKEN: Item was postponed

BUDGET

- 5a Notice that the following budget reductions will be adopted by Resolution on April 27:
Department of Community Development – Long Range Planning – Budget reduction due to Planner III position moving from DCD – Long Range Planning to Human Resources – Risk Management/(\$69,981)

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to issue, CBPs, mc

- 5b Notice that the following supplemental appropriations will be adopted by Resolution on April 27:
Sheriff – Operations – Additional funds from Washington Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs (WASPC) to purchase 2 portable breath test instruments/\$1,000

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to issue, CBPs, mc

- 5c Resolution calling for a hearing to be held April 27 at 10:30 a.m. for the following debatable emergencies:

Parks & Facilities – Additional funding for expenses related to COVID-19 for goods and services expenditures incurred in January and February March, 2021 expected to be reimbursed through FEMA/\$14,530

Auditor – Return unused 2020 HAVA CARES Act grant funds (received in 2020)/\$29,030/\$2,834

Sheriff – Emergency Services - Additional funding for expenses related to COVID-19 for goods and services expenditures incurred January - March, 2021/\$5,873

Sheriff – Jail Medical - Additional funding for expenses related to COVID-19 for inmate testing expenditures incurred January - March, 2021/\$20,700

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Sheriff – Operations

- Additional funding for ExecuTime Scheduling and Time & Attendance software training project costs/\$10,035
- Additional funding for expenses related to COVID-19 for salary and benefits of Grant Coordinator incurred January - March, 2021/\$3,939

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt, CBPs, mc

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Greg Madison, Blyn, commented on public search, wetlands, Department of Community Development.

HEARING(S)

H1 Resolution for allocation of Regional Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program Federal Funding

- Steve Gray, Public Works provided a staff report.

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to open the public hearing, CBPs, mc

- The following made comment:
 - Ben Braudrick, City of Port Angeles

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to close the public hearing and adopt, CBPs, mc

H2 Charter Review Recommendation Hearings:

- 1) Increasing monitoring of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) management of its trust lands by hiring a forester
- 2) Meet all housing needs by creating permanent housing
 - Commissioner Ozias provided a summary.
 - Sue Erzen, 2020 Charter Review Commission Chair, provided a brief summary of the Charter Review recommendations (see attached).

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to open the public hearing, CBPs, mc

First Hearing:

- 1) Increasing monitoring of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) management of its trust lands by hiring a forester
 - The following made comments:
 - Norm Schaaf, Port Angeles
 - Kenneth Reandeau, Port Angeles
 - Ron Richards, Port Angeles
 - Nina Somento, Port Angeles
 - Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay
 - The following sent in written testimony: Ann E. Seiter, Ed Bowen, Rose Marschall, Therese Stokan, Jane Hielman, Mary Doherty, Kathe Smith, Norm Schaaf. (see attached)

Second Hearing:

- 2) Meet all housing needs by creating permanent housing
 - The following made comments:
 - Norma Turner, Port Angeles
 - Jennie Eden, Port Angeles
 - Kenneth Reandeau, Port Angeles
 - Ron Richards, Port Angeles
 - Nina Somento, Port Angeles

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- The following sent in written testimony: Ingrid Carmean, Ed Bowen, Brad Griffith, Michele Mangiantini, Jane Hielman, William R. Kildall, Rose Marschall, Therese Stokan, Mary Doherty, Lyell E. Fox, Gay Knutson. (see attached)

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to continue the hearings to Monday, April 19, 2021 at 1 p.m., CMOs, mc

CMO noted there will also be a hearing on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 5 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Amy Ruble, Forks, commented on Hoh Rain Forest Resort, Code Enforcement.

Meeting concluded at 11:36 a.m. and continued to 9 a.m., Monday, April 19, 2021.

There are no BlueJeans chat logs for the week of April 12.

The Board of Commissioners attended WSAC Virtual Assembly – COVID 19 update, KONP and a COVID-19 Briefing during the week of April 12.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this twentieth day of April 2021

BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mark Ozias, Chair

Randy Johnson

Bill Peach

ATTEST:

Lorri Gores, CMC, Clerk of the Board

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS:

ARS Administrator Rich Sill
CMO Commissioner Mark Ozias
CRJ Commissioner Randy Johnson
CBP Commissioner Bill Peach

m moved
mc motion carried
s seconded



Sue Erzen
WS Item 5
4/12/21

Worksession on DCD Recommendation

A summary of CRC 2020 actions from Sue Erzen, Chair of 2020 CRC

Monday April 12 2021, BOCC worksession

Good Morning Commissioners, Director of DCD Winborn, interested parties and members of the public.

The topic of the Director of the Department of Community Development had two related issues for the Charter Review Commission:

1. Should the position continue to be elected or appointed?
2. If it continues to be elected, what changes in the Charter and ordinances are required by that conversion to an elected position?

Both of these issues were on our Survey in May & June.

In February 2020, an amendment was proposed to the Charter to make the Director of the Department of Community Development an appointed position. A DCD committee was formed on March 12.

The results of the survey were discussed in July.

Question #3:

Clallam County Director of the Department of Community Development (DCD) is elected and is the only elected DCD in the nation. Should the Director of DCD be elected by the voters or appointed by the County Commissioners Elected 298 Appointed 389
No Opinion 55

Question #7:

The charter is unclear to the authority of the Director of DCD and County Commissioners as it relates to land use planning. Should the Charter Commission propose language to resolve these differences? YES- 636 NO- 62 NO OPINION-41

At our meeting on July 9, the DCD Committee gave a report that noted the committee is seeking Ordinances that define the role of the Elected Director of the Department of Community Development as per section 4.25 third paragraph of the Charter. The committee received a response to their request, but found no definition. It would continue to pursue this issue.

After discussion at our following meeting on July 16, the commission voted to place an amendment on the ballot that would change the position of Director of DCD to an appointed position.

Several Commissioners continued to express concern that the Charter is unclear as to the authority of the Director of the DCD and the County commissioners as it relates to land use planning.

On Oct 8th, the Commission discussed the fact that the proposed amendment to make the DCD Director Appointed might NOT pass and the county would continue to have an elected DCD. It was also pointed out that the Charter required that after the Director of DCD became an elected position, ordinances be reviewed and amended, if necessary, by December 31, 2004 and that was never done. A DCD Amendment was submitted to be placed on the November 2022 ballot that would require such a review.

At the next meeting, October 23rd, the commission discussed and amended the proposed amendment about the DCD. In the November election, the public voted to continue the Director DCD as an elected position. At our following meeting on November 12, the sponsor changed the amendment to a Recommendation to the Commissioners. The CR Commissioners voted unanimously to support that change and the amendment was changed to a Recommendation. The Commission then passed the Recommendation you are discussing today.

Hearings on EMF & RCV

An introduction from Sue Erzen, Chair of 2020 CRC

Tuesday 4/6/20 10:30, Monday 4/12/20 1:00 & 5:00

Sue Erzen
Public Hearing (CRC)
4/12/21 @ 1pm + 5pm

Thank you for attending this public hearing about 2 proposals that the Charter Review Commission sent to the Board of County Commissioners in 2020.

I'd like to make two points about the 2020 CRC:

(1) It took place during the COVID 19 Pandemic. The final in-person meetings, for both the Charter Review Commissioners and the public, was March 12, 2020. All CRC meetings thereafter were virtual.

(2) Our decisions about what to put on the ballot was partly based on the difference between the Clallam County Home Rule Charter, an ordinance, a resolution, a code and policies.

Here is a short summary of the Commissions actions regarding (1) **Franchises/EMF** and (2) Rank Choice Voting (RCV).

1. **The topic of Franchises/ EMF** was raised in January of 2020 and several members of the public spoke in support of an amendment to our Charter. An amendment about Franchises and EMF was presented at the end of February.

CRC Members discussed 5g/EMF/Franchises and whether this topic fits within the County Charter.

We requested and received 2 Legal opinions from deputy Prosecuting Attorney Stanley on whether Clallam County has authority over the denial of franchises for new telecommunications equipment, whether Clallam County has franchise jurisdiction over Washington State highways and whether the county needs to require applicants for franchises to comply with NEPA. One legal opinion was issued in April and another in June because the amendment proposal was changed over time. You can read the entire Legal opinions on our county website. My summary of the legal opinions is that our county has limited ability to regulate telecommunications equipment and that Federal Regulations already require NEPA compliance for an Environmental Assessment.

In July, a motion was made that the Commission approve the EMF/Franchise Amendment and place it on the ballot. The Commissioners voted to change the proposed amendment. The commissioners voted that the proposed amendment not be placed on the ballot as an amendment, but be sent to the County Commissioners to consider it as an ordinance.

EMF was addressed by 43 individuals from the Public. 40 supported an amendment and 3 opposed it.

2. Now I'll summarize actions in regards to **Rank Choice Voting**.

14 years ago in 2007, an amendment to the Charter to adopt Instant Runoff Voting (the same concept as RCV) was defeated by the voters in Clallam County. State law later changed and now our State mandates a "Top Two" primary system for all jurisdictions.

In early November 2020, a Recommendation was proposed to ask the County Commissions to write in support of a bill in the state legislature to allow counties to adopt RCV for their elections if they so choose. A public meeting about RCV was held virtually on November 5.

At the November 12th Charter Review Commission meeting, Fair Vote WA gave a presentation in support of RCV. A motion was made to send the recommendation on RCV to the BOCC.

The recommendation was amended to remove "Local Options Bill" and substitute "legislation". With that change, the Commission unanimously voted to send the recommendation to the BOCC.

Six years ago, the 2015 CRC passed an amendment to our Charter that was approved by the voters. It mandated that the BOCC hold hearings about any Recommendations from the CRC and, after the hearings, provide a written response explaining their decisions. That is why you are here for these public hearings. Now is your time to share your opinions about these two Recommendations.

Thank you for participating today.

Hearings on Homelessness/Affordable Housing & Forester

An introduction from Sue Erzen, Chair of 2020 CRC

Sue Erzen
Public Hearing (CRC)
4/13/21 @ 1030am

Tuesday 4/13/20 10:30, Monday 4/19/20 1:00 , Monday 4.26 5:00

Thank you for attending this public hearing about 2 Recommendations that the Charter Review Commission sent to the Board of County Commissioners in 2020.

I'd like to make two points about the 2020 CRC:

(1) It took place during the COVID 19 Pandemic. The final in-person meeting was March 12, 2020; all CRC meetings thereafter were virtual.

(2) Our decisions about what to put on the ballot was partly based on our understanding of the difference between the Clallam County Home Rule Charter, an ordinance, a resolution, a code and policies.

I'll first summarize the Recommendation, Homelessness/Affordable Housing, and then about the 2nd Recommendation, Hiring a Forester.

HOMELESSNESS/AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Early in 2020, several members of the public spoke at least once in support of ending homelessness. A total of 7 individuals spoke in favor of an amendment to deal with Homelessness.

On March 12, 2020, the Charter Review Commissioners discussed a proposed amendment on "The Resolution of Homelessness and Protection of Public Land". A decision was made to form a Committee on Homelessness/Affordable Housing and 4 Commissioners volunteered to be on the committee.

April 23 The Homelessness/Affordable Housing Subcommittee gave a report of their meeting. Commissioners discussed homelessness and affordable housing including a briefing about the Clallam County Homelessness Task Force. A motion was made that the CRC support the Homeless Committee writing a Recommendation (not an amendment to the Charter) to the BOCC urging them to take the lead in a community effort to create more affordable housing as one tool in reducing homelessness in Clallam County. The motion passed.

At our June 25 meeting (our next meeting due to COVID restrictions), a motion was made to move the proposed Homelessness & Protection of Public Land Amendment to the next meeting for a vote to place it on the ballot. There was no second so the motion failed.

Sept 10 - The final version of the Homelessness Recommendation was moved for adoption and the motion carried. 12 commissioners voted in favor of it

FORESTER

On April 22, the CRC voted to distribute a survey about possible amendments in order to obtain input from the citizens of Clallam County. Question #10 was about hiring a Forester.

Question #10 - Department of Natural Resources (DNR) manages Clallam County Trust lands with a mandate to return revenue to the county and junior taxing district. Should Clallam County increase their monitoring Of DNR management by hiring a forester? YES-354 NO - 261 NO OPINION – 127

On September 10th, a report from the Forester Committee was presented to the CRC and a motion was made to adopt the Recommendation to hire a Forester. An amendment was offered to change the wording of the Recommendation. The amendment passed and the amended Recommendation passed. 8 voted in favor of, 4 voted opposed and 1 abstained

In conclusion, both of these Recommendations were first offered as Amendments and, subsequently, changed to a recommendation. In my opinion, there was consistently strong support amongst the Charter Review Commissioners to encourage the BOCC in its efforts to provide housing for our homeless population.

Now is the time for our citizens to share their opinions about these two Recommendations.

Thank you for participating today.

Public Hearing
EMF Comments Received

BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC HEARING

H1 Consider an Ordinance ensuring franchises comply with the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA)

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that any testimony that I give is true and accurate.

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Signed on April 6, 2021 in Port Angeles, Washington

Gores, Alanna

From: Darlene Schanfald <darlenes@olympus.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2021 11:23 AM
To: Gores, Alanna
Subject: 2020 Charter Review Commission Recommendation – - on Franchises/EMF/NEPA
Categories: Red Category

I am submitting my support for the **2020 Charter Review Commission Recommendation – - on Franchises/EMF/NEPA** for the public record.

Thank you,

Darlene Schanfald
160 Kane Lane
Sequim WA 98382

Gores, Alanna

From: THERESE STOKAN <hermanabaheda@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 2:13 AM
To: Ozias, Mark; Johnson, Randy; Peach, Bill; Gores, Alanna
Subject: Fwd: Organizing Zoom Meeting - for Charter Review Commission Recommendation: Consider an Ordinance Ensuring Franchises Comply with NEPA ...Thursday, April 8, 6 PM - 7 PM
Attachments: Press Release Organizing Zoom Meeting for 2020 Charter Review Commission Recommendation Consider an Ordinance Ensuring Franchises Comply with the National Environmental Policy Act .docx; ATT00001.htm; attachment 1.pdf; ATT00002.htm
Categories: Red Category

*** EXTERNAL EMAIL *** This message was sent from outside our County network.

Hello Clallam County Commissioners Mark Ozias, Randy Johnson, and Bill Peach, and Clerk of the Board, Alanna Gores,

The Organizing Zoom Meeting for the 2020 Clallam County Charter Review Commission Recommendation: Consider an Ordinance Ensuring Franchises Comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). - is on Thursday, April 8, 6 PM - 7 PM.

Please see additional information, below. Feel free to share this email with all who might be interested in learning more about this Recommendation.

***Alanna, Could you please forward this to Dr. Unthank, also?

Thanks,
Therese Stokan
2020 Charter Review Commissioner, District 3
Neah Bay
(360) 640-0695

Title of Event: Organizing (Zoom) Meeting for 2020 Clallam County Charter Review Commission (CRC) Recommendation: Consider an Ordinance Ensuring Franchises Comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021, 6 PM – 7 PM

Participation Options:

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1. (253) 215-8782
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This is a zoom meeting, in preparation for upcoming “Public Hearings” on the 2020 Charter Review Commission Recommendation: Consider an Ordinance Ensuring Franchises Comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Video: Excerpt from US Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee Hearing on the Future of 5G Wireless Technology: Feb. 6, 2019.

Guest speakers:

Anthony Corrado – *2020 Charter Review Commissioner; Sponsor of this CRC Recommendation, Mechanical Engineer* with 40 years of management experience with defense related weapons, sensors, and technology development. Tony is an inventor, who holds 19 non-classified patents.

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Therese Stokan – *2020 Charter Review Commissioner; Family Physician*, will share resources for further information and explain how members of the public can help promote this Recommendation.

All are welcome and encouraged to come! There will be Q&A at the conclusion of the presentations.

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2020 Clallam County Charter Review Commission Recommendation:
**Consider an Ordinance Ensuring Franchises Comply with
the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)**

Organizing Meeting (Zoom)

**Thursday, April 8, 2021
6 PM – 7 PM**

The Recommendation: *The BOCC (Board of County Commissioners) shall take all required and necessary legal actions to ensure that any franchise associated with new radio frequency devices or systems operating in the micro or millimeter wave frequency range, be accompanied by a scientific study determining that such law, regulation or franchise is in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) prior to the enactment or granting of any franchise.*



SPEAKERS

Anthony (Tony) Corrado, Charter Review Commissioner, District 1; Sponsor of the Franchises Recommendation: "Introduction and Summary of Recommendation"

Mechanical Engineer, with 40 years of management experience with defense related weapons, sensors, and technology development. Tony is an inventor, who holds 19 non-classified patents.

Stephen Diaz Gavin, lawyer who argued the case in 2019 for certain Native American tribes in *United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Okla. v. FCC*, 933 F.3d 728 (D.C. Cir. 2019), in which the U.S. Court of Appeals unanimously reversed a Federal Communications Commission decision that had exempted tens of thousands of "small wireless cells" for new 5G service from review under the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

Therese (Tree) Stokan, Charter Review Commissioner, District 3; Family Physician; "Resources: Environmental Health Trust, Americans for Responsible Technology, Physicians for Safe Technology"

What members of the public can do to help:

Prepare a 3-minute "public comment" to share at upcoming public hearing.

Send e-mails to: agores@co.clallam.wa.us

Public Comment Period and Q & A

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85356955389?pwd=dnNRVWNNUjJLUmdTa1Y4T3M0eFFLUT09>

Meeting ID: 853 5695 5389 **Passcode:** 27

Or Join By Phone: 253-215-8782 (use same meeting ID and passcode)

Gores, Alanna

From: Nicole Hartman x231 <nhartman@clallampud.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 1:53 PM
To: Gores, Alanna
Subject: Public comment re: Franchise
Attachments: Clallam PUD Comment on Franchise.pdf

Hello Loni,

Please see attached public comment submitted from Clallam PUD in regards to the Charter Review Commission recommendation hearing on Franchise/EMF.

Thank you!

Nicole

Nicole Hartman
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April 8, 2021

Clallam County Board of Commissioners

Submitted via email to: Clerk of the Board agores@co.clallam.wa.us



Re: Public Comment for Charter Review Commission: Franchise/EMF

Commissioners:

Clallam County PUD (District) wishes to emphasize our position as stated during last year's Charter Review discussions that we are opposed to the recommendation to consider an Ordinance regarding franchises as follows:

"The BOCC shall take all required and necessary legal actions to ensure that any franchise associated with new radio frequency devices or systems operating in the micro or millimeter wave frequency range, be accompanied by a scientific study determining that such law, regulation or franchise is in compliance with the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) prior to the enactment or granting of any franchise."

We at the District have concerns regarding this proposal. Our Utility and all applicable jurisdictions and entities are currently obligated to adhere to State (SEPA) and Federal (NEPA), without need for additional ordinance by the County. The targeted addition to existing obligations of a "scientific study" accompanying any franchise activities involving extremely high frequency activities is subjective and arbitrary, and cover what the FCC already regulates in accordance with NEPA. Numerous existing and readily available studies cover these frequencies already incorporated into FCC licensing decisions. Additional costly and time-consuming effort at the county level is unwarranted and burdensome for both parties and adversely affects the end-users.

Although Clallam PUD operates no RF equipment in the millimeter or micrometer bands, we regularly assist and support others in the efforts to bring and expand broadband to those in our service territory. As you are well aware, the events of the past year have shed new urgency onto the issue of rural broadband access and bills are currently making their way through the legislature, in an effort to bring long neglected rural areas into a new era of telework, telemedicine, high bandwidth business activity and remote learning. If County ordinance includes the additional requirement of a site-specific "scientific study" analogous to SEPA Environmental Impact Statement, it will undermine State and Federal effort to bring broadband to underserved areas, with increasingly negative societal and economic consequences to our County and Region as a whole. The County will also venture into areas now covered by other jurisdictions, as well as existing State and Federal environmental law, and risk adversely affecting the public in ways not easily predicted.

We urge you to refrain from moving forward with this recommendation and are more than happy to speak to any concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Doug Nass", is written over a horizontal line.

Doug Nass
General Manager

Gores, Alanna

From: THERESE STOKAN <hermanabaheda@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, April 09, 2021 8:12 AM
To: Ozias, Mark; Johnson, Randy; Peach, Bill
Cc: Gores, Alanna
Subject: Video: Lawmakers raise concerns over 5G technology - YouTube - Please review when your time permits.

Hello Clallam County Commissioners,

In anticipation of the upcoming Public Hearings on the 2020 Charter Review Commission's Recommendation on Franchises/NEPA, I am sending two brief videos for your review.

This first one is from 12/03/2018.

Thanks for your review.

Therese Stokan
2020 Charter Review Commissioner, who represented District 3

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zNtaNIkn1Z4>

Sent from my iPhone

Gores, Alanna

From: THERESE STOKAN <hermanabaheda@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, April 09, 2021 8:21 AM
To: Ozias, Mark; Johnson, Randy; Peach, Bill
Cc: Gores, Alanna
Subject: BIG WIRELESS CONCEDES: No studies showing safety of 5G - 7th Feb 2019 - YouTube

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Hello Clallam County Commissioners,

Here is the second video, (from 2/17/2019) for your review, in anticipation of the Public Hearings, this coming Monday, April 12. The CRC Recommendation on Franchises/NEPA compliance will be discussed at the hearings at 1 PM and 5 PM.

The second link provides a summary of this video.

***Please share both of the video e-mails with our Health Officer/Director.

Thanks,
Therese Stokan
2020 Charter Review Commissioner, District 3

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vZ5soLrvXFg>

<https://www.blumenthal.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/at-senate-commerce-hearing-blumenthal-raises-concerns-on-5g-wireless-technologys-potential-health-risks>

Gores, Alanna

From: Tony Corrado <tony.corrado@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 09, 2021 10:40 AM
To: Gores, Alanna
Subject: Correction to EMF proposed Ordinance

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Alanna,

Kindly forward this email to the BOCC as well as to Attorney Elizabeth Stanley.

It has come to my attention that we have inadvertently incorporated an incorrect word in the title of the NEPA law in the recommended CRC language. The recommended ordinance language defines the NEPA as the "National Environmental Protection Act". This is incorrect and should be changed to the correct NEPA definition which is "National Environmental Policy Act", per WikiLeaks link below.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National Environmental Policy Act](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Environmental_Policy_Act)

Thank you,
Tony Corrado

Gores, Alanna

From: THERESE STOKAN <hermanabaheda@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, April 09, 2021 11:37 AM
To: Ozias, Mark; Johnson, Randy; Peach, Bill
Cc: Gores, Alanna
Subject: Slides for 3-minute Public Comment - Monday, April 12, 5 PM meeting - regarding CRC Recommendation on Franchises/NEPA. Thanks for your review and assistance with screen-sharing, if possible.
Attachments: Tree Stokan NEPA Slide Presentation 2.pdf; ATT00001.htm

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Hello Clallam County Commissioners,

I will be attending the 5 PM Public Hearing on Monday, April 12. I will have a Public Comment on both of the CRC Recommendations, to be discussed on that day.

Here are slides that I would like to swiftly discuss during my 3-minute Public Comment on the Recommendation regarding Franchises/NEPA.

Could IT or Alanna assist me with screen-sharing during my 3-minute Public Comment? I will say "next" when it is time to change the slide and I will only show some slides for a few seconds. I am not proficient at screen sharing and the BlueJeans system is a little different than Zoom.

Please share these slides with the Health Officer/Director, also.

Thanks for your review and any assistance that you can provide.

Much appreciation,
Therese Stokan, D.O
2020 Charter Review Commissioner, District 3
Osteopathic Family Physician

> Sent from my iPhone

**EMF Conference for Health Care Professionals –
Scotts Valley, California
September 6-8, 2019**

*“The First Major Medical Conference in the U.S. for
Healthcare Professionals discussing the health effects of
electromagnetic radiation.”*

*Experts from around the world will focus on different
aspects of wireless radiofrequency radiation from a
variety of sources, including cell phones, cell towers,
Wi-Fi Routers.*

References to Share

Americans for Responsible Technology
americansforresponsibletech.org

Environmental Health Trust - [EHTrust.org](https://ehtrust.org)

BioInitiative Report - <https://www.bioinitiative.org/>
*summary of approximately 3,800 studies on the biological effects of
electromagnetic radiation*

Electromagnetic Radiation Safety - School of Public Health, University
of California, Berkeley - <https://www.safeemr.com/>

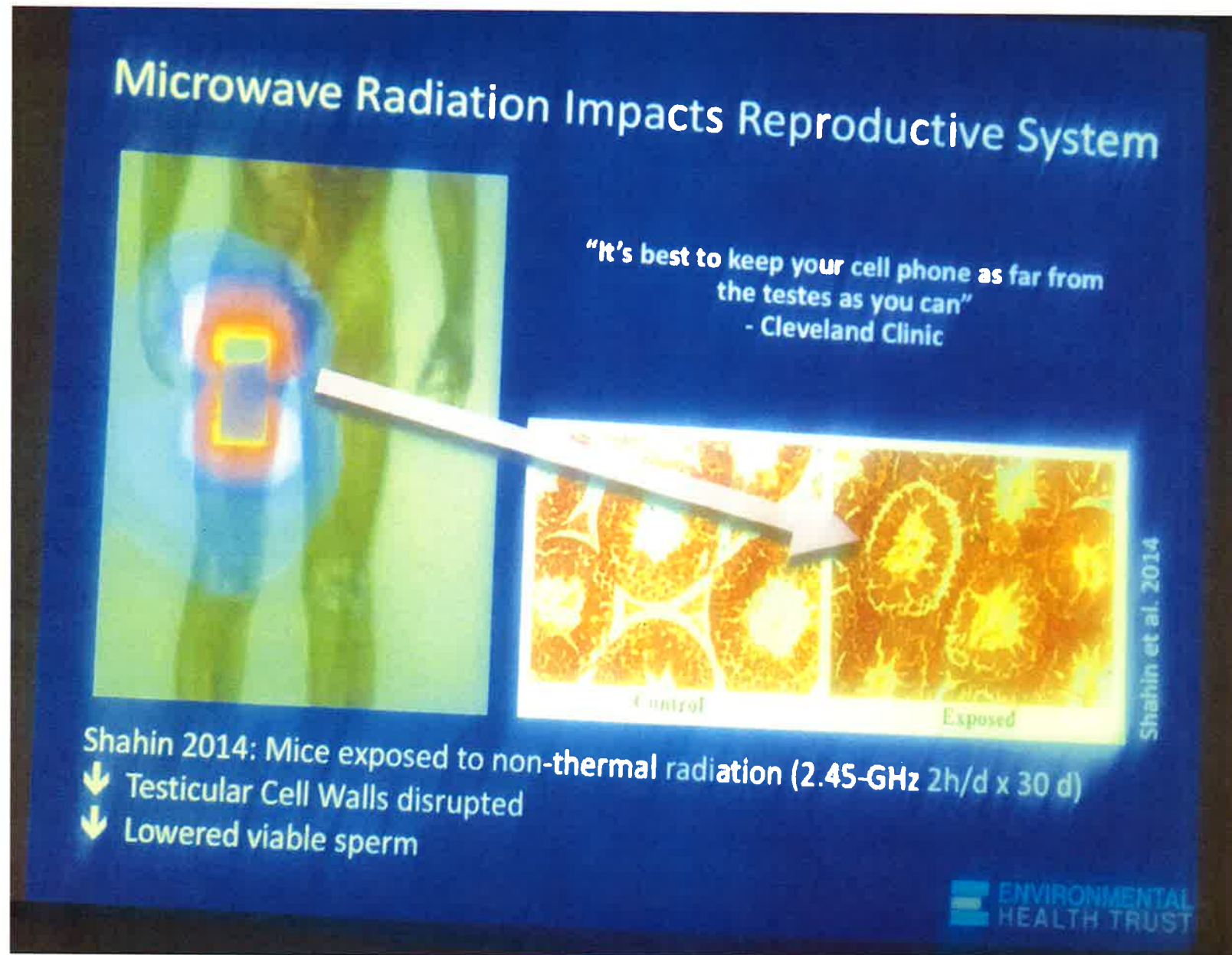
Physicians for Safe Technology - <https://mdsafetech.org/>

Parents For Safe Technology - <https://parentsforsafetechnology.org/>

Baby Safe Project - <https://www.babysafeproject.org/>

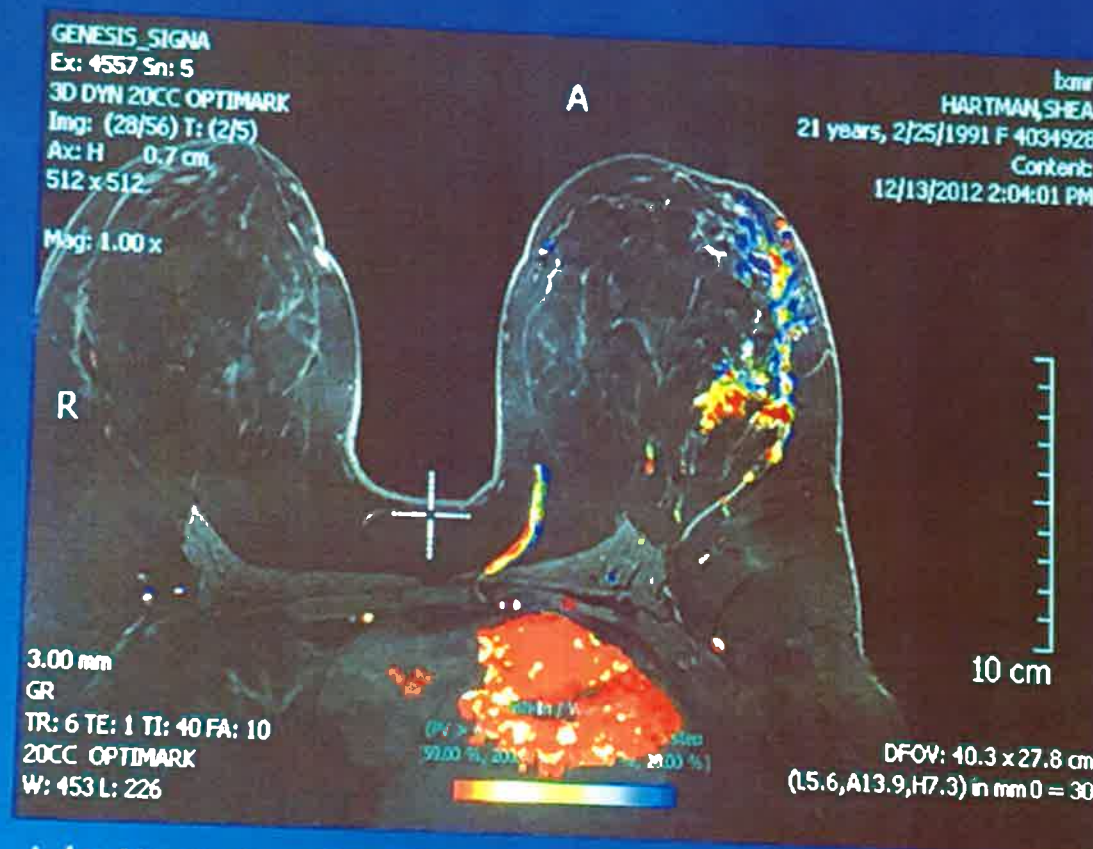
Smart Grid Awareness - <https://smartgridawareness.org/>

Microwave Radiation Impacts Reproductive System



Case Reports

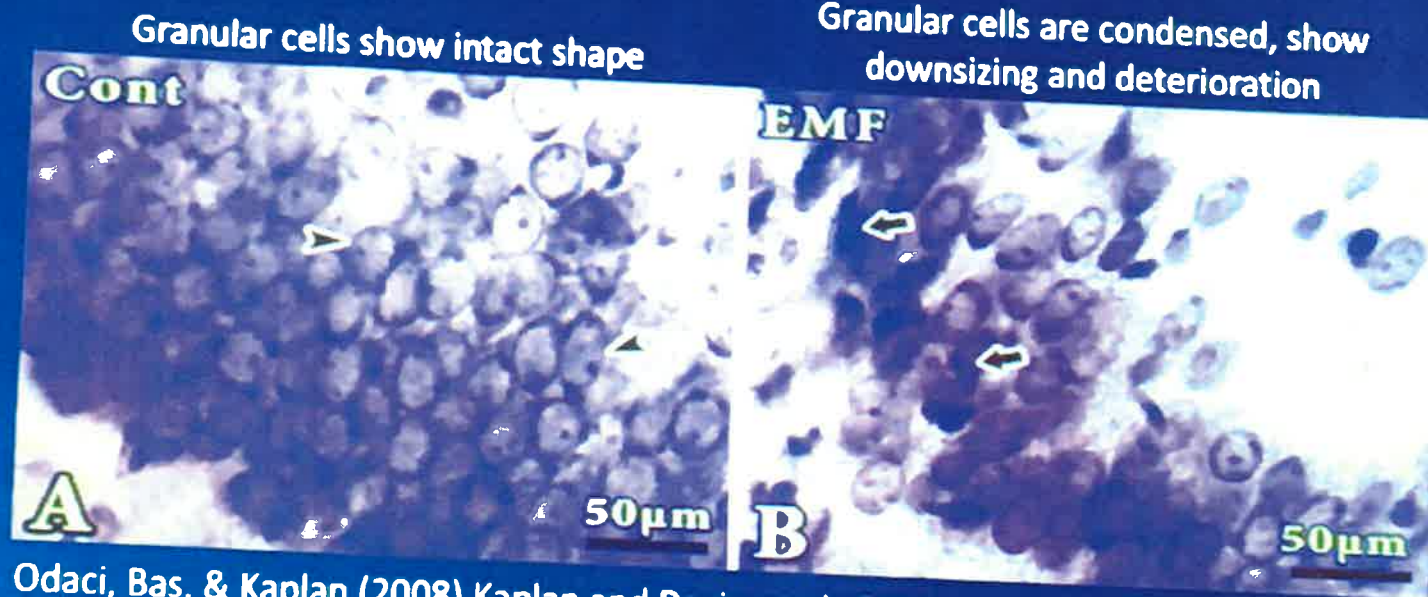
CASE REPORTS - 21 YR OLD MULTI-FOCAL TUMORS TIED WITH CELLPHONES KEPT IN BRA



John West et al, Case Reports in Medicine, 2013

Prenatal Cell Phone Exposure

Prenatal Cell Phone Exposure Leads to Fewer Brain Cells in Offspring



Odaci, Bas, & Kaplan (2008) Kaplan and Davis, et al., 2016

Dentate gyrus in the control (A) and EMF (B) exposed group in photomicrographs

**2021 ICD – 10 – CM Code: W90.8XXA – a
“Billable” diagnostic code**

**Exposure to other nonionizing radiation, initial
encounter**

***Consider finding a Physicians/Providers – with
experience diagnosing and treating Electromagnetic
Hypersensitivity

International Opposition to the 5G Rollout

International Opposition to the 5G Rollout

USA: Nationwide protests and several cities passing protective ordinances on "small cells."

- Los Altos: not in residential, 500 foot set back from schools.
- Petaluma CA: no small cell shall be within 500 feet of any residence.
- Fairfax and Mill Valley CA: small cells prohibited in residential zones
- Mason, Ohio: No small cells in residential areas or within 100 feet of residential property
- Burlington, Massachusetts, annual recertification fees for small cells.
- Hallandale Beach Florida 5G Small Cell Tower Resolution

Italy: 13 Local governments issuing resolutions.

Switzerland: Resolutions by the Cantons of Geneva, Neuchatel and Vaud. Country to monitor levels.

United Kingdom: Glastonbury and Trafford Council Resolutions opposing 5G.

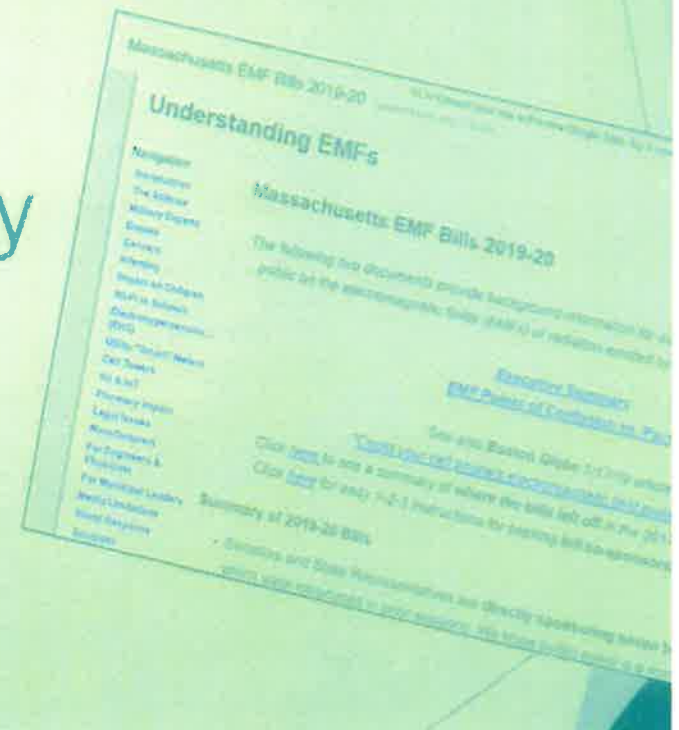
Belgium: Brussels rollout hated amidst deliberations on raising the allowable RF limits.

Austria: Parliament commissioned a study on 5G - by technology groups- not public health experts.

Massachusetts – 19 Bills – as of 9/2019

Public Policy: State Legislation

- ▶ Massachusetts
 - State House journey
 - 19 current bills



New Hampshire Law – Very Pointed Questions

New Hampshire Law

- Very pointed questions:
 - ▶ Why has the insurance industry put in RF exclusions?
 - ▶ Why does legal fine print say keep distance from the body?
 - ▶ Why are 1,000s of peer-reviewed studies ignored by FCC?
 - ▶ Why do FCC exposure limits not account for the non-thermal, non-ionizing, biological effects?
 - ▶ Why are US limits 100 times higher than other countries?
 - ▶ Why is the FCC ignoring WHO advisors calling for a Group 1 classification?
 - ▶ Why is the WHO ignoring the International Scientists Appeal?
 - ▶ Why is the cumulative effect of increasing EMFs being ignored?
- ▶ New law in less than a year

THE RECOMMENDATION

The BOCC (Board of County Commissioners) shall take all required and necessary legal actions to ensure that any franchise associated with new radio frequency devices or systems operating in the micro or millimeter wave frequency range, be accompanied by a scientific study determining that such law, regulation or franchise is in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) prior to the enactment or granting of any franchise.



Halencak, Morgann

From: Gores, Alanna
Sent: Friday, April 09, 2021 3:12 PM
To: Halencak, Morgann
Subject: FW: Charter Review Commission --public comment

Morgann,

Please print this email and file in the EMF folder. I've already added to the testimony list of names.

Thanks, Loni

*Loni Gores
Clerk of the Board
Commissioners Office
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Port Angeles, WA 98362
Phone: 360-417-2256*

From: Diane [mailto:dogma@olympen.com]
Sent: Friday, April 09, 2021 2:59 PM
To: Gores, Alanna
Subject: Charter Review Commission --public comment

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Alanna Gores

Please submit to the Clallam County Commissioners, (CRC) in anticipation of the Public Hearings, planned for Monday, April 12, 2021."

public comment for of the Public Hearings on the Charter Review Commission's Recommendations on Franchises/EMF/NEPA?

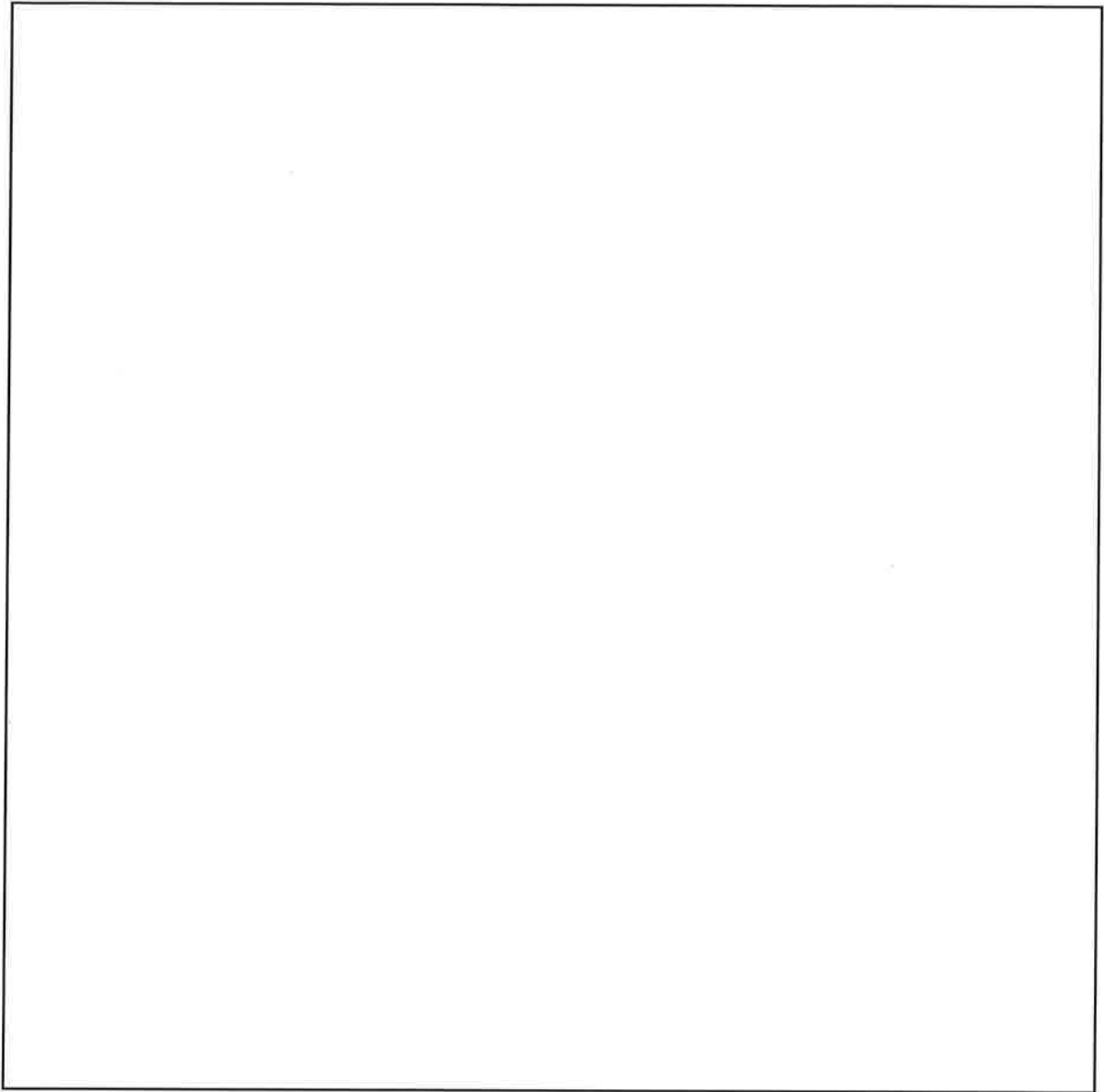
Please implement the CRC's Recommendation.

Please include the below article for review as part of the public comment

Thank you

Don Myers & Diane Hood

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To forward this newsletter via social media, copy and paste this link:

<https://www.cellphonetaskforce.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Spaceport-Genocide.pdf>

SPACEPORT GENOCIDE

In the western Pacific Ocean between Australia and the equator lies one of the most isolated, least visited places on earth. The second largest island in the world, it is still inhabited by traditional tribal peoples speaking hundreds of different languages. Although geographically and culturally it is a single land, this tropical paradise was divided in 1848 into a western and an eastern half by a line drawn down the middle in an agreement between the Netherlands and Great Britain. They regarded the black people who lived there only as a potential source of cheap labor for the extraction of resources from their land. Among the wealth on and beneath the island of New Guinea are timber, oil, gas, and minerals,

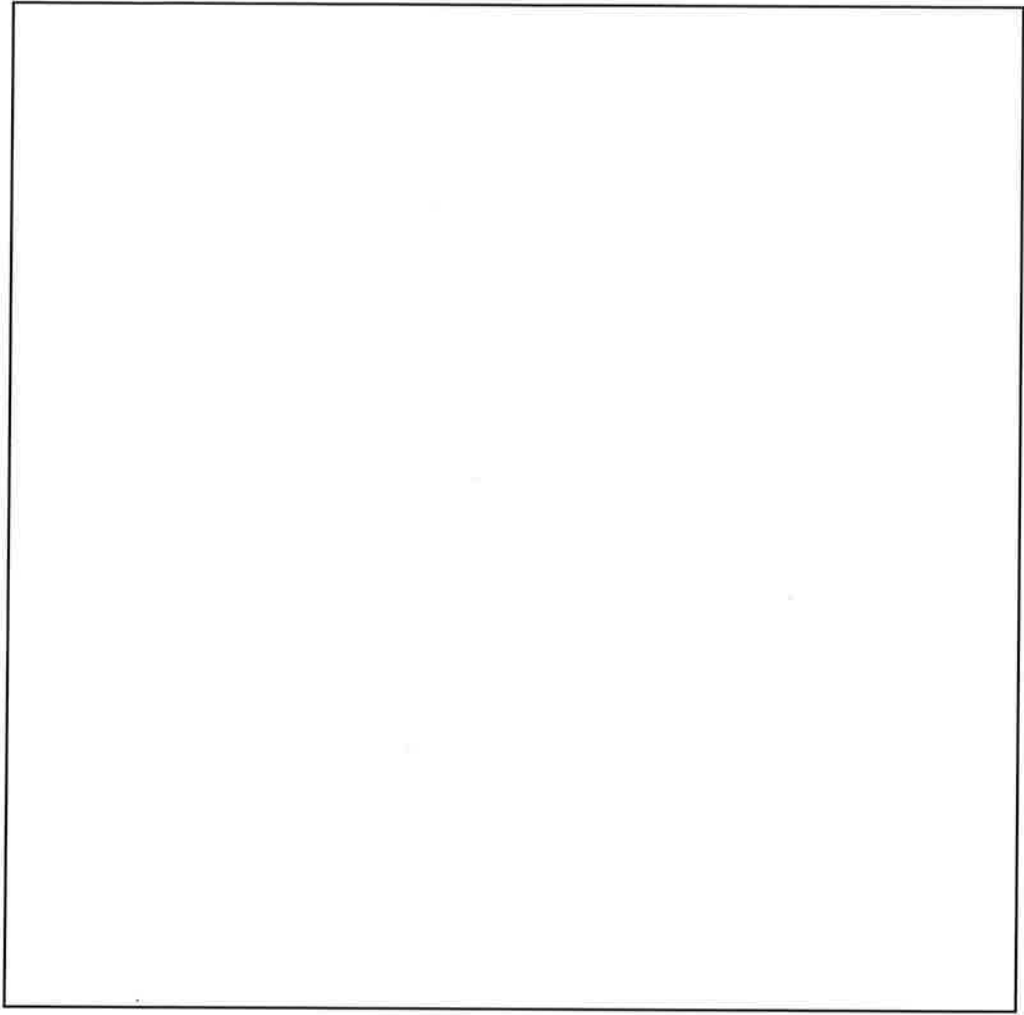
including silver and nickel and the largest deposits of gold and copper in the world.

The eastern half of the island, known as Papua New Guinea, has been independent since 1975 and is struggling to overcome its violent colonial history. The western half, known as West Papua, declared its independence when the Dutch colonial administration withdrew in 1961, but Indonesia, coveting its vast natural resources, invaded and formally absorbed West Papua into Indonesia in 1969. Since that time, Indonesia has engaged in continuous genocide against the indigenous population, who number about 2,000,000 people today. Over 500,000 have been killed, and thousands more have been raped, tortured and imprisoned by the Indonesian military.

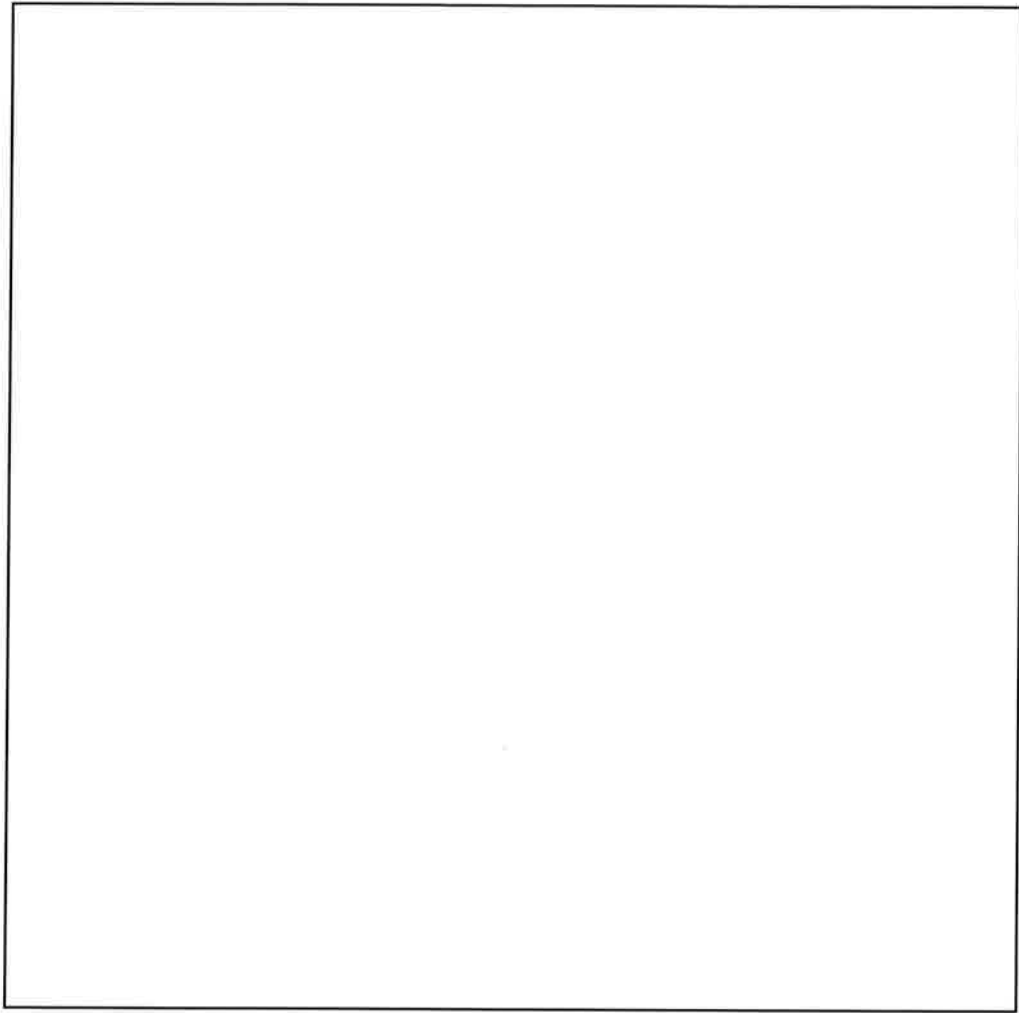
As Paul Antonopoulos and Drew Cottle wrote in their heart-rending August 2019 article, [Forgotten Genocide in Indonesia](#), “The primary reason for Jakarta not granting self-determination to the indigenous people of West Papua is because of the billions of dollars’ worth of natural resources. Although Papuans have been struggling for independence for over half a century, Indonesia through its military has been bolstering its global economic relevance by exploiting the territory’s vast reserves of natural resources that make their way to markets in the US, Canada, Europe, China and Australia, where the majority of mining companies are based.”

Elon Musk’s SpaceX is about to play a role in perpetuating this genocide.

The small island of Biak, off of West Papua’s northern coast, just one degree south of the equator, looks like this today:



If Elon Musk has his way, it will soon look like this:



Indonesia would like to convert Biak into a lucrative “Space Island.” In December 2020, Indonesia offered the use of part of the island to SpaceX as a spaceport for launching satellites. SpaceX would like to launch and maintain as many as 42,000 satellites in order to provide high-speed wireless Internet everywhere on earth. This would require almost daily rocket launches forever into the future. Until now, SpaceX has been launching its satellites from the Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral, Florida, where the above photograph was taken. The spaceport at Cape Canaveral is surrounded by a wildlife refuge and has already done a lot of environmental damage.

“This spaceport,” said tribal chief Manfun Sroyer of plans for the island of Biak, “will cost us our traditional hunting grounds, damaging the nature our way of life depends on. But, if we protest, we’ll be arrested immediately.”

Biak’s location holds several attractions for SpaceX. Its location at the equator is ideal for launching satellites because less fuel is needed for them to reach orbit from there. And the vast reserves of copper and nickel on West Papua would supply some of the materials. Copper and nickel are two of the metals used in building rockets.

Indonesia has also offered Biak Island to the Russian space agency Roscosmos, which plans to develop its own spaceport on the island by 2024. Russia is planning its own fleet of 640 satellites, also to provide wireless Internet everywhere on earth.

The environmental effects of mining in West Papua are well-documented. “From the Grasberg mine,” wrote Antonopoulos and Cottle, “one of the biggest copper and gold mines in the world, hundreds of thousands of tonnes of tailings contaminate the vital Ajkwa delta system every day, destroying the environment which the Kamoro tribe relies upon for food and trade. So devastating to the environment is the Grasberg mine that apart from the 80 million tonnes of waste debris which it dumps into the Ajkwa river system every year, the open cut mine can be seen clearly from space.” What was formerly the top of a glacier-covered mountain is now a mile-wide crater one-third of a mile deep.

The open cut operations were finally closed in 2020, but the underground mining operations at Grasberg are expanding, and the contamination of rivers, forests, fisheries, and coastal waters, as well as the destruction of tribal communities, continues unabated. A 2012 report from Earthworks and MiningWatch Canada stated that mine waste from Grasberg had “buried over 166 square kilometres of formerly productive forest and wetlands, and fish have largely disappeared.” The poisoned river is no longer a source of drinking water for the area’s villages.

West Papua’s mines will also be used to build Tesla’s electric vehicles (EVs), if Musk has his way. Nickel and copper are also needed for the long-range batteries used in EVs. Musk told Indonesian officials last July that Tesla would offer a “giant contract for a long period of time if you mine nickel efficiently and in an environmentally sensitive way.”

Musk and the government of Indonesia may come to an agreement as to what “environmentally sensitive” means, but West Papua’s native population may beg to disagree. It still means pulverizing and processing billions of pounds of rock, and depositing all the resulting tailings *somewhere*. In West Papua somewhere means virgin rainforest, pristine rivers and tribal lands.

Roads, Electricity and Cell Phones

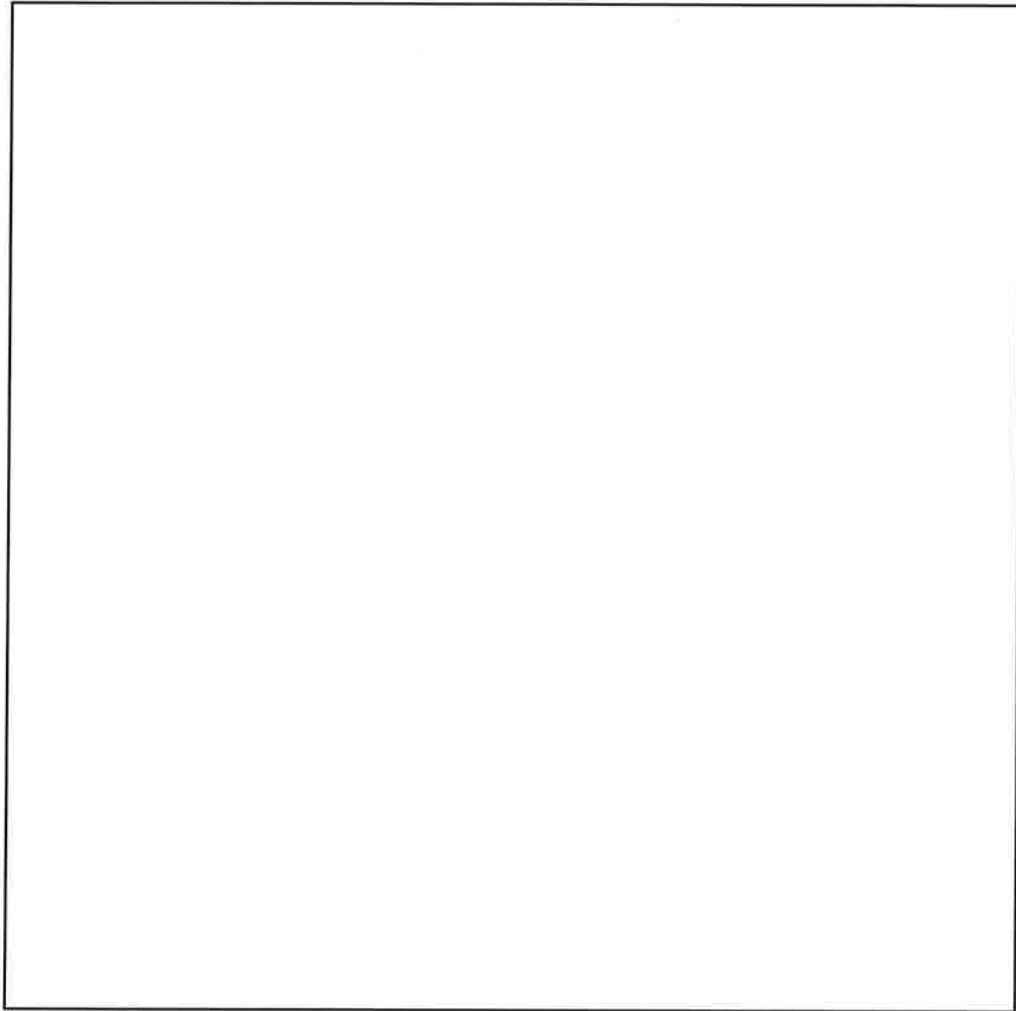
In Papua New Guinea, the independent state to the east, most of the vast interior still has no roads or electricity -- or cell towers. And that was still the case only 5 years ago in West Papua too. But in the last few years, all of that infrastructure -- electricity to every village, a modern highway system bulldozed through the wilderness, and widely available cell phone service -- has been built by Indonesia and it has not been for the benefit of the native population, who do not want it and are gunned down or bombed if they protest.

Journalist David Robie calls the 4,325-kilometer Trans-Papua Highway “[West Papua’s highway of blood](#).” According to John Martinkus, whose moving book, *The Road: Uprising in West Papua*, was published last May, the highway brings military occupation, more mining and timber cutting by foreign corporations, environmental destruction, and replacement of native villages by settlements of Indonesian immigrants.

“On December 1, 2018,” writes Robie, “a ceremony marking the declaration of independence from the Dutch in 1961 by raising the *Morning Star* flag of a free Papua -- as Papuans do every year -- ended in bloodshed.” Every previous year, at least in the remote

Nduga region, this ceremony had taken place peacefully and been ignored by Indonesians. But this year, road workers and soldiers came into Nduga on the new highway and took photos and videos of the crowd on their cell phones. The resulting conflict left 19 road workers and a soldier dead. Since then, reprisal raids by the Indonesian military have forced some 50,000 people to flee their villages and become refugees. Two thousand soldiers, helicopters, and 650 commandos are involved in “protecting the highway.”

“It is the helicopters that are the worst,” writes Martinkus. “They are used as platforms to shoot or drop white phosphorous grenades or bomblets that inflict horrible injuries on the populace.”



*Thomas Klasibin stands in front of what used to be
the forest that supported him. Photo by James Morgan*

And the spaceport, as Manfun Sroyer said, will perpetuate both the environmental damage and the continuing genocide. Aside from the noise, light, and vibrations accompanying rocket launches, all of the proliferating spaceports around the world are destroying their environment.

A Falcon 9 rocket -- the rocket SpaceX uses to launch its satellites -- consumes an incredible 3,200 pounds of fuel per second at full thrust. Unlike rockets that burn solid

fuels, the Falcon 9 burns kerosene and doesn't pollute the land and water surrounding the spaceport with heavy metals. But that is assuming the launch is successful. Every time a rocket crash-lands or explodes, the damage is tremendous. When two rockets crash-landed during test launches at a remote spaceport on Alaska's Kodiak Island, 230 tons of soil were contaminated. And crashes happen regularly at every spaceport. A [2013 study of rocket launch crashes](#) by Russian and Belgian space scientists found that rockets had been crashing, consistently since 1975, between 4% and 10% of the time at every spaceport in the world.

What is occurring on West Papua is possibly the worst genocide that is going on in the world today, and it is scarcely being reported. But it is not just genocide. It is a collision -- a collision between life and technology, a collision that stares us in the face everywhere we go, and it is not being reported because no one wants to look at it. "The people of West Papua are fighting with their lives every day to defend our forests, mountains and rivers," says West Papuan independence leader Benny Wenda. "We are ground zero in the fight to protect our global natural environment."

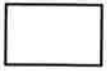
West Papua is the last place on earth where "primitive" human beings dare to say no to highways and electricity. The Trans-Amazon Highway was completed in 1975. The Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan was fully electrified by 2010. The Old Order Amish are using cell phones today. In the year 2021, when humanity is preparing to colonize Mars, there is no place in most people's conception of reality for the existence of human beings who are part of the natural world. To acknowledge their existence would require us to face the contradiction between life and technology. Between reality and fantasy.

But the Papuans are there. And they are important.

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April 6, 2021

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Gores, Alanna

From: Inga Able <inga.able@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 4:57 PM
To: Gores, Alanna
Subject: Public Comment for April 12th meeting
Attachments: Health Effects Summary.pdf

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To The Honorable Mark Ozias, The Honorable Randy Johnson and The Honorable Bill Peach,

I am writing you in support of the Clallam County Charter Review Commission's recommendation to ensure compliance of new radio frequency towers with the National Environmental Policy Act. As the elected leaders of our community, I urge you to protect our health and the health of our children by limiting the local development of small cell millimeter wave networks through an ordinance that implements the Charter Review Commission's recommendation.

I attached a summary of peer reviewed medical research on the harmful health effects of excessive radio frequency exposure for your information.

Thank you for giving this matter consideration.

Sincerely,

Inga Able

HEALTH EFFECTS OF RADIOFREQUENCY EXPOSURE

A QUICK SUMMARY OF PEER REVIEWED ACADEMIC RESEARCH

In addition to the journal published research presented here, there is a large amount of case studies, private experiments and personal testimonies that claim a wide range of symptoms and negative health effects from exposure to radiofrequencies. Due to the lack of academic accuracy and bias control measures these reports were not included in this summary.

CANCER – The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recently concluded a 10-year exposure study on rats performed at 900MHz, which is a frequency common in 3G cellphone technology and Smart Meters. They found “clear evidence” for Schwannoma cancers of the heart, “some evidence” for aggressive Glioma brain cancer and adrenal gland cancers, and “equivocal evidence” for carcinogenicity in other tissues like the pituitary gland and the liver. A second 2018 peer reviewed rat study performed by the renowned Ramazzini Institute in Bologna, Italy confirmed these findings regarding tumor types and locations, even though they used a frequency of 1,800MHz at a much lower signal strength (Falconi et al 2018). Previous human epidemiological studies have shown an increase in risk for aggressive brain cancer (glioma) and certain cancers of the nervous system (acoustic neuroma) (Baan et al., 2011; IARC, 2013), which led to the WHO classifying RF radiation as a “possible carcinogen to humans” in 2011.

FERTILITY – There are several case controlled studies showing the impact of RF radiation on sperm fertility and abnormalities (Rolland et al., 2013; Agarwal et al., 2009), spontaneous abortion (Juutilainen et al., 1993; Li et al., 2017), and an overall reduction in female fertility (Roshangar et al., 2014).

NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS – Exposure to RF radiation has been reported to increase neuropsychiatric and behavioral disorders (Johansson et al., 2010; Divan et al., 2012). The mechanism for this phenomenon is not well understood, although RF radiation’s well proven effect on brain glucose metabolism is suspected to be a factor (Volkow et al., 2011).

THE CHILD FACTOR – The smaller head size and decreased thickness of the skull, combined with the higher conductivity of the young nervous system, result in greater penetration of RF radiation into the brain of children (Gandhi et al., 1996; IEG, 2000). Animal studies have shown that in-utero RF exposure leads to alteration in neurodevelopment and behaviors in offsprings (Aldad et al. 2012; Zhang et al., 2015). Even at low, non-thermal intensities, RF exposure impairs learning and spatial memory

in young rats, with similar findings in studies of adult rats (Bas et al., 2009; Deshmukh et al. 2015; Kumari et al., 2017). In humans, Divan et al. (2008) showed that both pre- and postnatal RF exposure is associated with emotional and hyperactivity problems in 7-year-old children. These findings were confirmed through a replicative study (Divan et al., 2012), as well as in a data analysis of 83,884 children that concluded that RF exposure of the mother during pregnancy increases the risk of hyperactivity and attention problems (Birks et al., 2017).

FREE RADICALS – SO WHAT?! One of the best researched non-thermal effects of RF exposure is the creation of reactive oxygen species (ROS, aka free radicals) and thereby promoting a state of oxidative stress (Yao et al., 2008; de Luliis et al., 2014; Luukkonen et al., 2009). ROS are proven to play a critical role in the development of Alzheimer’s disease, atherosclerosis, asthma, cancer, diabetes, joint diseases, Parkinson’s disease, and aging (Houstis et al., 2006; Afonso et al., 2007; Calaf et al., 2018). ROS also oxidize DNA molecules, thereby causing single strand breaks and other destabilizations, an effect that eventually promotes the development of cancer (Wiseman et al., 1996; Waris et al., 2006). Especially for cancer survivors the correlation between RF exposure and ROS levels becomes crucial, since ROS tissue levels have a direct impact on cancer recurrence rates and radiation sensitivity (van Rossen et al., 2000; Zhang et al., 2016; Gu et al., 2018).

But the effects of RF induced oxidative stress do not end with cancer and chronic diseases. A medium of 3% of the population in developed countries are currently estimated to be affected by RF induced fatigue, chronic pain and impaired cognitive function, caused by elevated tissue levels of ROS (Huang et al., 2018; Hedendahl et al., 2015; Hallberg et al., 2006). In July 2018 Irigaray et al. showed that 80% of the patients diagnosed with the controversial condition of ‘Electrohypersensitivity’ indeed do have significantly elevated blood levels of several different oxidative stress biomarkers. RF exposure is also proven to induce markers of oxidative stress and inflammation in the brain (Dasdag et al., 2012; Megha et al., 2015), which impairs neuron function through protein damage and plays an important role in the development and progression of dementia (Hallwell, 2012; Pratico et al., 2002; Head, 2009; Hajjar et al., 2018).

HOW IS 5G EVEN WORSE, AND WHAT RESEARCH DO WE HAVE?

Preliminary tests show that 5G downlink RF fields generate significantly higher power density and specific absorption rate (SAR) than a current cellular system (Nasim et al., 2018). Other research by Neufeld and Kuster in 2018 highlights the significant tissue heating generated by the rapid short data bursts, and outlines that even exposures within the protection guidelines may lead to permanent tissue damage after even short exposures, calling for an urgent revisitation of exposure guidelines. During a recent senate hearing, FCC officials admitted that there have been ZERO independent studies

done on the health effects of 5G technology on humans, and the cellular industry has also not committed any funds for future studies. Senator Blumenthal describes both FCC and FDA publications on this matter as “pretty unsatisfactory”, concluding his questioning of the FCC with “So there is really no research ongoing. We are kind of flying blind here, as far as health and safety is concerned.”

At this point, I have to conclude my summary as far as 5G peer reviewed research is concerned. Because the the terrifying truth is, there there simply is none. Even above mentioned papers concerning 5G are mostly short term experiments, not actual studies.

What we so know, is that within the past 4 years the evidence of negative health effects from ‘regular’ wireless technology has become so overwhelming, that a large percentage of western countries have taken legal action to reduce public exposure, like banning or drastically limiting wifi or cell phones in public schools (France, Belgium, Spain, Israel, Switzerland, India, Russia, as well as some regions of Germany and Austria). Yet, in the US we are still installing cellular towers on the roofs or next to schools, churches and hospitals. Many of these countries also have exposure guidelines at 1/10th of the levels used in the US.

Why is it that this research takes so long to reach our government, when so many western countries have already taken drastic actions?

In my opinion, there is a clear need for further studies and evaluation before the public can be exposed to a technology with this much potential for harm. I urge local authorities in Clallam County to do everything within their power to demand a halt on the deployment of 5G technology, as well as the Clallam County PUD’s Advanced Meter System.

Sincerely,

Inga Able

Public Hearing
Ranked-Choice Voting
Comments Received

BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC HEARING

H1 Consider a resolution calling on the state legislature to pass legislation, which would enable the County (and other Jurisdictions in the state) to adopt ranked-choice voting for local elections, if they so choose

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that any testimony that I give is true and accurate.

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Signed on April 6, 2021 in Port Angeles, Washington

Gores, Alanna

From: Christy Holy <clholy@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 12:18 PM
To: Gores, Alanna
Subject: In support of Ranked Choice Voting

*** EXTERNAL EMAIL *** This message was sent from outside our County network.

Dear Commissioners -

I will not be able to attend the meeting today, but I wanted to voice my support for a resolution to enable the county to adopt Ranked Choice Voting, if they so choose. I believe that allowing voters to rank candidates would result in more people running for office, more people voting in general, and voters would feel like they have more choices. In Clallam County, often candidates do not seek endorsement from one party or the other, so that they can appeal to more people. Ranked Choice Voting would allow for voters to vote for people in order of who they like best, rather than being pinned in by voting down the ballot in a two-party system.

Thanks for your time,
Christy Holy
Clallam County Democrats
clholy@gmail.com

Public Hearing
Forester Comments Received

BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC HEARING

H2 Increasing monitoring of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) management of its trust lands by hiring a forester

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that any testimony that I give is true and accurate.

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Gores, Alanna

From: aseiter@olypen.com
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2020 9:10 AM
To: Gores, Alanna; Gores, Alanna
Subject: Comment re work session item 8 - proposed forester position recommendation

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October 5, 2020

Clallam County Board of Commissioners

RE: Work Session Agenda Item #8
Hiring of a County Forester to Monitor DNR Activities

The Charter Review Commission has forwarded a recommendation to increase Clallam County's monitoring of DNR management of trust lands by hiring a forester. This recommendation was originally proposed as a possible amendment to the charter, and I strongly concur with the CRC in declining to put this issue forward in the charter. However, I have additional comments on this issue, related to potential action by the Board of County Commissioners.

- **There is insufficient material and opportunity for the public to comment on the recommendation for a forester.**
The packet contains no information on the recommendation for a forester--no job description, budget, funding source, or outline of duties. Members of the public have insufficient information to comment fully. I recognize that Covid presents many limitations on public participation, but the public at least needs to see written materials and be given adequate time to submit comments. I would also note that internet services are extremely limited in parts of the county, such as my area, for livestreaming or video conferencing, making written advance material that much more essential.
- **The purpose of the proposed forester position is unclear, and there is no information on the potential duties and qualifications for the position.**
The Trust Lands Advisory Committee met for a year in 2016 to discuss DNR management of county trust lands. It has never been clear what the county would expect the forester to do, and why such a position is needed. The CRC recommendation alludes to the need to increase county revenues from trust lands. Foresters typically provide services related to planting, harvesting, and managing trees. If the intent is to assess market forces and revenue potential, different skills may be required. In any case, the County should review the purpose of the position, determine whether it is needed, and if so, develop a position description to ensure that the county is seeking the right skills for the job.

I understand the need for dependable revenue to the county and junior taxing districts, and I support responsible forest management. As I learned from listening to the presentations at the Trust Lands Advisory Committee, management of trust lands is extremely complex. Page 19 of the TLAC final report summarizes several issues that should be considered with respect to hiring a forester.

I urge the BOCC to table this recommendation for further discussion, potentially with other members of the Trust Lands Advisory Committee. Additionally, the public needs an opportunity to review and comment on written materials that describe the recommendation for a forester fully.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ann E. Seiter

PO Box 2201; Sequim WA 98382

Gores, Alanna

From: Ozias, Mark
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 3:36 PM
To: Ed Bowen
Cc: Gores, Alanna
Subject: RE: CRC Recommendation and the means the BOCC is addressing the topics

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From: Ed Bowen [rockypt@olypen.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 11:10 AM
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Gores, Alanna

From: Jane Hielman <sunsetswestcoop@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 7:29 PM
To: Gores, Alanna
Subject: Randy Johnson, Bill Peach, Mark Ozias

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Clallam County Commissioners

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Chair for the Planning Commission and
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Gores, Alanna

From: Mary Margaret Doherty <mmdoherty441@gmail.com>
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To: Gores, Alanna
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From: Tree Stokan <treejstokan@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 5:40 PM
To: Ozias, Mark; Johnson, Randy; Peach, Bill
Cc: Gores, Alanna
Subject: We need to have at least two Charter Review Commission Public Hearings in the evening, please!

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Thank you,
Therese Stokan
Former 2020 Charter Review Commissioner, District 3

Gores, Alanna

From: Rose Marschall <rosemarschall@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 12:52 PM
To: Gores, Alanna
Subject: Charter Review Commission

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Thank you.

Marvelous Monday to you,

Rose Marschall

Gores, Alanna

From: Kathe Smith <kathesmith10@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2021 6:35 AM
To: Gores, Alanna
Subject: Public comment: county forester position

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I'd like to encourage expanding the view on our county timberlands mgmt emphasis from one of an exclusively extractive economy to a carbon sequestrative economy. I propose the search for a "County Forester" is pursued to seek a person whose interests and experience can go beyond the past lens of grow, cut, transport our forest and agricultural resources to grow, collect carbon credit cash. Transforming our local economy to eliminate the high cost of product transport to market and creating a local economy of sequestering carbon for cash in our growing wood products and in our soils through plant photosynthesis, rather than through harvest and transport. We could lead the northwest and the DNR in this new potential rather than follow along in a line of slowly declining returns due to wildfires, rising transportation costs, soil depletion, insect damage and loss of jobs due to mechanization efficiencies. Still supporting our economy has to be the goal, but through carbon sequestration rather than resource extraction. Both forest and agricultural resources under the oversight of a county resource manager position. Not just a forester. Old approaches will not achieve new results.

Kathe Smith
607 East 4th St
Port Angeles, WA 98362

Gores, Alanna

From: northstar@wavecable.com
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 9:42 AM
To: Gores, Alanna
Subject: Charter Review Recommendation Forester
Attachments: Clallam County Charter Review Forester.docx

Please accept the attached letter in public testimony to the Clallam County Commissioners regarding the Charter Review Amendment Recommendation for a Forester.

Thanks.

Norm P. Schaaf
NorthStar Forestry LLC
360-460-1365 (cell)
785 Little Loop Drive
Port Angeles, WA 98362

April 8, 2021

Clallam County Board of Commissioners
223 East 4th Street, Suite 4
Port Angeles, WA 98362-3015
Via Email: agores@co.clallam.wa.us

Re: Charter Review Recommendation – Forester

Dear Commissioners:

I offer these comments in opposition to the Charter Review Commission recommendation to hire a forester to increase monitoring of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) management of County Trust Lands. Monitoring DNR management of County trust lands is an important oversight responsibility for Clallam County, but I do not believe that hiring a forester is the most effective way to accomplish this task. As I understand the intent of the Charter Review recommendation a County forester would monitor the full range of DNR management activities, from on-the-ground activities such as silviculture and timber harvest to long-range Forest Management Plans and DNR's fulfillment of its fiduciary responsibilities. This scope of tasks requires very different expertise, skill sets and experiences that will be difficult, if not impossible, to find in one individual. It would be more effective to contract the necessary tasks to individuals or firms that have the appropriate expertise and skills.

In the interest of full disclosure, I am a recently retired forester with over 45 years of professional experience. I retired as President of Merrill & Ring in 2018, having served since 1993 and had previously been employed by Scott Paper Company and Crown Pacific, Ltd. beginning in 1973. Throughout my career I worked in the areas of silviculture, inventory, timber harvest, log marketing, and all aspects of management and administration. Charter Review member Joe Murray, sponsor of this Charter amendment, was part of my Merrill & Ring staff. Since my retirement I have done a small amount of consulting forestry for local private landowner clients. My business name is NorthStar Forestry LLC. While I have recommended that Clallam County contract forestry experts to monitor DNR activities it is not because I am seeking this work.

I also disclose that I have worked in a professional forestry capacity with Commissioners Bill Peach and Randy Johnson, both in their non-governmental capacities. The work with Bill Peach occurred when he was employed by Rayonier. The work with Randy Johnson occurred when he was employed by Green Crow. For several years Merrill & Ring and Green Crow were in partnership (MRGC) and when that partnership ended in 1996 I continued to work with Randy Johnson and Green Crow. I am currently providing some consulting forestry services for Randy Johnson in an independent business not related to Green Crow.

As I noted in my opening paragraph, monitoring DNR management activities on Clallam County trust lands requires a wide range of skills and expertise. Further complicating such monitoring is the reality that there is no single solution or prescription to evaluate whether or not DNR is managing to what can be termed Best Management Practices (BMP's). The natural forest environment is complex and highly variable. This context is further complicated by widely differing management objectives, legal and fiduciary requirements, short and long-term financial assumptions, budget constraints and legislative mandates. A forester monitoring DNR management activities must be able to consider all of these factors (and probably others) in order to appropriately evaluate and comment on DNR management of County trust lands.

A forester monitoring silviculture activities will probably consider such things as species selection for reforestation, stocking levels (trees per acre), stock type (size and age) and planting quality control. This work is very field intensive. Evaluation of timber harvest layout and supervision may require forest engineering skills, geo-technical experience and/or expertise, and knowledge of timber quality and log markets. Timber inventory is a specialty all its own. Monitoring the achievement of fiduciary responsibilities requires a forester or other professional with financial experience and skills in this discipline. Through a full career an individual forester might be able to attain some experience in many of the varied aspects of forest management but is unlikely to be considered an expert in any but a few of them. At best an individual forester monitoring DNR management of County trust lands could probably assess compliance within a broad range of potential activities and outcomes.

It is certainly appropriate that Clallam County should monitor DNR's management of County trust lands. This can best be accomplished by contracting with forestry and other consultants with the necessary expertise to fully evaluate the critical questions.

Thank you for considering these comments. I hope to attend one of the scheduled hearings and provide similar testimony as well as to be available for any questions from the Commissioners. Feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

Norm Schaaf
785 Little Loop Drive
Port Angeles, WA 98362
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northstar@wavecable.com

Public Hearing
Housing Comments Received

BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC HEARING

H2 Meet all housing needs by creating permanent housing

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that any testimony that I give is true and accurate.

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Signed on April 13, 2021 in Port Angeles, Washington

Gores, Alanna

From: Ingrid Carmean <icarmean2@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 27, 2020 9:14 PM
To: Gores, Alanna
Subject: Housing Security

*** EXTERNAL EMAIL *** This message was sent from outside our County network.

Dear Clallam County Commissioners,

Thank you for listening to Norma Turner's presentation on housing security. As you know there are many who live among us who do not have housing security and as Norma pointed out that is very costly for us as a county not only in the monetary costs but in the social costs.

I would like you to look at another alternative to housing. When I lived in Fresno a creative architect Arthur Dyson was designing very inexpensive housing for those experiencing homelessness. This is where his heart is. He explored using very inexpensive materials and designed small homes around a central community building. Limiting plumbing and a full kitchen to the community building cut down considerably on costs. You can see some of his ideas at EcoVillage project of Fresno (<https://ecovillagefresno.org/>). If you continue to google his name you will realize how creative an individual he is. One thing Art told me he believed is living in a beautiful place lessened the violence. Living in one of these small homes would be a game changer for the widow Commissioner Johnson mentioned, who was living in her car.

Norma mentioned the generosity of the Clallam county people. I also have noticed the generosity of the Clallam county people. I volunteered for TAFY for about two years and noticed the many people donating time and items to TAFY. I also have a little free pantry in front of my house and at least several times every day people put food and other items into it. Norma is right the people of Clallam county are very generous. A government/private project to house those experiencing homelessness would be very effective.

Sincerely,

Ingrid Carmean
Resident of Clallam County

Gores, Alanna

From: Ozias, Mark
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 3:36 PM
To: Ed Bowen
Cc: Gores, Alanna
Subject: RE: CRC Recommendation and the means the BOCC is addressing the topics

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From: Ed Bowen [rockypt@olypen.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 11:10 AM
To: Ozias, Mark; Johnson, Randy; Peach, Bill
Subject: CRC Recommendation and the means the BOCC is addressing the topics

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Gores, Alanna

From: Tree Stokan <treejstokan@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 27, 2021 9:52 AM
To: Brad@my-work-photos.com
Cc: Gores, Alanna
Subject: Re: United Way Affordable housing

*** EXTERNAL EMAIL *** This message was sent from outside our County network.

Hi Brad!

I just noticed that email address for Alanna was not quite right so, resending, with her corrected e-mail address.

(This e-mail includes yours...and will be forwarded to the BOCC.)

Thanks you so much, Brad!

Therese (Tree)

On Feb 27, 2021, at 9:48 AM, Tree Stokan <treejstokan@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Brad!

Thank you so much for checking in, with your concern about Affordable Housing, and your offer of help! The meeting held on Thursday evening, Feb. 25, 2021, was actually hosted by a number of community members, (not United Way) including some of us who served on the 2020 Charter Review Commission.

It was great that a total of "50" people attended that Zoom meeting! It certainly showed a lot of concern about the topic of needing accessible/affordable housing in our county!

I am glad to have your email address, and when the Clallam County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) establishes a schedule for Public Hearings on the "Recommendations" made by the 2020 Charter Review Commission, I will let you know.

It was great to hear about your willingness to collaborate in building "Tiny Homes" for those who are facing homelessness! You mentioned that it is difficult to find younger people who are willing to help build the structures.

Since Thursday evening, I have received three emails with ideas addressing that issue! I will include you on a Summary of Comments that I have been receiving on this topic and notes from the speakers, who gave presentations on Thursday evening. I am planning to share that Summary with the BOCC, as well!

Thank you so much for stepping forward to endorse your support for the 2020 Charter Review Commission's Recommendation on affordable housing, which is entitled:

"Recommendation to Support All Housing Needs by Creating Permanent Housing"

Alanna Gores is the Clerk of the Board for the BOCC. I am sure she will forward your email to the BOCC, and I am asking that she forward this email, as well, to our Commissioners Mark Ozias, Randy Johnson and Bill Peach.

Much appreciation,
Therese (Tree) Stokan
2020 Charter Review Commissioner
I represented District 3, on the Commission
Neah Bay
(360) 640-0695

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 27, 2021, at 9:09 AM, Brad Griffith <Brad@my-work-photos.com> wrote:

Good day I was on the United way zoom on affordable housing. Can you please add me to your news on this topic? I'M Brad Griffith of LiteHouse Shelters, lite weight, structural building panels for homeless tiny homes.

https://www.instagram.com/litehouse_shelters/?hl=en Links to photos.

Thanks

Brad Griffith
360-461-4686

Gores, Alanna

From: michele mangiantini <deanman@olypen.com>
Sent: Monday, March 01, 2021 10:22 AM
To: Gores, Alanna
Subject: promote affordable housing

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Hi,

I missed your Zoom meeting and more than likely would not be able to attend any Zoom meetings as they don't provide captioning (I am deaf).

I do have a little input that might be helpful...

I own a handful of single family rental homes in PA. One of those rentals is an Oxford home where up to 9 men are living in a "whole" home (as opposed to a half-way home). Each has their own story of addiction but are allowed to reside with like-minded individuals to get their lives back on track and become independent. The approach in housing several people in larger size houses that can accommodate as many as possible to get the cost of living to an affordable rate is worth noting. I am just an owner/investor of one Oxford House (for something like 13 years now) but there are several in our county. The Oxford organization helps to find these rental homes and administer the programs by setting up the rentals with furnishings, extra appliances needed for the larger groups, house rules, etc., for a fully functioning home to help these folks get off of their addiction and back to being a productive member of society. Once the Oxford administrator has set one up they can move on to the next set-up as they seem to run on their own at that point. Each house has a slate of appointed but evolving "officers" to fulfill all of the functions of a normal household and every member has a set of responsibilities making the house a home. They are self-governing and my husband and I as the owners have no authority over who lives there. I am impressed with how they conduct themselves and the house is kept in good presentable shape; one of the best kept in the neighborhood.

The Oxford model/structure could be repeated for other classes of folks vulnerable to homelessness. If there were perhaps a few incentives available to investors and a bunch of advertising to promote these types of living arrangements, they could be very successful. I like to think that I am doing my part to help but as an owner it is a heavy burden on the wear and tear of the house. Perhaps offering to assist property owners to update properties to accommodate more than a single family and allow compliance codes to permit for this type of multi-individual housing... I don't have all of the answers here but the general direction could be worth discussion for your group.

Thanks for your consideration and determination to find answers to affordable housing and homelessness.
Michele Mangiantini



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Gores, Alanna

From: Jane Hielman <sunsetswestcoop@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 05, 2021 4:41 PM
To: Gores, Alanna
Subject: Homelessness action!

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"I urge the BOCC to implement the Recommendation by the 2020 Charter Review Commission to Meet All Housing Needs by Creating Permanent Housing in Clallam County." Great work has been done by our representatives and the public, they have set the ball rolling toward action on this project. Please keep it rolling!

Jane for the Co-op

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Gores, Alanna

From: William Kildall <drwmkildall@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2021 9:04 AM
To: Gores, Alanna
Subject: Affordable Housing

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To all Members of the BOCC,

As a resident and homeowner of Clallam County and Port Angeles since 2055, I am urging all members of the BOCC to support the Recommendation from the CRC of 2020 on Affordable Housing to create a permanent program to house all homeless, unemployed, and low-income residents of the County as a human right at its March 15th meeting.

Sincerely,

William R. Kildall

Gores, Alanna

From: Jane Hielman <sunsetswestcoop@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 7:29 PM
To: Gores, Alanna
Subject: Randy Johnson, Bill Peach, Mark Ozias

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Cc: Gores, Alanna
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Former 2020 Charter Review Commissioner, District 3

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Rose Marschall

Gores, Alanna

From: THERESE STOKAN <hermanabaheda@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 11:58 PM
To: Ozias, Mark; Johnson, Randy; Peach, Bill
Cc: Brad@my-work-photos.com; Gores, Alanna
Subject: Re: 2020 Charter Review Commission's Recommendation to Meet All Housing Needs by Creating Permanent Housing - suggestions from Brad...for BOCC.

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Hi Brad!

I am forwarding your suggestions to the Clallam County Board of Commissioners, for their review.

If you think you can make it to one of the upcoming Public Hearings, on this Charter Review Commission Recommendation, that would be great!

Thank you so much!

Therese (Tree) Stokan

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 31, 2021, at 10:16 PM, Brad Griffith <Brad@my-work-photos.com> wrote:

Hi Tree Brad Griffith here I read over the details, good collection of information.

I would be interested in talking about the intern idea to help make our shelters, as a contractor I have often thought of a shadow program where a young people could do a ride a long and job site visits that would then turn into some sort of training program.

Sawhorse Revolution in Seattle teaches teens carpentry skills and design skills through inspiring community projects. A model we could fallow. There are also a few more in Seattle as well.

The collage or high school builder program could build tiny houses with the traditional methods and donate them.

Things to considerthere is a 270 mobile home park being built by me in Sequim.....sounds good except it is for 55 and old. Maybe there is a way...tax incentives the developer could get if they changed the park to include all ages. Young families need home as well.

See you.

Gores, Alanna

From: THERESE STOKAN <hermanabaheda@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 01, 2021 12:23 AM
To: Ozias, Mark; Johnson, Randy; Peach, Bill
Cc: Gores, Alanna
Subject: Fwd: 2020 Charter Review Commission's Recommendation to Meet All Housing Needs by Creating Permanent Housing - Summary of community organizing zoom meeting - held on Feb. 25, 2021.....forwarding this as a reference for BOCC, as you prepare to review th...
Attachments: 2020 Charter Review Recommendation.pdf; ATT00001.htm; Tiny House.pdf; ATT00002.htm; more Ideas from residents.pdf; ATT00003.htm; Linsey Schromen-Wawrin Presentation.pdf; ATT00004.htm; Ingrid Carmean Presentation.pdf; ATT00005.htm

*** EXTERNAL EMAIL *** This message was sent from outside our County network.

Clallam County Commissioners Mark Ozias, Randy Johnson, and Bill Peach,

For people of different faiths, this week emphasizes history, hope, liberation and new life.

It seems like an appropriate time to share with you the e-mail, that I am forwarding, that addresses the 2020 Clallam County Charter Review Commission's (CRC) "Recommendation to Meet All Housing Needs by Creating Permanent Housing".

On Feb. 25, 2021, a diverse group of people, from various age groups and backgrounds, including members from both major political parties, came together to learn about this particular Charter Review Recommendation. The presentations were very well done, and you can see the links to the slides that were shown at the zoom meeting.

While the meeting was only set to last 1 hour, most of the 50 participants remained well beyond that, and some stayed for almost 2 hours. People brought their concern, their questions, their suggestions, and offers of help. In the days following that meeting, additional suggestions were submitted by e-mail to the organizers of the event, which included several of the 2020 Charter Review Commissioners.

I think all of us are aware that members of our community are experiencing homelessness and that the situation does not appear to be improving.

We want you, our leaders, to "take active leadership to reclaim and renew"...your "primary leadership role in engaging a group of public and private organizations and businesses to creatively increase affordable housing availability, apply forward thinking ideas proven to be successful in communities that have reduced the experience of homelessness effectively, and report progress back to the community every six months."....as noted in the CRC's Recommendation.

Hopefully, this e-mail will assist you as you consider the best ways to implement this Recommendation. Our community's greatness is reflected in how we look out for those who are in greatest need.

Sincerely,

Therese Stokan

2020 Charter Review Commissioner, who represented District 3

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarding..

*****This is an excerpt from an email, sent to the participants of the Zoom Meeting, on February 25, 2021, (and others), regarding the CRC Recommendation on Meeting All Housing Needs....**

Be sure to see the attachments; great slides to review!

Hello Everyone!

On Thursday evening, Feb. 25, 2021, many of you participated in the: "Organizing Meeting" to discuss the following Recommendation on Affordable Housing, that has been presented to the Clallam County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC): Mark Ozias, Randy Johnson and Bill Peach.

"2020 Charter Review Commission Recommendation to Meet All Housing Needs by Creating Permanent Housing".

Some of you were not able to attend, and were interested in having notes from the meeting. Please feel free to share this e-mail and the following information with your friends, families, co-workers and contacts throughout Clallam County.

If you received this e-mail, you will receive additional ones about upcoming important dates. ***If you do not want to receive additional e-mails, please "reply" to this e-mail, "No thanks on additional e-mails on this topic."***

If this e-mail was forwarded to you, and you want to be added to the e-mail list for additional updates, send an e-mail to: Therese (Tree) Stokan: treejstokan@gmail.com in the subject line, please write: "Affordable Housing".

This e-mail contains the following:

1. **The link to the 2020 Charter Review Recommendation (CRC) and what you can do to help.** This is one of five "Recommendations" that the CRC has sent to the BOCC.

Our understanding is that the BOCC will be reviewing the five recommendations at their work session, on **March 15, 2021**, and **setting up dates and locations for “Public Hearings”** on these five topics.

It is our hope that you would **consider doing one or both of the following**, in support of the Recommendation on Affordable Housing:

- a. **Send an e-mail**, in support of this Recommendation, to the Clallam County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), via the Clerk of the Board: Alanna Gores, agores@co.clallam.wa.us
- b. **Prepare a “Public Comment”** (3 minutes) to present at the upcoming Public Hearings. (Dates and locations to be announced after 3/15/2021.)

Whether you send an e-mail, or you prepare a public comment, or both, **feel free to include your ideas and suggestions to the BOCC**. You may find ideas for your comments in this e-mail. **It is important to let the BOCC know that affordable housing is a priority for you and for our community.**

2. Links to the presentation, given by two of our speakers on Feb. 25, 2021:

- a. **Ingrid Carmean:** Local volunteer/advocate for teens and adults, challenged by home-finding, including TAFY (The Answer for Youth) and Food Not Bombs.
(Attached: *Ingrid Carmean Presentation*)
- b. **Lindsey Schromen-Wawrin:** Local attorney, “Believes housing is a human right”, serves on the Port Angeles City Council and the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance Public Policy Committee.
(Attached: *Lindsey Schromen-Wawrin Presentation*)

3. **A summary of some comments, offered by members of the public, during and after the meeting.** This summary includes quotes from e-mails received on this topic, after Feb. 25. Several of the longer comments are included in the attachments.
4. **A list of organizations that were represented or mentioned at the meeting.**

Much thanks to: All who attended the meeting, our speakers, and to the 2020 Clallam County Charter Review Commission– for presenting this important Recommendation to the BOCC!

Summary of Comments:

Three important principles: Respect everyone. Beauty decreases violence. Everyone deserves a place to belong.

Brad Griffith (a contractor) with LiteHouse Shelters, has stepped forward, offering to collaborate with others to build: lite weight, structural building panels for homeless tiny homes.

https://www.instagram.com/lighthouse_shelters/?hl=en (Links to photos)

Reminder about an important document: **Clallam County Homeless Crisis Response and Housing Plan (2020 – 2024).**

The Department of Community Development has developed a “Tiny Home” design, which meets all the minimal standards “for health and safety”, and additional designs could be developed.

<http://websrv7.clallam.net/forms/uploads/ci113524.pdf>

(Attached: Tiny House)

*****Suggestion: Team up with:** the **Peninsula Housing Authority** and **Habitat for Humanity**, or others *“that have systems in place that can be pushed forward and enhanced.”*

On frustration mentioned: “Having trouble hiring young people to work and build structures”:

One of our residents did some searching after the meeting, sent this e-mail to the school: “Because contractors are saying they are having trouble hiring people to do the work I started wondering if the building, construction, trades are still teaching students getting the needed vocational training, etc.) To step into those jobs?”

Answer she received: *“We do have Tim Branham at the high school, still. We also have Dan Helpenstell, Mike Hanson, and all of the other vocational teachers teaching welding, auto mechanics, computer skills, video production, medical terminology, emergency response and all of the vocational classes. The high school does a nice job in the vocational arena and always has as long as I have worked here.”*

Questions raised by another resident: “I’m curious how many of those vocational students go on to enter local trade’s jobs? Is there a seamless connection to a job and/or further training or apprenticeships after high school? It would seem these students would be gobbled up by trade’s jobs. What percentage of local vocational students would look to the workforce as drug free applicants with an acceptable work ethic?”

“People used to start with a 400 sq. ft. home.”

“Infrastructure is a Huge Issue.” Infrastructure: the basic physical and organizational structures and facilities – buildings, roads, power supplies – needed for the operation of a society or enterprise.

“Predatory Lending” – a big problem preventing home ownership.

“Everyone needs an exit plan from a shelter. But once someone is housed in a place they can afford, they are almost always able to maintain that housing.”

“We need someone to Champion – Open Land in UGA....Get sewage out and it would open a lot of land.”

UGA = Urban Growth Area

It is basically the community limits of Carlsborg. It allows for higher densities - approximately 10 lots per acre. That's a little smaller than a PA city lot. The PUD and the county went in together about four years ago to drill a deep well to provide water to the UGA. The county and PUD are still working on itIt's very close, but not sure when the water lines will be trenched and Ecology will give the go ahead. *Reasons for the delay – are not known.*

“There are reportedly 40 acres of land in the Carlsborg UGA that can support 400 houses. We just need to get water and sewer to it. The water is supposed to be on its way. Once the PUD gets on board it can happen.”

There are also areas in Gail's addition and South of 101 that can be developed to higher densities. They need sewer extensions to do so. “The commissioners (BOCC) have been asked (for three years) for money to **hire a consultant to come up with the best plan to extend the sewer** to be able to increase density and add small buildable lots. “...(awaiting action on this.)

CARES Act (United States federal legislation: Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.):

1. **The Eviction Rent Assistance Program (ERAP)** – is funded with federal CARES Act dollars and is intended to prevent evictions by paying past due, current due, and future rent, targeting limited resources to those with the greatest needs while working to distribute funds equitably.
2. **Includes money for Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA)** –

National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233); includes funding for housing victims of domestic abuse.

Public-private partnership: A cooperative arrangement between two or more public and private sectors, typically of a long-term nature. In other words, it involves government and business that work together to complete a project and/or provide services to the population.

Housing Cooperative: A “housing cooperative” forms when people come together to own and control the buildings they live in. They form a cooperative corporation, to which they pay a monthly amount to cover operating expenses. The cooperative owns the land, the buildings, and any common areas. Members buy shares in the cooperative.

Homeward Bound Community Land Trust: Mission is to provide a source of permanently affordable housing for the communities of Jefferson and Clallam County. “Our vision is a thriving, resilient, and diverse community where stable, affordable housing is an achievable goal; a region where everyone contributes to the area's economic and cultural vitality while also having access to: A. Homeownership opportunities that otherwise would be out of reach. B. Quality rentals that are permanently affordable.

San Juan Community Home Trust: A housing development in Friday Harbor, WA, that creates permanently affordable housing for low- and moderate- income island residents. “By doing this the Home Trust promotes economic diversity and development, and supports a sustainable island community while practicing responsible stewardship of our rural environment.”

Village Cooperative: Senior housing communities that are designed for active seniors wanting maintenance-free living with all the benefits of home ownership. Examples: Village Cooperative of South Sound, Tumwater, WA; Hidden Village Cooperative, Olympia, WA.

Workforce Housing: is a term that is increasingly used by planners, government, and organizations concerned with housing policy and advocacy. (When searched on-line, “Workforce Housing” has been considered an “Insulting Term”.)

From Ingrid: “Everyone deserves a place to live. Give those experiencing homelessness a place where they can live with respect and dignity. There are many different examples of this type of living arrangements. Tiny houses, as thought of by most people, are actually expensive because they have all the amenities of larger houses carefully packaged into a small space. Two ways of reducing the expenses are: 1. using different, less expensive, materials (bricks of waste plastic is the example I gave.) 2. Having all the plumbing in one central building that can also be used for group gatherings, counselling sessions, showers, toilets and a common kitchen.”

“Arthur Dyson, a nationally renowned architect, taught me that when people live in a place of beauty there is less violence. We should think of housing the homeless, not warehousing them.”

Organizations represented at the meeting, included:

Clallam County Young Democrats

First Steps Family Support Center

Food Not Bombs

Forks Abuse Program

Homelessness Task Force

LiteHouse Shelters

Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe

Mariposa House

Nor'Wester Rotary

Olympic Peninsula Progressives

Port Angeles Racial Justice Collective

Prevention Works

Sequim Indivisible

TAFY (The Answer for Youth)

Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility

We had guests from both the Republican Party and the Democratic Party.

Much thanks, again, to everyone who attended the meeting. We really appreciate all the comments and ideas received thus far!

Thanks to all of you who spread the word about our Zoom meeting - including: Port Angeles Business Association (PABA)

50 people attended!

Thanks to Laura Hibbs (Missoula, MT) - for flyer art work/design.

Thanks to Olympic Printers (Port Angeles) - for additional design/technical support.

Thanks to Ian Nichel - for technical zoom assistance and for serving as our meeting moderator. Really appreciate all your help!

*****If you want to remain connected on the issue of Affordable Housing and this Charter Review Recommendation, send an e-mail to: Therese (Tree) Stokan: treejstokan@gmail.com in the subject line, please write: Affordable Housing.**

Thanks!



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Date: September 16, 2020

From: Clallam County Charter Review Recommendation

To: Clallam County Board of County Commissioners

**Subject: CLALLAM COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
RECOMMENDATION TO MEET ALL HOUSING NEEDS BY CREATING
PERMANENT HOUSING**

Whereas: The Universal Declaration of human rights, adopted by the United Nations in 1948 Article 25 states: 'Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of self and of family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services.' One in 588 Americans is homeless. Washington State is one of the ten states with the highest homelessness rate. Seven percent of homeless people are veterans, but seven percent also are unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age (HUD, 2018), and

Whereas: Homelessness in Clallam County is 0.38% of the population (approximately 285 individuals) and include families with children, as well as individuals across all age, health, income levels, racial and ethnic groups, and

Whereas: nearly all homeless people living locally have roots in Clallam County, and

Whereas: The Clallam County Housing Crisis Response Plan 2020-2024 (CCHCR) states the "the major causal factors for homelessness in Clallam are related to safe housing availability: "...low vacancy rates, high rental rates, available affordable housing stock" and also "assumes...no additional shelter or housing capacity" will be available, and

Whereas: Homeless citizens' high rates of physical, psychological, emotional and behavioral problems result in higher usage of expensive public services (crime and law enforcement services, emergency medical and behavioral health services, food banks, etc.). The annual average cost to local government to meet these needs is estimated between \$30,000 and \$50,000 per person (Interagency Council on Homelessness), and

Whereas: Permanent housing and wrap-around services not only reduces the need for community services but allows homeless citizens and families to be able to become more stable, more reliably employable and more productive members of society.

Housed children are more able to learn academically, socially and emotionally. And housed families are usually less isolated, and

Whereas: Experiencing homelessness is a high-scoring Adverse Childhood Experience (current ACES national studies, acknowledged by the American Pediatric Academy as the most significant modern childhood health findings) for young children--effecting basic learning, neurological development, nutrition and school attendance. Additionally, the social sciences now, after 50 years of wide acceptance of a hierarchical "needs theory," now recognize that human needs are fluid rather than hierarchical. This fluidity of basic needs increases the recidivism of those experiencing homelessness who may be in shelters, couch surfing and street life cyclically. Reliable basic permanent housing is proven to be the best solution to break this chain, and

Whereas: The CCCHCR plan was approved by the BOCC November 18, 2019 and is due for updating. Since then, several communities across the country have successfully significantly reduced their rate of homelessness and its concurrent problems, and

Whereas: Acceptance by the BOCC to the plan's statement that there will be *no additional housing capacity in the next four years* does not move the community toward working actively to permanently shelter citizens experiencing homelessness, and

Whereas: Clallam County Ordinance 829 amending Section .280, Section .510, and Section .520 of Clallam County Code Chapter 31.02, Countywide Comprehensive Plan, as relates to housing was adopted in 2007 and needs to be updated. Nevertheless, it is as relevant today as it was when adopted. It provides the road map for BOCC to directly again address housing inequities in this county, and

Whereas: Section 3.31.02.520, of the above ordinance states affordable housing goals.

(1) Clallam County's affordable housing efforts should be directed at preserving and creating housing that is affordable to those with Very Low, Low, and Moderate income...

(2) Based on extensive local need for affordable housing as well as its unique local circumstances, the County shall encourage retention and creation of affordable housing, as defined in subsection (1) above, and

(3) Clallam County should consider the following strategies to encourage the retention and creation of affordable housing which:

Coordinates the reforms, supports with renewed participation in the Clallam County Affordable Housing Task Force (CCAHTF) to be comprised of representatives from local governments, the local agencies that work on homelessness and affordable housing issues, previously homeless individuals, financial institutions (lenders), major employers, developers, contractors, real estate professionals, chambers of commerce and economic development leaders. Their collective focused goal would be to move Clallam County forward to creatively build economic stability and decent housing options that move people in need toward self-sufficiency.

CCAHTF will be established and convened by the BOCC, with a county commissioner chairing the task force, giving pronounced emphasis to the importance of working to seriously solve local affordable permanent housing needs, and

Whereas: Monies flowing into the County resulting from HB1406 are designated for Affordable Housing, and

Whereas: Efforts to reduce community homelessness in other places vary but the element they commonly share is “leadership by elected community officials.”

Therefore, be it recommended:

The Clallam County Board of Commissioners immediately take active leadership to reclaim and renew their primary leadership role in engaging a group of public and private organizations and businesses to creatively increase affordable housing availability, apply forward thinking ideas proven to be successful in communities that have reduced the experience of homelessness effectively, and report progress back to the community every six months.

Sue Erzen

Chair, Clallam County CRC

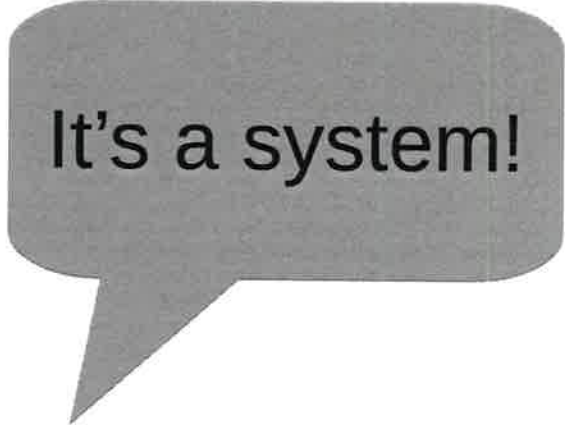
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Chair CRC Committee on Homelessness

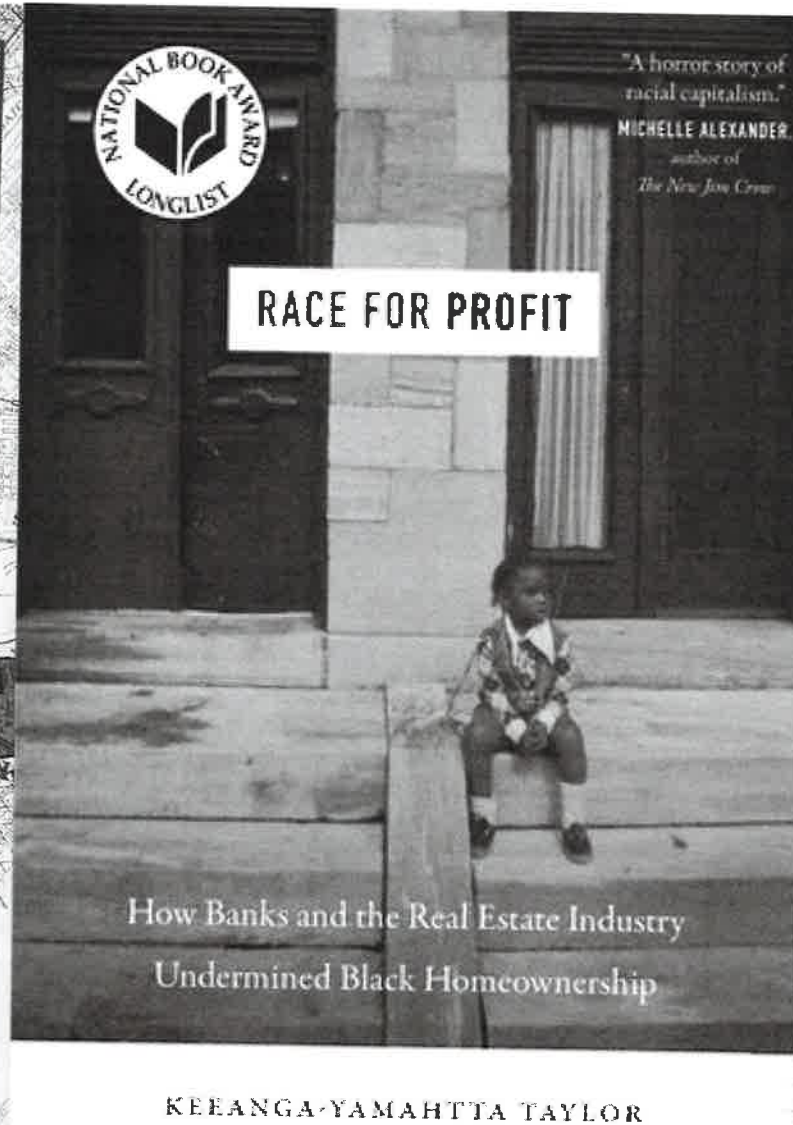
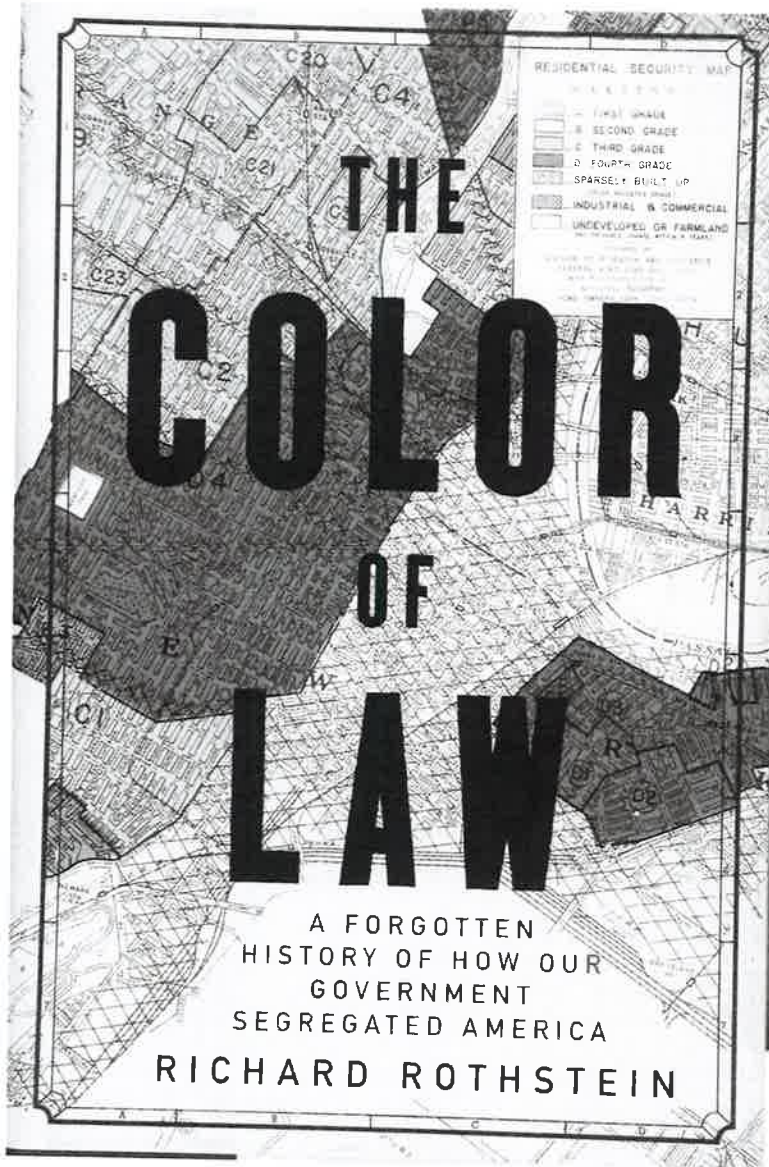
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Housing issues are interlocking

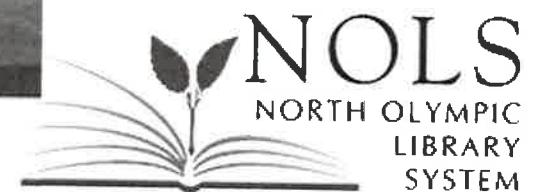
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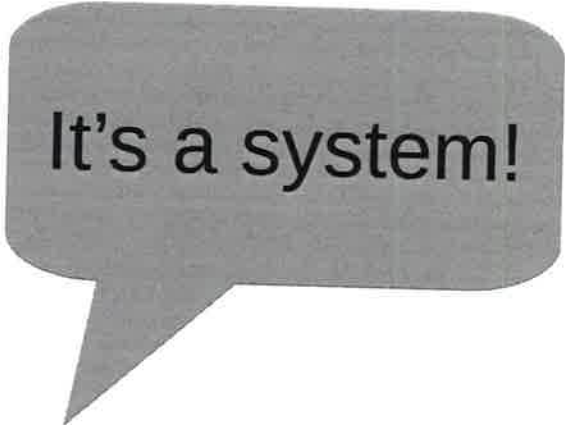


Both books at



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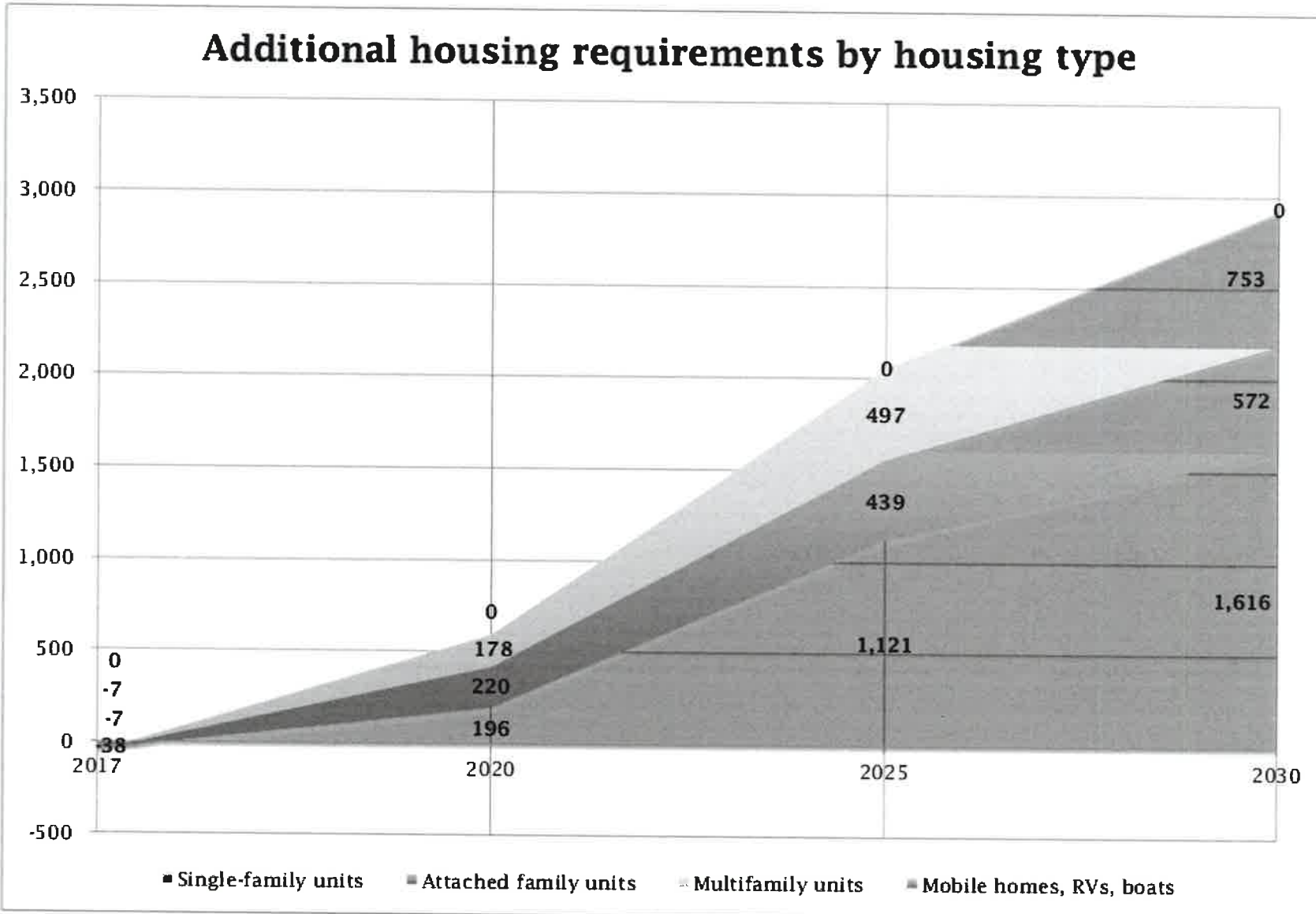


It's a system!

Raw housing stock isn't keeping up with population growth

	Total Population	Total housing units
2018	76737	37331
2010	71515	35605
Change from 2010 to 2018	5222	1726

From Port Angeles Housing Action Plan 2019, page 17



Port Angeles housing demand 2020-2030

	2017	2020	2025	2030
Population - existing/projected	19,420	20,859	23,802	25,641
Population/household - existing/projected	2.26	2.25	2.24	2.22
Housing demand for a housing unit/household	8,593	9,271	10,626	11,550
Plus vacancy allocation	9%	8%	8%	7%
Vacant housing unit requirement	773	742	850	809
Total housing market demand = demand+vacant units	9,366	10,012	11,476	12,359
Less existing occupied/vacant housing units	9,418	9,418	9,418	9,418
Total additional housing market requirement	-52	594	2,058	2,941
Percent single-family of total - existing/projected	70%	68%	67%	66%
Demand for single-family units	6,559	6,793	7,718	8,213
Less existing single-family units	6,597	6,597	6,597	6,597
Projected additional single-family unit requirement	-38	196	1,121	1,616
Percent attached family unit (2-9) of total - existing/projected	14%	15%	15%	15%
Demand for attached family units	1,275	1,502	1,721	1,854
Existing attached family units	1,282	1,282	1,282	1,282
Projected additional attached family unit requirement	-7	220	439	572
Percent multifamily units (10+) of total - existing/projected	13%	14%	15%	16%
Demand for multifamily units	1,217	1,402	1,721	1,977
Existing multifamily units	1,224	1,224	1,224	1,224
Projected additional multifamily unit requirement	-7	178	497	753
Percent mobile homes, RVs, boats of total - existing/projected	3%	3%	3%	3%
Demand for mobile homes, RVs, boats	315	315	315	315
Existing mobile homes, RVs, boats	315	315	315	315
Projected additional mobile home, etc. requirement	0	0	0	0

But at the rate we're building in Port Angeles, we won't get to this goal until sometime after 2070

Sources

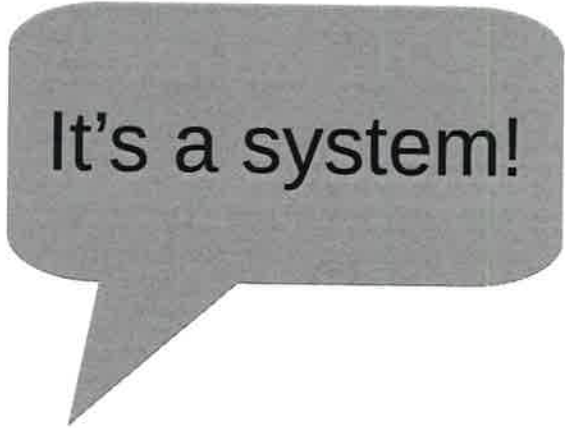
Population projections - Port Angeles Comprehensive Plan

2017 Social characteristics - American Community Survey (ACS), 2013-2017

Housing projections - Beckwith Consulting Group

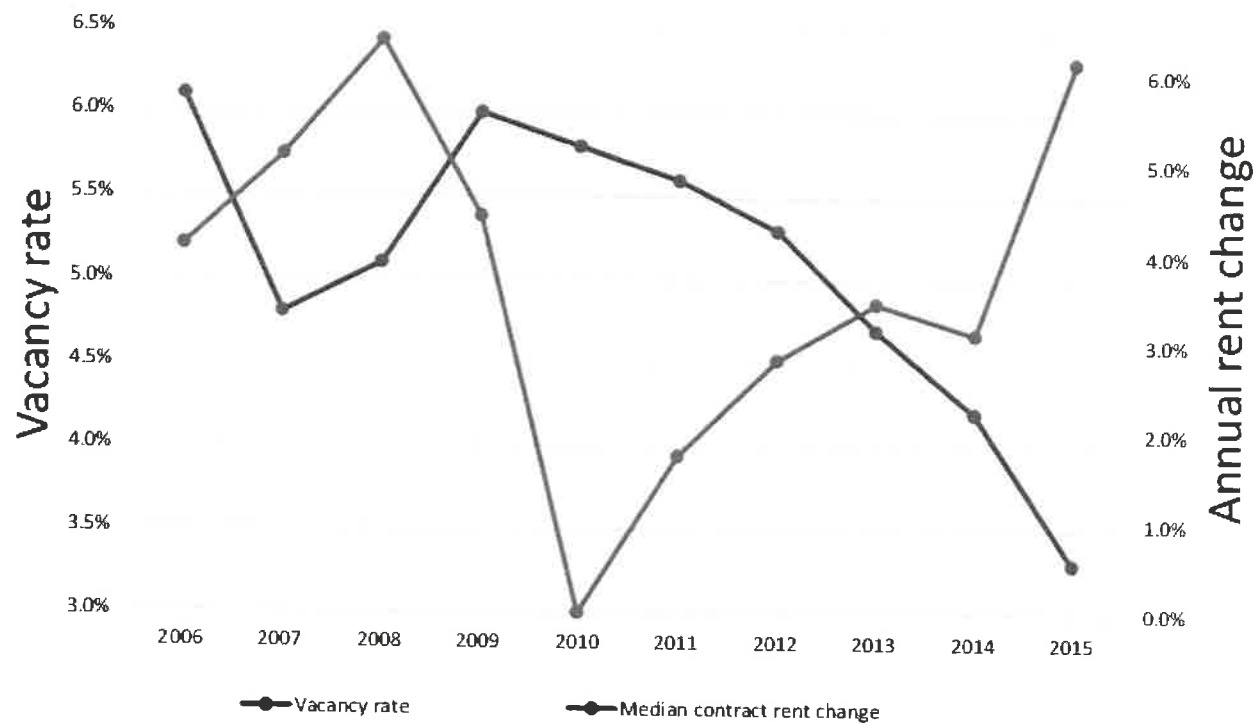
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Vacancy rates and rent increases are inversely related



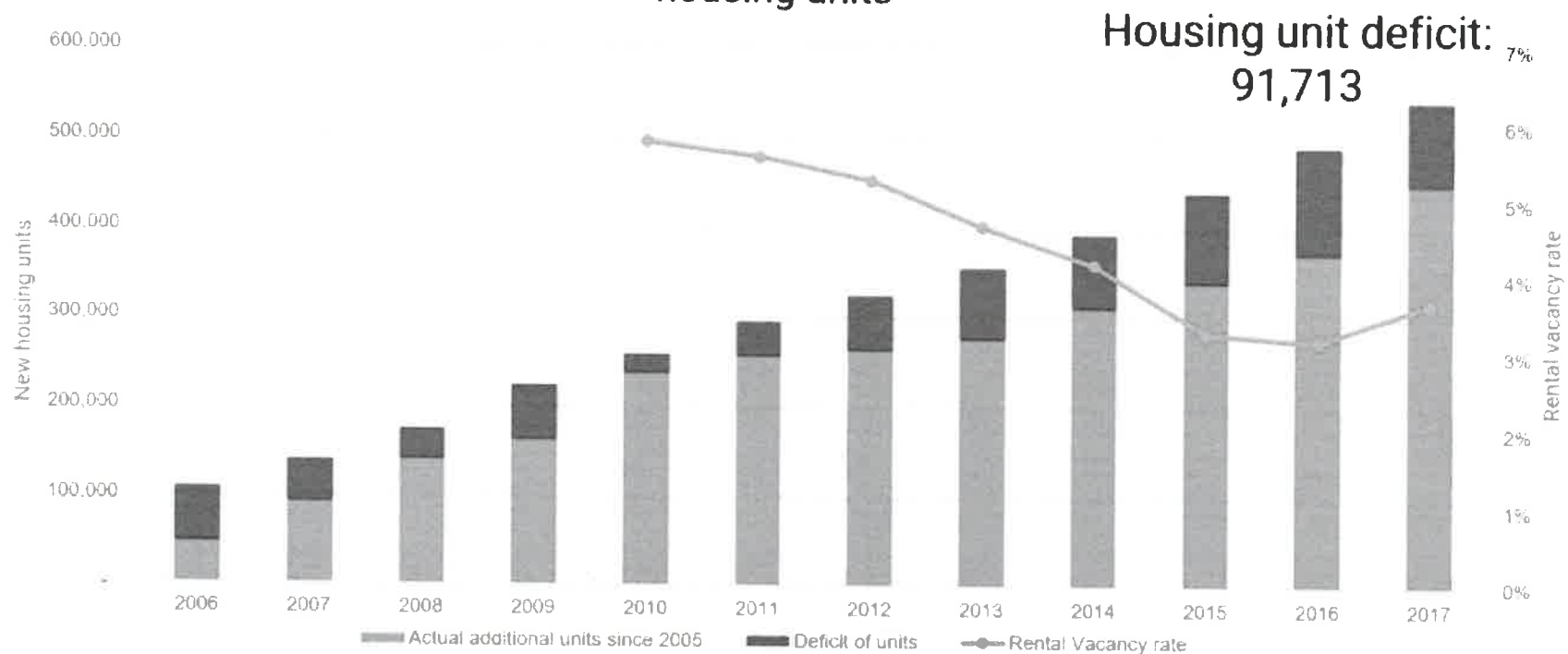
Source: American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates



Department of Commerce

Why Are Rents Increasing?

Deficit of new housing units necessary to maintain 2005 ratio of people to housing units





Affordability Index

There are a variety of ways to assess housing affordability depending upon housing tenure and the housing submarket being targeted. Most assessment methods generally fall into two categories. The first is an absolute definition of affordability where a set proportion of income is applied to a distribution of rents or prices. An example of this can be found in the rental market where rent overburden is defined as paying more than 30% of gross income for rent and utilities. Applying the distribution of incomes to the distribution of prices or rents will reveal the number of households who are cost overburdened.

Housing Market Data Toolkit



Census Data

Household Income by Housing Tenure

House Prices by Area

Rental Markets

Permits and Completions

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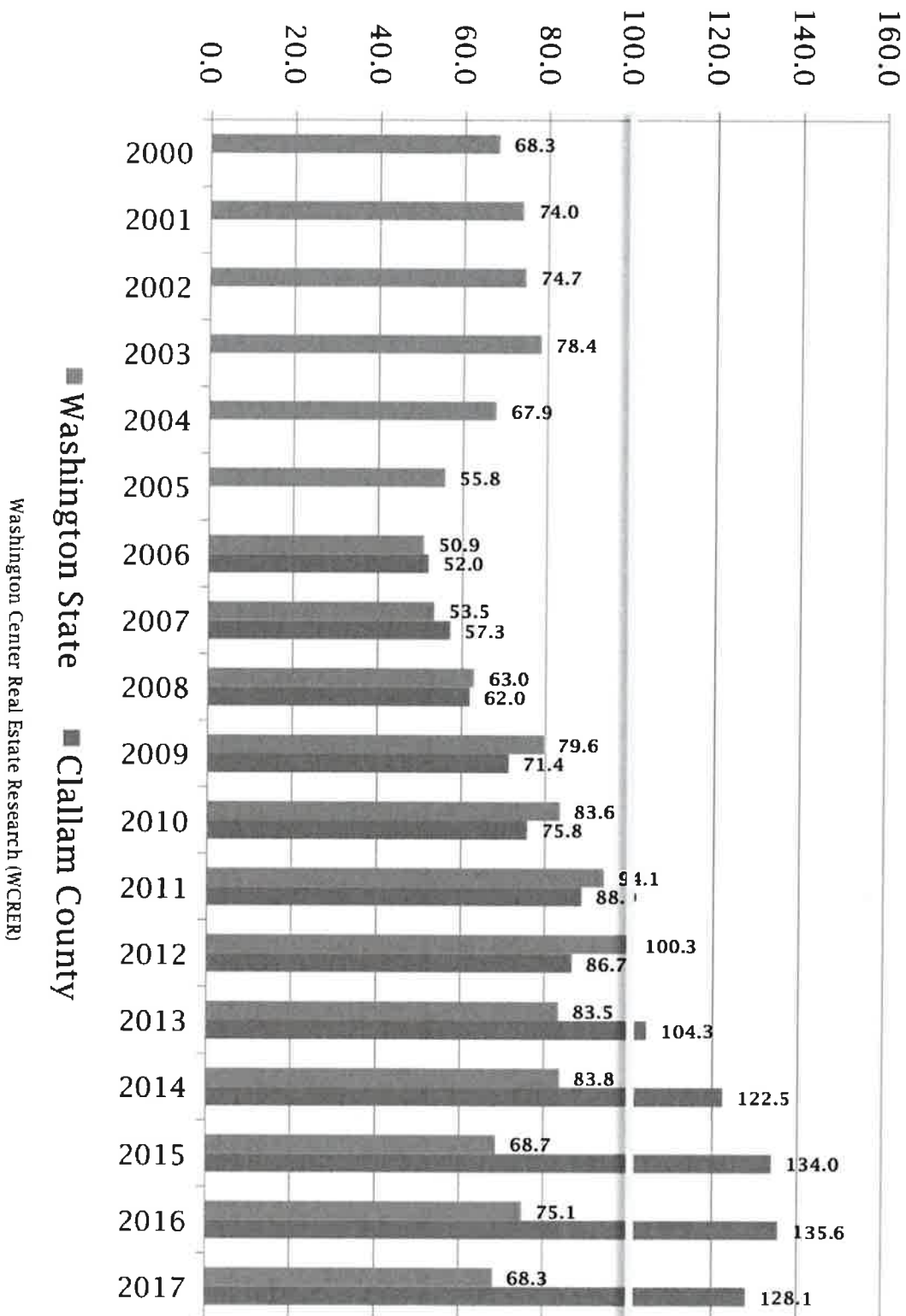


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There are a variety of ways to assess housing affordability in the housing submarket being targeted. Multiple categories. The first is an absolute definition of affordability applied to a distribution of rents or prices. The second is where rent overburden is defined as paying more than 30% of income on housing. Applying the distribution of incomes to the number of households who are cost overburdened.

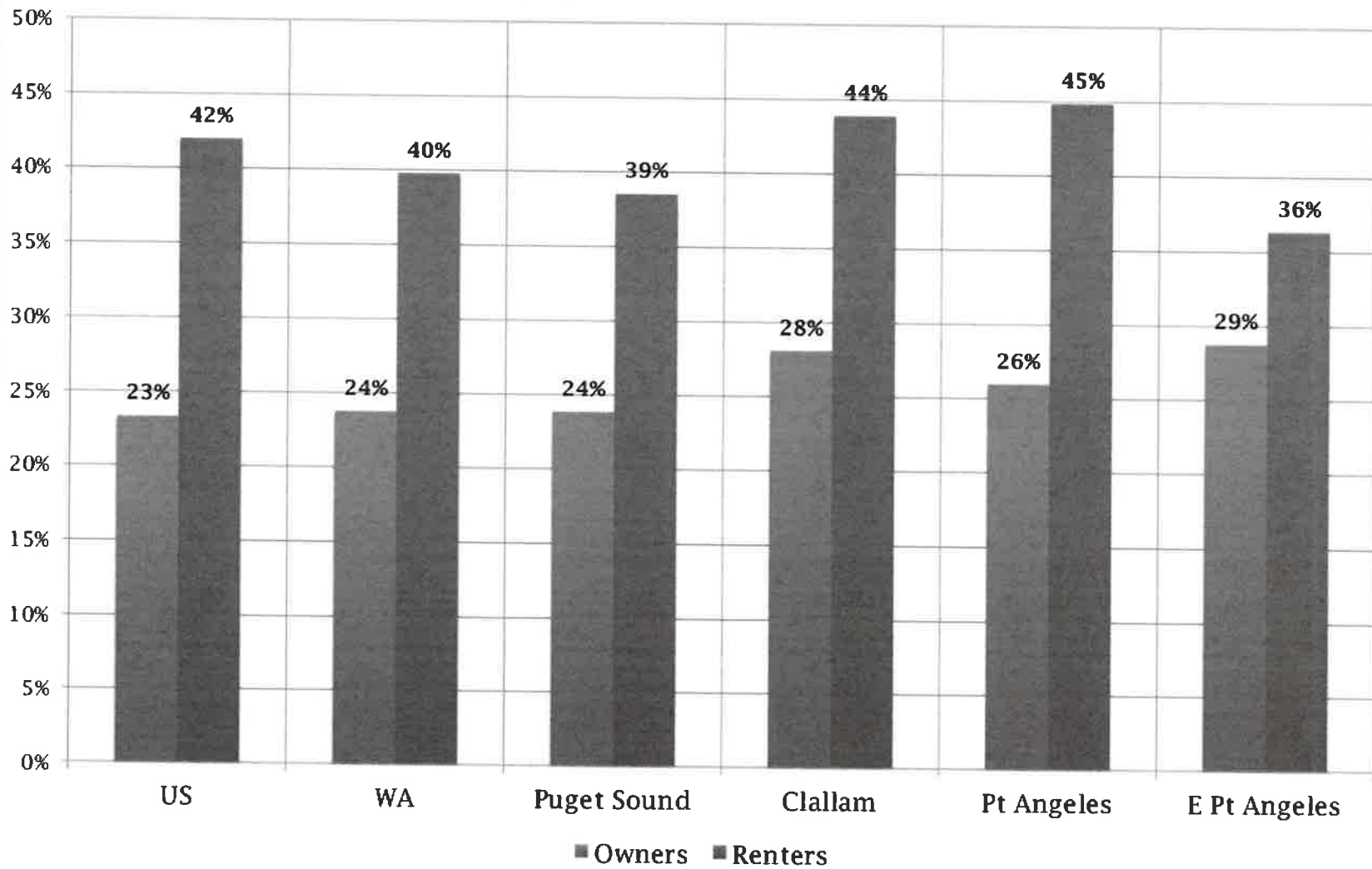
Composite Housing / First Time Buyer	2017	2018	2019
Aberdeen	193 / 122	141 / 89	134 / 84
Port Angeles	98 / 62	85 / 53	89 / 56
Port Townsend	83 / 52	74 / 46	73 / 46
Shelton	109 / 69	89 / 56	90 / 57

Housing Affordability Index - First Time Buyer



Clallam County 1-year American Community Survey (missing margin of error data)	total units with rent less than \$1000	median rent in dollars	# households with gross rent equal to or higher than 35% of household income
2018	4034	1032	3717
2017	4627	958	3710
2016	5866	876	3269
2015	6730	850	4315
2014	5304	861	3925
2013	7373	763	4460
2012	5591	833	3714
2011	5845	755	3241
2010	7214	811	3979
2010 to 2018	-3180	221	-262

Percent paying over 35% of income



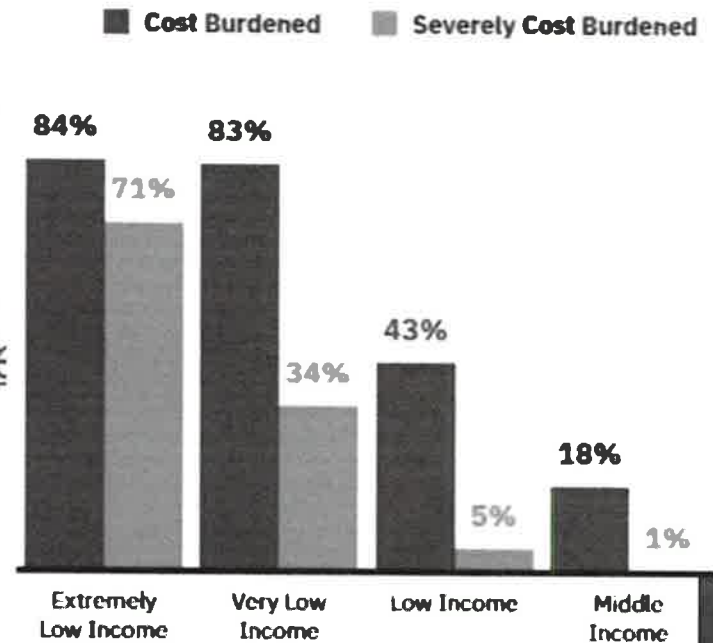
Cost-Burdened Households

- HHs spending more than 30% of income on housing and utilities are said to be “cost burdened”
- HHs spending more than 50% of income on housing and utilities are said to be “severely cost burdened”

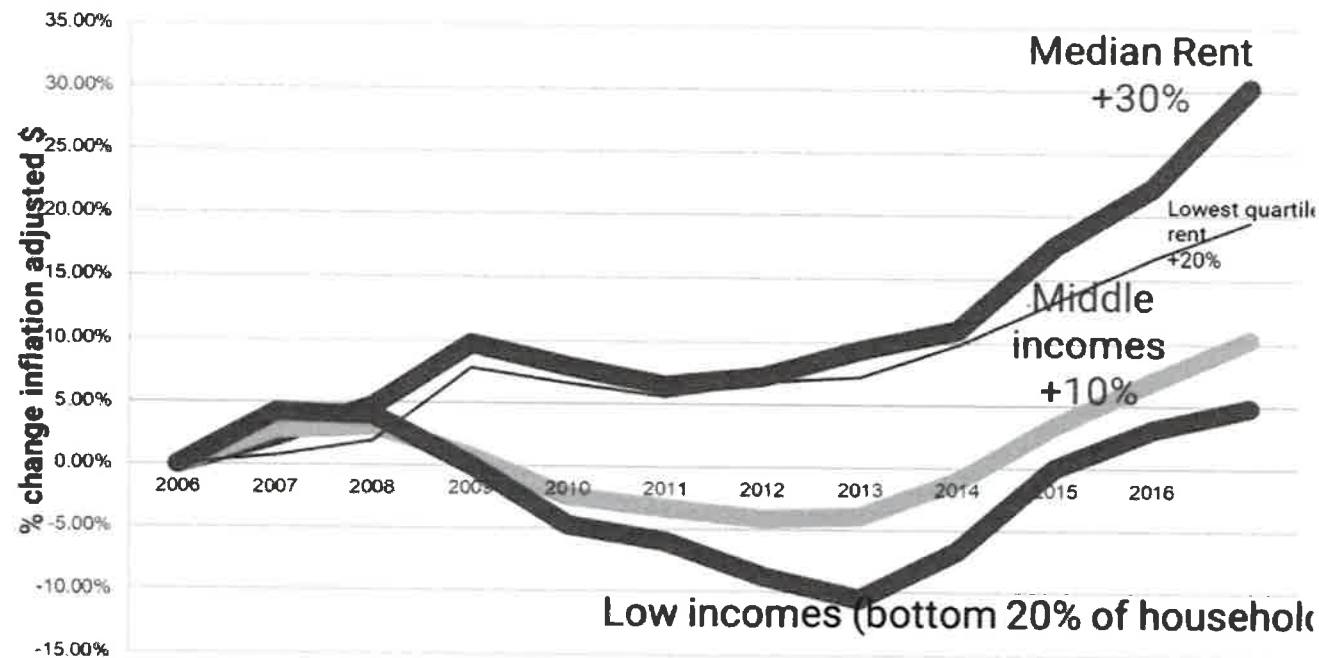
When housing prices force typical households to spend more than 32 percent of their income on rent, those communities begin to experience rapid increases in homelessness.

Source: National Low Income Housing Coalition

HOUSING COST BURDEN BY INCOME GROUP



Rent increases align with median and high-income growth, while lower incomes remain stagnant.



Data sources: U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey 1-Year estimates; inflation adjusted using the Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U. Median household incomes

Rough estimate of key drivers of housing price increases – San Francisco 1965-2015

+ 1% Number of jobs (population)
= 0.95% rent increase

+1% Incomes
= 1.74% rent increase

+1% Supply of housing (number of units)
= 1.70% rent decrease

<http://experimental-geography.blogspot.com/2016/05/employment-construction-and-cost-of-san.html>



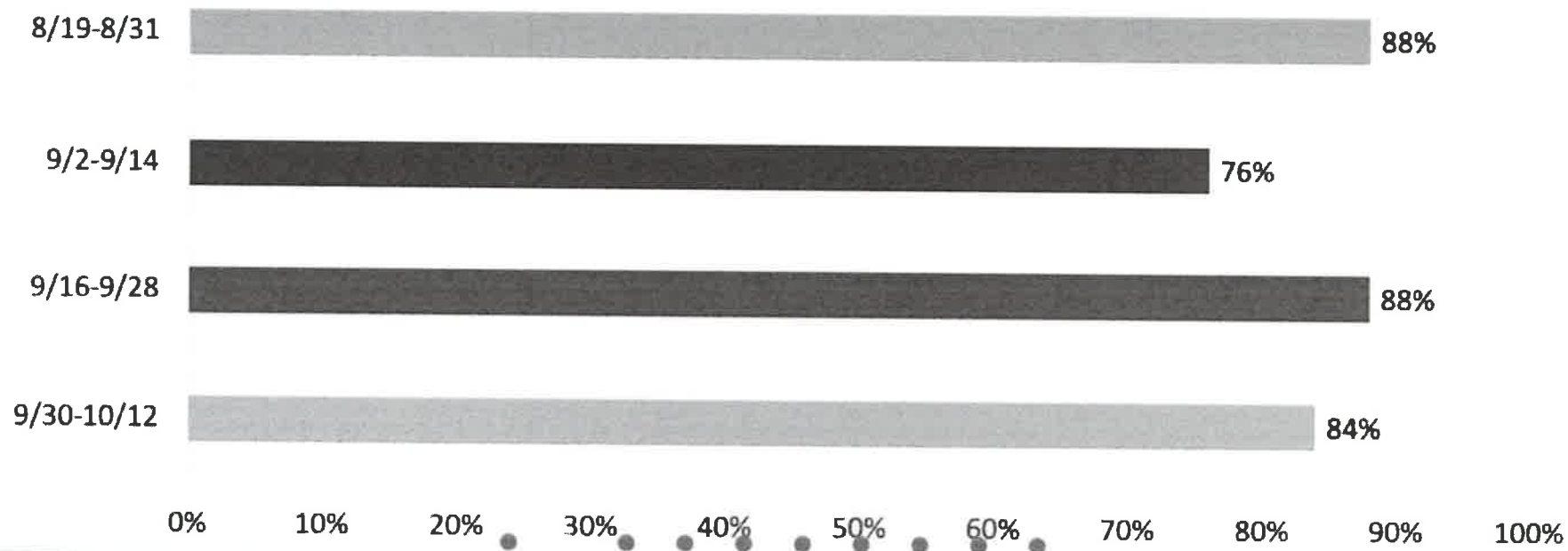
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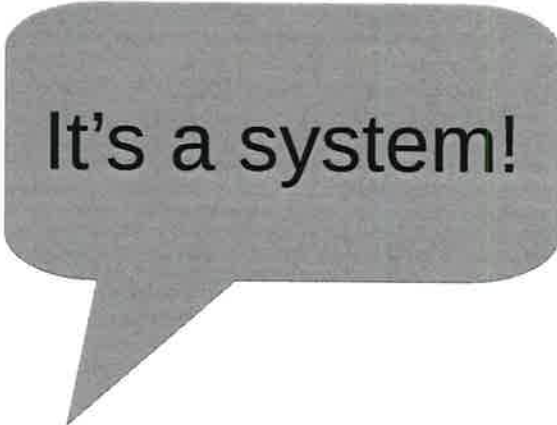
WASHINGTON LOW INCOME
Housing Alliance

% of Washington Renters Able to Pay Rent: Using Credit Cards or Loans to Meet Spending Needs in the Last 7 Days



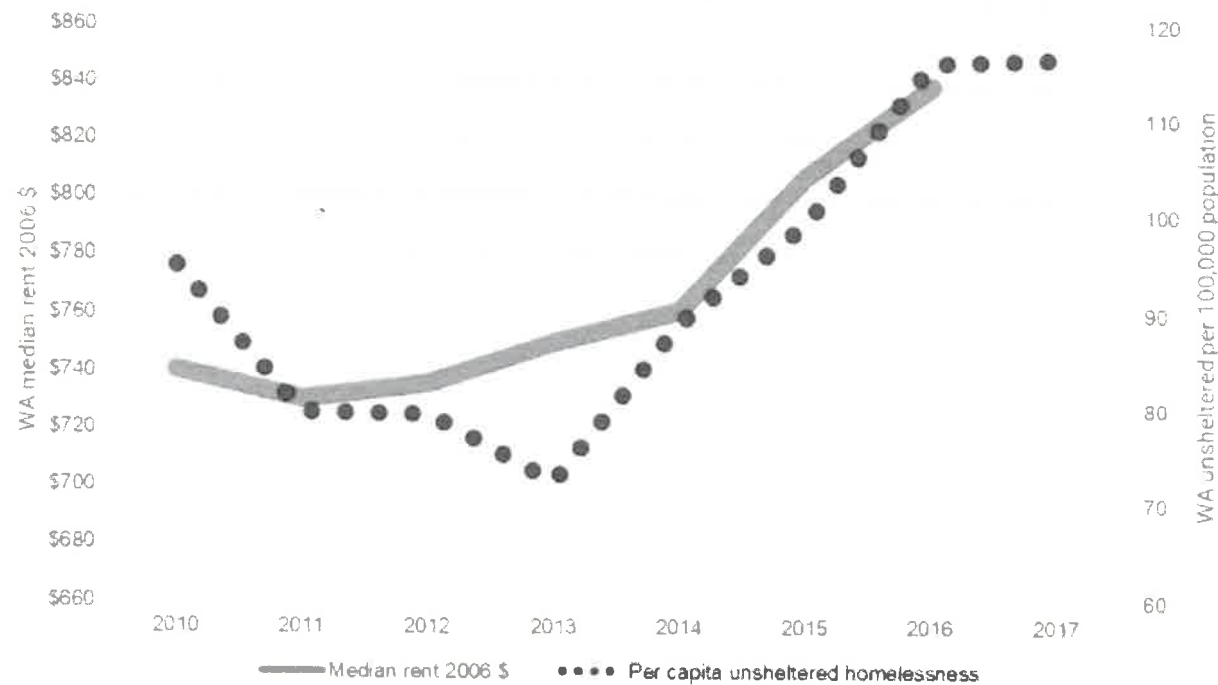
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It's a system!

- All things being equal, as rents grow,
- homelessness increases.



Sources:

Rent: U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey one-year estimates for Washington State, B25058, inflation adjusted using Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

Homelessness: WA point in time count, adjusted by: U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey one-year population estimate for Washington State

1 - Journal of Urban Affairs, New Perspectives on Community-Level Determinants of Homelessness, 2012

2 - Dynamics of homelessness in urban America, arXiv:1707.09380

Homelessness in Washington

Why is Homelessness Increasing? Homelessness has increased since 2013 in Washington state due to multiple factors, but overwhelmingly because growing rents are pushing people living at the margins into homelessness. Learn more.

Click the following link to access a recording of a presentation on "Drivers of Homelessness in Washington state."

Counts of Homelessness: Different Counts and What they Mean There are a few different ways Washington state counts the number of homeless individuals and families each year. You can learn more with this report.

Overview of the Homeless Housing System and Funding In every county in Washington, a statewide network of not-for-profit organizations houses more than 98,000 people facing homelessness each year. This paper will provide you with more information about our homeless system.

Understanding youth homelessness Learn about prevention of youth homelessness efforts.

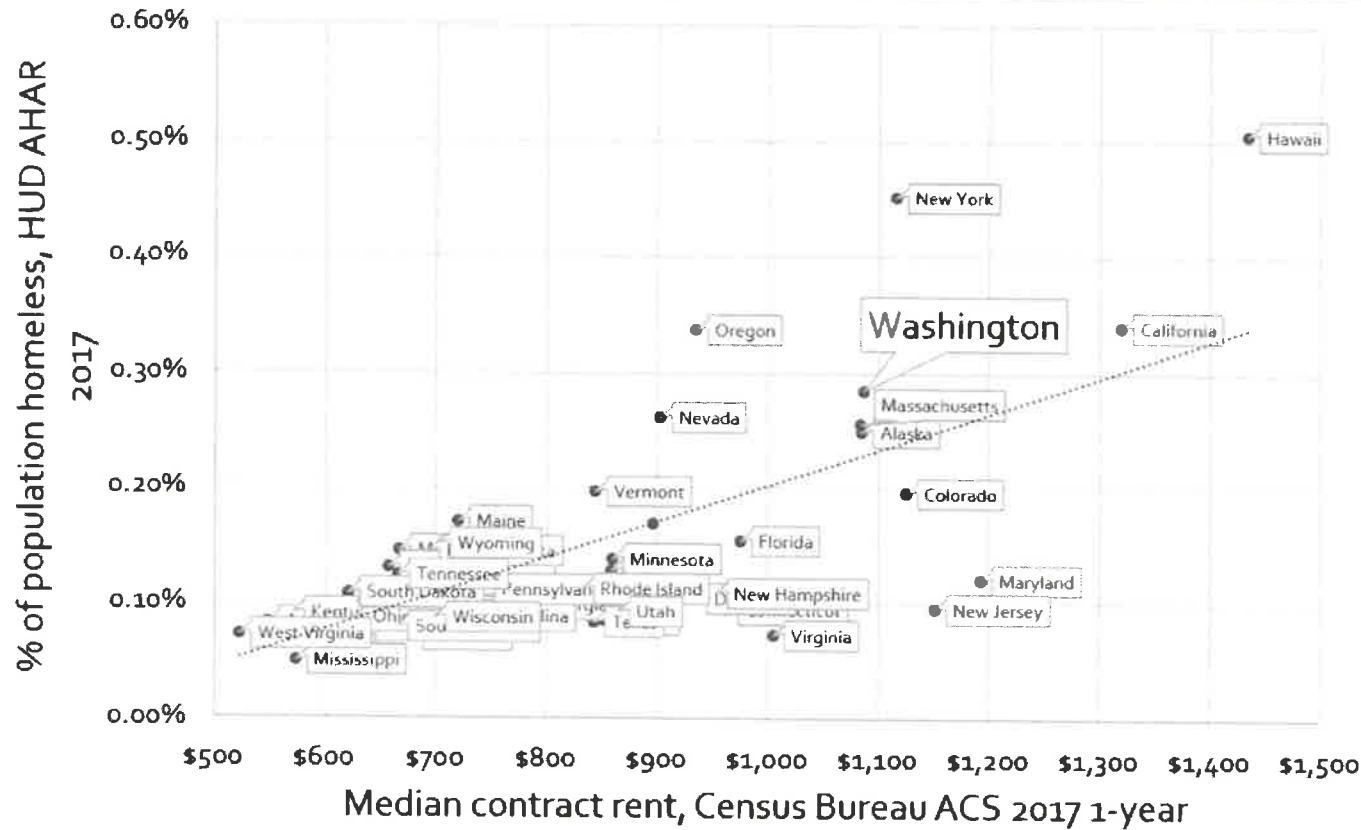


It's the Rent!

- Homelessness has increased recently primarily because rents have increased
 - \$100 increase in rent is associated with:
 - 6% increase in homelessness in metro areas
 - 32% increase in homelessness in non-metro areas
 - This relationship between rent and homelessness means all things being equal in Washington +\$100 in rent = 2,900 (+14%) more people experiencing homelessness at a point in time

Source: Journal of Urban Affairs, *New Perspectives on Community-Level Determinants of Homelessness*, 2012

Rents vs. homelessness – 0.7 correlation



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It's the rent – people/families in WA are above average and getting better

- Homelessness has increased primarily because rents increased
- Rents increased to match rising median incomes, and housing supply did not keep pace with demand
- **Other drivers or “causes” of homelessness do not appear to be meaningful drivers of the increase**
- Washington is already a high performer in the areas of job pay, work participation, family composition/stability, lower alcohol and drug dependence, housing outcomes



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Transforming
Lives

Housing Universe

Market-rate Housing
Two-bedroom Fair Market Rent (HUD determined annually)
King and Snohomish Counties = \$1,523
Adams, Garfield, Lincoln, Stevens and Wahkiakum = \$658

Affordable Housing
Restricted by deed at acquisition or construction with
rents set at rates affordable to 30-50-80 percent of
the Area Median Income

Subsidized Housing
Rents are based on a
household's income so that
they pay no more than 30% for
rent and utilities

Homeless System
Crisis Response

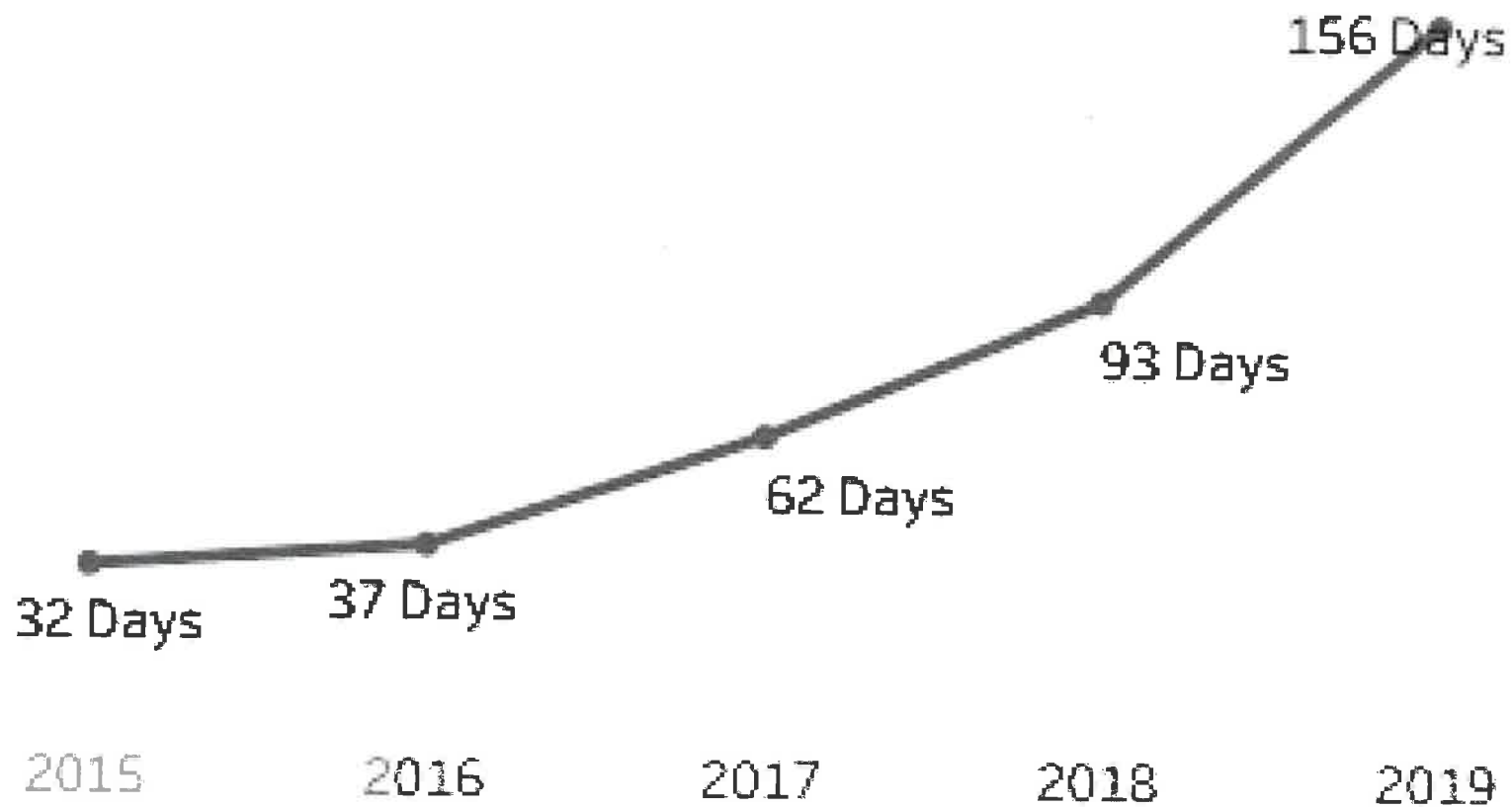
Low barrier shelter

- Emergency shelters play a critical, often life-saving role in providing a safe place for people experiencing a housing crisis. But providing a shelter bed alone is often a temporary, inadequate fix to homelessness.

“If the only response is more shelter, each new shelter will quickly fill up, and unsheltered homelessness will continue to grow... A community must consider how each person will exit to housing from that shelter.”



Year over Year change in Length of Time Homeless for Clallam County:



<https://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/homelessness/homeless-system-performance/>

What's not working?

1. Too many people *becoming* homeless
2. Not enough affordable *homes* for people to live in
3. A lack of *money* to pay the rent

Once someone is housed in a place they can afford, they are almost always able to maintain that housing.



Humanitarian Response

- Local leaders also want to address the humanitarian concerns of people living on the streets.
- Other programs—safe storage, bathrooms, parking, hygiene facilities, alternative shelter models—are an important crisis response.
- But, they are not housing.



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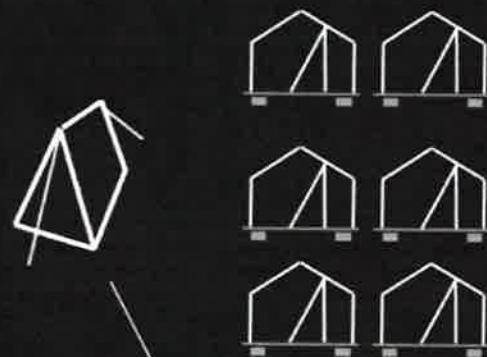


Caution is Needed When Considering “Sanctioned Encampments” or “Safe Zones”

As we respond to the crisis of unsheltered homelessness, we must not repeat past mistakes of focusing only on where people will be tonight. We must simultaneously be focused on where people can succeed in the long term—and we know that is permanent housing.

Executive Director Matthew Doherty
Housing First Partners Conference

Outdoor Shelter Continuum



Individual, isolated camping on public/private land. Unsanctioned and largely unsupported, except by community

Communal "camping" on unsanctioned or faith-based property types, supported by community until recent City-sanctioning



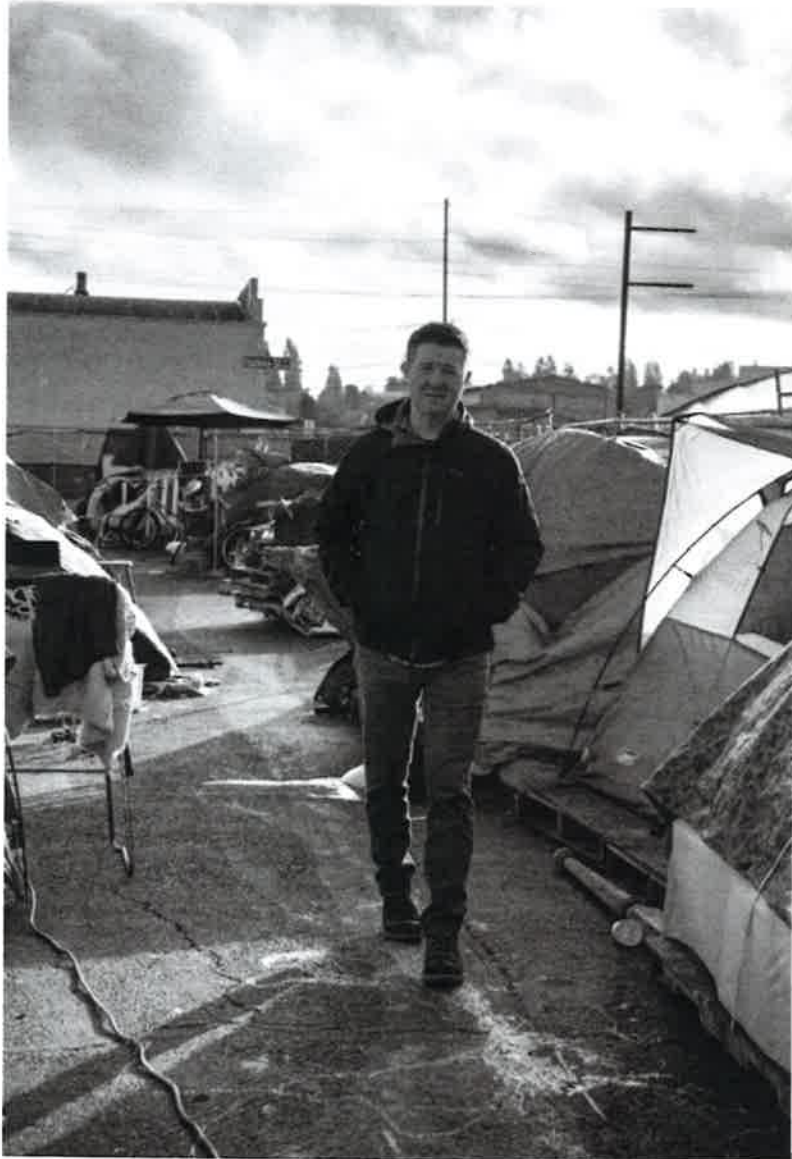
Tiny House Village community with common facilities, with hygiene services and case management. Supported by community and City partners.



Small houses, or small cottages, that are fully equipped. Financed publicly and privately, permanent housing at low cost and time for construction

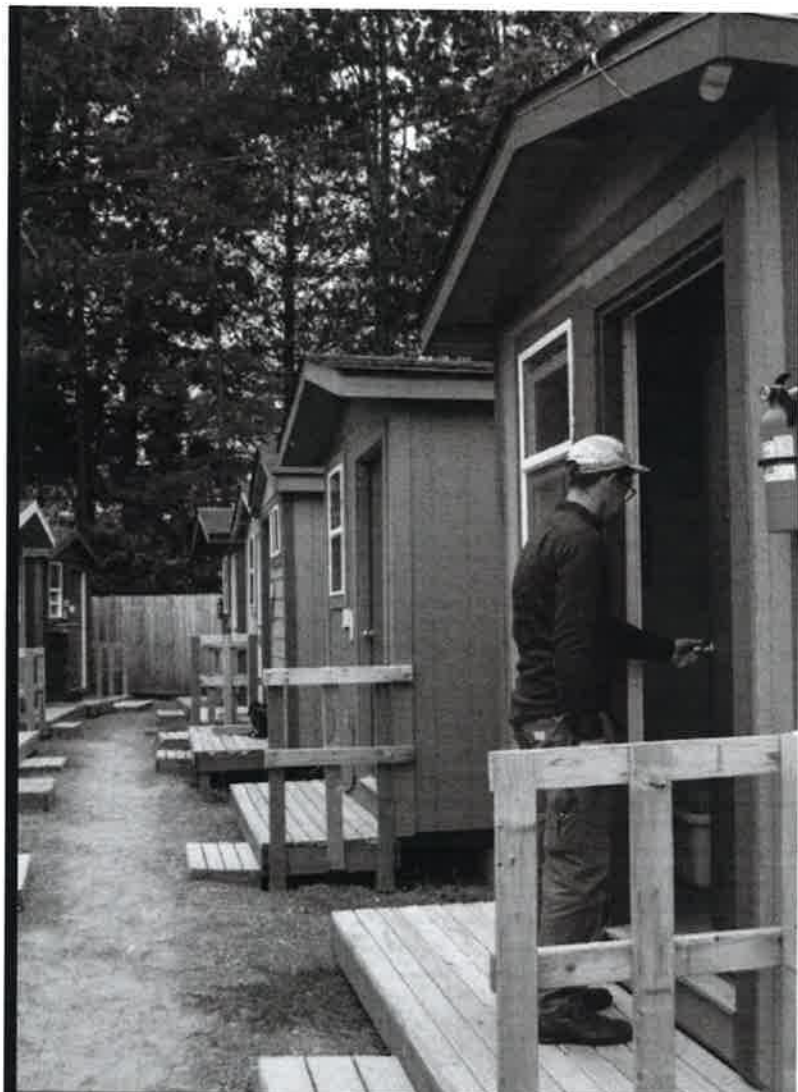


Affordable housing, permanent supportive housing, scattered-site housing, market rate housing, with all range of services and amenities



Mitigation Site

- Temporary, legal camping site
- @ 80 sites
- Basic hygiene services (potable water, garbage collection, hygiene units)
- Orderly set-up (fencing, painted rows with 10x10 spaces, consistently sized tents on pallets)
- Code of conduct and safety protocols



Plum Street Village

- Houses 35-40 individuals onsite
- Individuals and couples without children
- 8' x 12' structures
- Shared kitchen and hygiene trailer
- Case management services tailored to specific needs of the residents
- Code of Conduct
- Since 2/19 (20) people have moved to permanent housing

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Tiny House Villages in Seattle

Brad Gerber

Tiny House Special Projects Manager

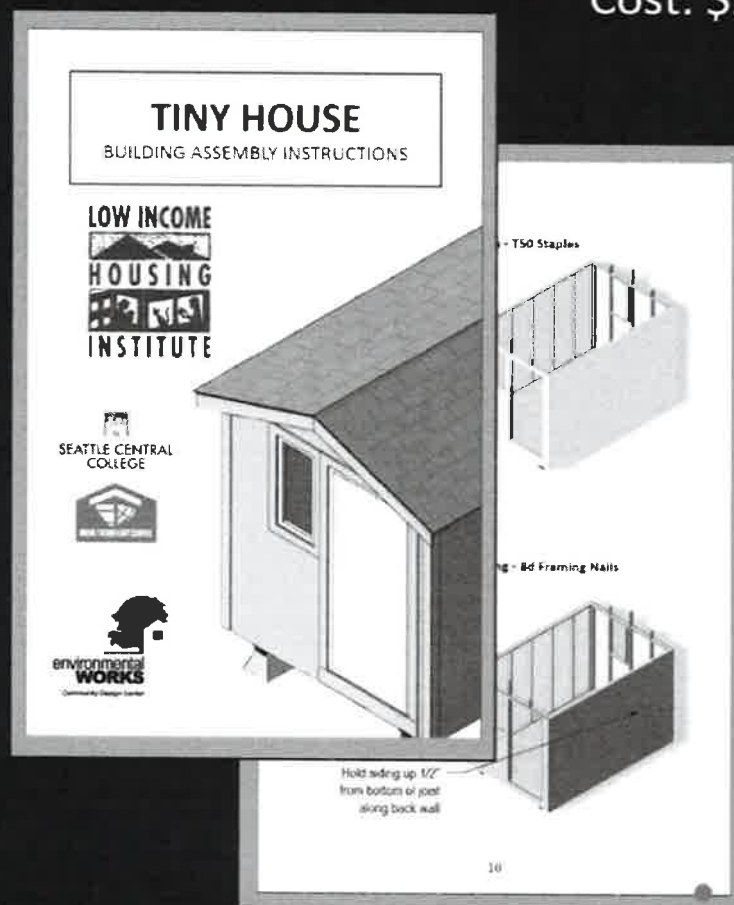
Low Income Housing Institute



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Tiny House Assembly Instructional Packet

Cost: \$2,700



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Layout and Community Space



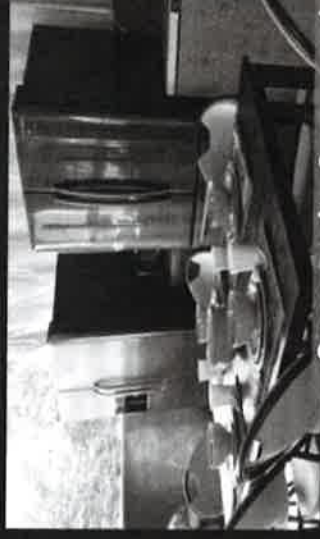
Community Space



Gathering Space



Family Areas

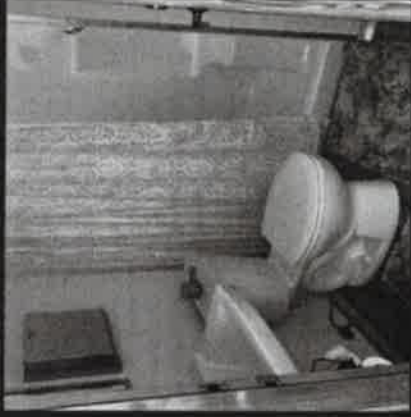


Community Space and
Kitchen

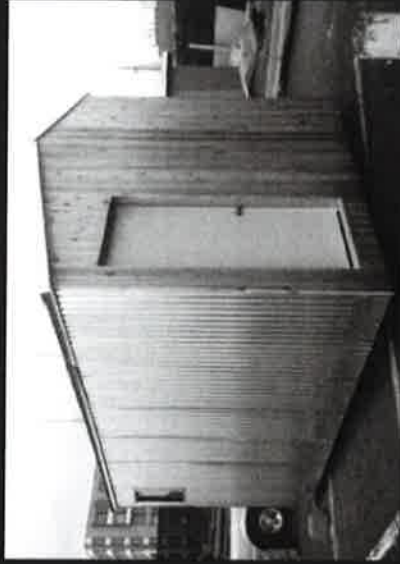
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Many Options for Hygiene Services

• REC



Built, with Love, by an Army of Volunteers



Total Costs to Develop and Operate a Village

<u>Operating Costs (70 Residents)</u>	<u>Daytime staff</u>	<u>or</u>	<u>24/7 Staff</u>
Supportive Services Budget			\$140,000.00
Operations Budget	\$200,000.00	or	\$500,000
Client Assistance Budget			\$30,000.00
Administration Budget/Misc			\$80,000.00
Total Annual Cost	\$480,000.00	or	\$780,000
Annual Cost per person			
	\$6,857.00/yr	or	\$11,142.00/yr
Cost per day per person			
	\$18.78/day	or	\$30.52/day

Capital Expenditures to develop a village of 40 houses

Depending on site, facility needs, and availability of donations

Site Setup

\$300,000.00

Tiny Houses

\$150,000.00

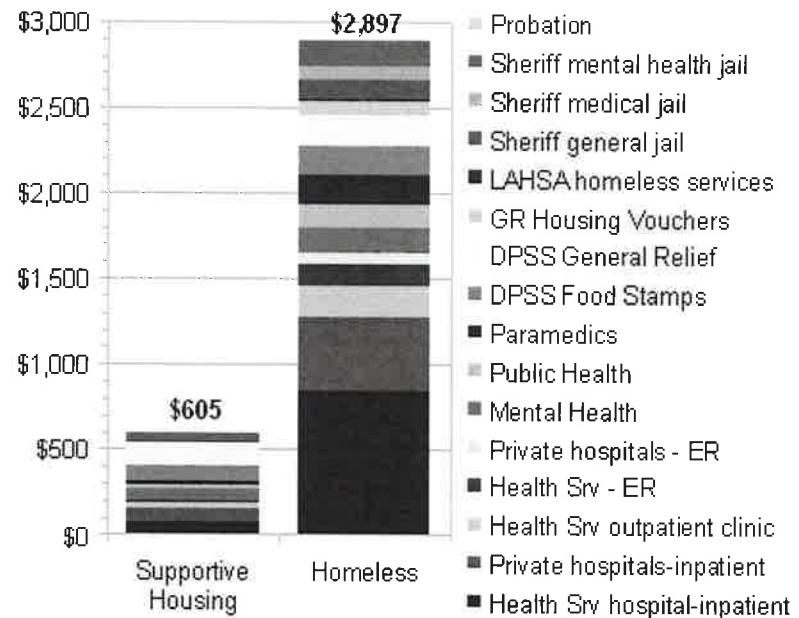
Current Cost of Developing one unit of housing in Seattle (5-years): ~\$375,000.00

But you know what is really expensive? Homelessness!

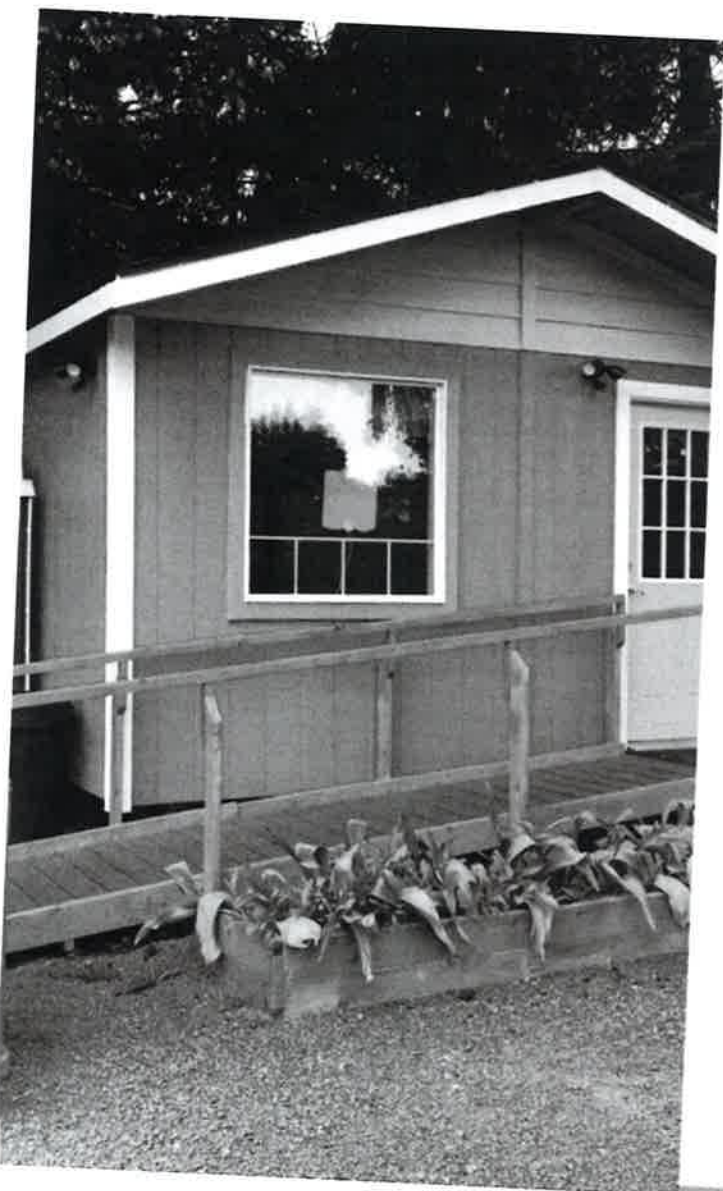
Public costs go down when people are no longer homeless.

(So why can't we afford to end homelessness?)

Average Monthly Public Costs for Persons in Supportive Housing and Comparable Homeless Persons



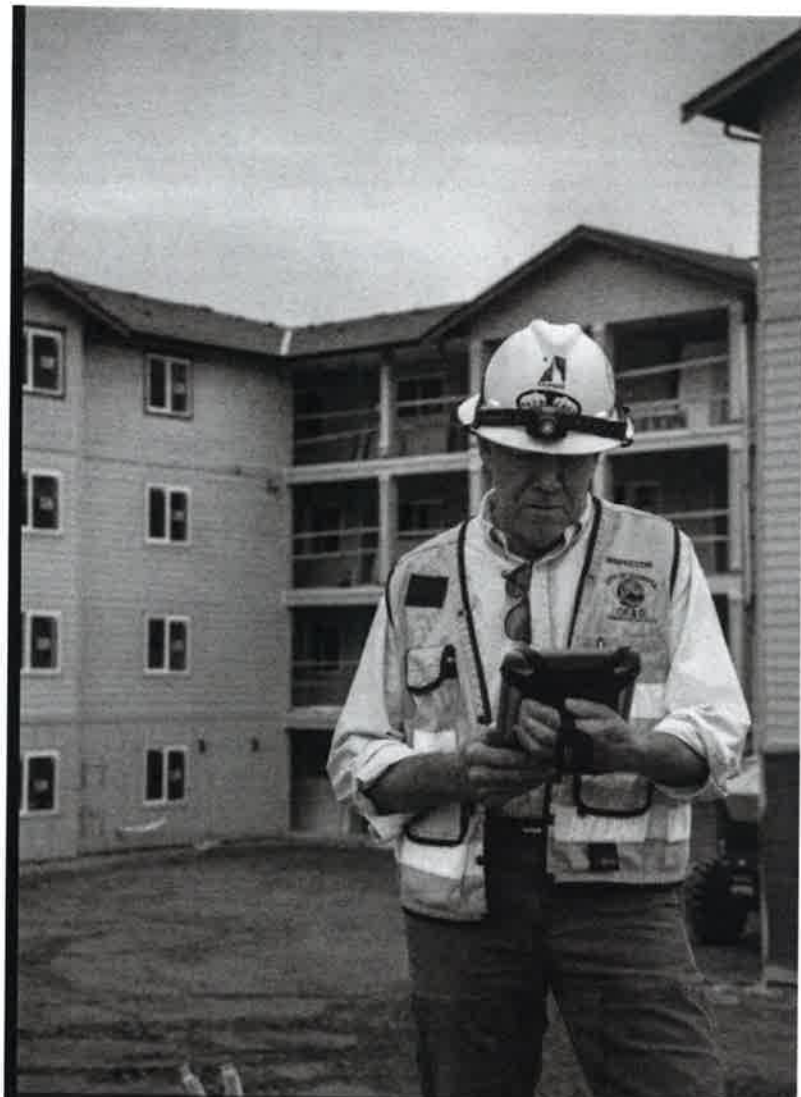
Source: 279 Matched pairs of supportive housing residents and homeless General Relief recipients. Costs shown in 2008 dollars.



Faith Community Sites

- Updated our emergency housing ordinance to lower barriers, incent faith community
- Providing financial support for set up, ongoing utilities and case management (\$100k annually)
- 2 sites (13 units total) and capacity for more





Housing Actions

- Home Fund sales tax increase of .01% generates an estimated \$2.3 million a year
- COVID Tenant Protections
- Code Changes to reduce development barriers, increase uses and capacity
- Public-private partnerships to redevelop surplus property for lower income and single-occupancy units
- Working with neighboring jurisdictions on Housing Action Plans
- New Regional Housing Council

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Crisis Response Unit & Familiar Faces

- Crisis Response Unit
 - Dispatched through 911
 - Trauma informed crisis workers help connect people to services, divert from jail and hospital
- Familiar Faces Peer Navigators
 - Have lived experience
 - Trauma informed
 - Identify and assist individuals with complex health and behavioral problems who have frequent and persistent contact with emergency services.



How can the community create an environment that supports ending homelessness?

What helps most

- Additional resources
- Adequate supply of housing
- Affordable, rent-restricted housing
- Community education and advocacy on housing and homelessness issues
- Support for siting shelters and housing in areas of high opportunity



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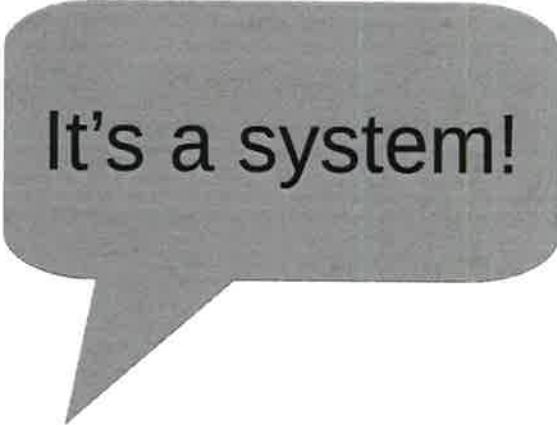


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**Ultimately, access to stable
housing that people can afford—
with the right level of services to
help them succeed—is what ends
homelessness.**

Housing issues are interlocking

- Available Housing
- Affordable Housing
- Economic Homelessness
- Chronic Homelessness



It's a system!



Permanent supportive housing

- Some (not most) people living unsheltered need behavioral health and other supports to remain stably housed (a subsidy alone is not sufficient)
- 77% to 96% remain housed

* Source: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3969126/>, <https://www.rand.org/blog/rand-review/2018/06/supportive-housing-reduces-homelessness-and-lowers.html>



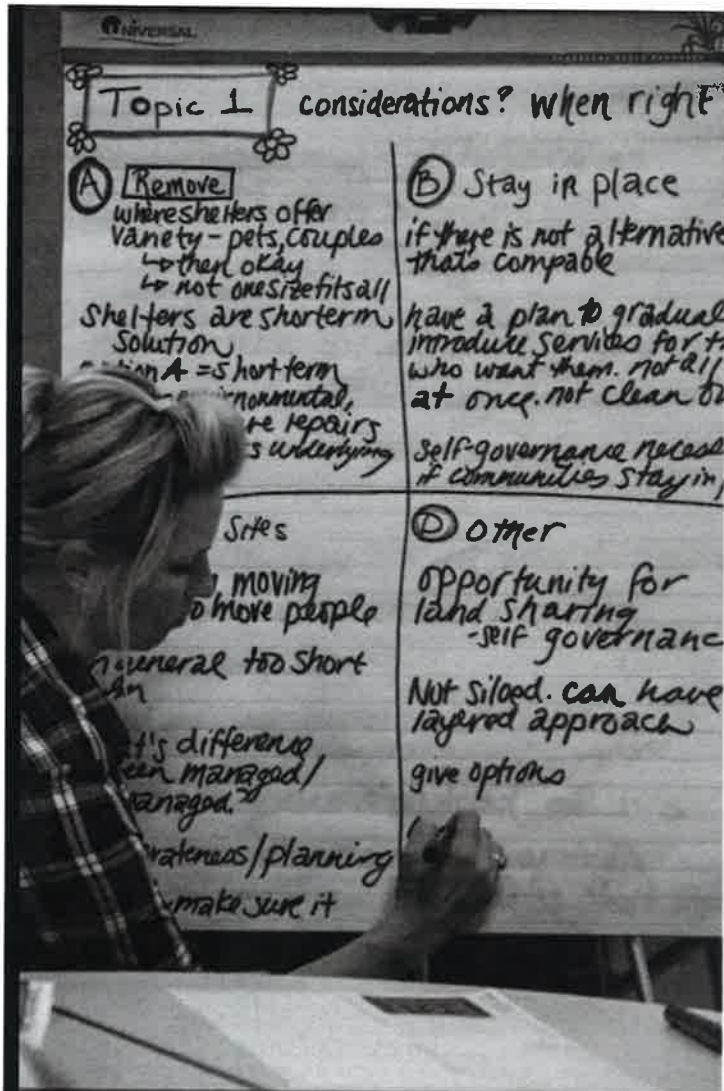
Health through Housing Proposal Summary

The King County Executive is proposing Councilmanic enactment of a *Health through Housing 0.1% Countywide Sales Tax* authorized under RCW 82.14.530 (aka the Legislature's 2020 HB 1590).

GOAL: HOUSE 45% OF CHRONIC HOMELESS POPULATION (based on HMIS)

By October 2022, house 2,000 King County residents who are experiencing or at risk of chronic homelessness—while reducing racial-ethnic disproportionality—by:

1. acquiring single-room settings like hotels while economic conditions are favorable,
2. putting them into immediate service as emergency and affordable housing,
3. funding operating and supportive services within housing, including behavioral health services, to keep people healthy and housed; and
4. converting acquired single-room settings into permanent supportive housing over time while continuing to develop additional affordable housing.



What We're Learning

- Doing nothing is the worst action
- You can't address homelessness without taking on some risk

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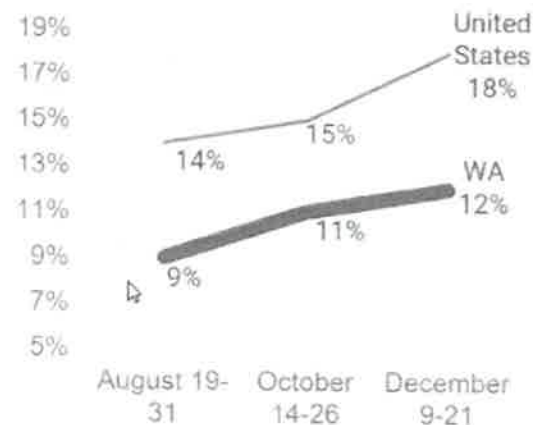


Everything you just learned was true **before** COVID

Unmet need for rental assistance

- Census Bureau Pulse Survey:
 - December 2020: 12% of WA renters (127,329 households) are not caught up on rent payments
- Median rent in Washington is \$1,184
- Estimate of one month of unpaid rent in WA: \$151 million

Households not caught up on rent



Sources:
<https://www.census.gov/data/experimental-data-products/household-pulse-survey.html>
https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?q=median%20rent&g=0400000US53&tid=ACSD11Y2018B250&st=wa&_lang=en

Future rent assistance

Working with Legislative members and stakeholders to define future rent assistance:

Federal COVID Relief Bill Enacted in December

- \$500 million to WA for rent assistance – implementation date unclear
- Estimated 75,000 households will be served (overlap with those previously served)

Governor's budget, proposed state funding

- \$100 million in an early action bill from budget stabilization account, through June 2021 – implementation immediate
- \$64 million supplemental budget, through June 2021
- Estimated 23,000 households served
- \$164 million 2021-23 budget, ramps down through June 2023
- Estimated 23,000 households served

Census does not take into account people using credit cards to pay rent, or not paying other bills such as utilities in order to pay rent. This "rent debt" does not show up in the Census data cited here.

The \$110 million of ERAP reduced the rent backlog, but by any accounting it was only enough to pay down a small portion of the need.

Although it is difficult to develop a precise estimate, based on the available data, conservatively accumulated unpaid rent

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% of adults who are not current on rent or mortgage payments and who have slight or no confidence that their household can pay next month's rent or mortgage on time:

- 7.9% of US households (~11m)
- 4.6% of Washington State households (~178k)

(Source: U.S. Census Pulse Survey week 24 (data collected February 3 to February 15, 2021))

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Basic Living Unit “Tiny House” Plans Now Available at Permit Center

PORT ANGELES – In an effort to make buying a home more affordable for first-time homeowners or long-term rentals in Clallam County, Clallam County’s Department of Community Development now offers pre-approved plans for a 392-square-foot basic living unit.

A \$392 fee covers up to five inspections for the 14-feet by 28-feet open-concept house, which features eight windows, a full bathroom, laundry area, kitchen and living area.

DCD Director Mary Ellen Winborn designed the house to help address the lack of affordable housing and long-term rentals in Clallam County and help people who may already own property with septic and utilities.

“This is getting a foot in the door for first-time homeowners,” Winborn said.

DCD frequently receives complaints of people living in RVs, park model RVs and tiny houses on wheels full-time, which is illegal under Clallam County Code.

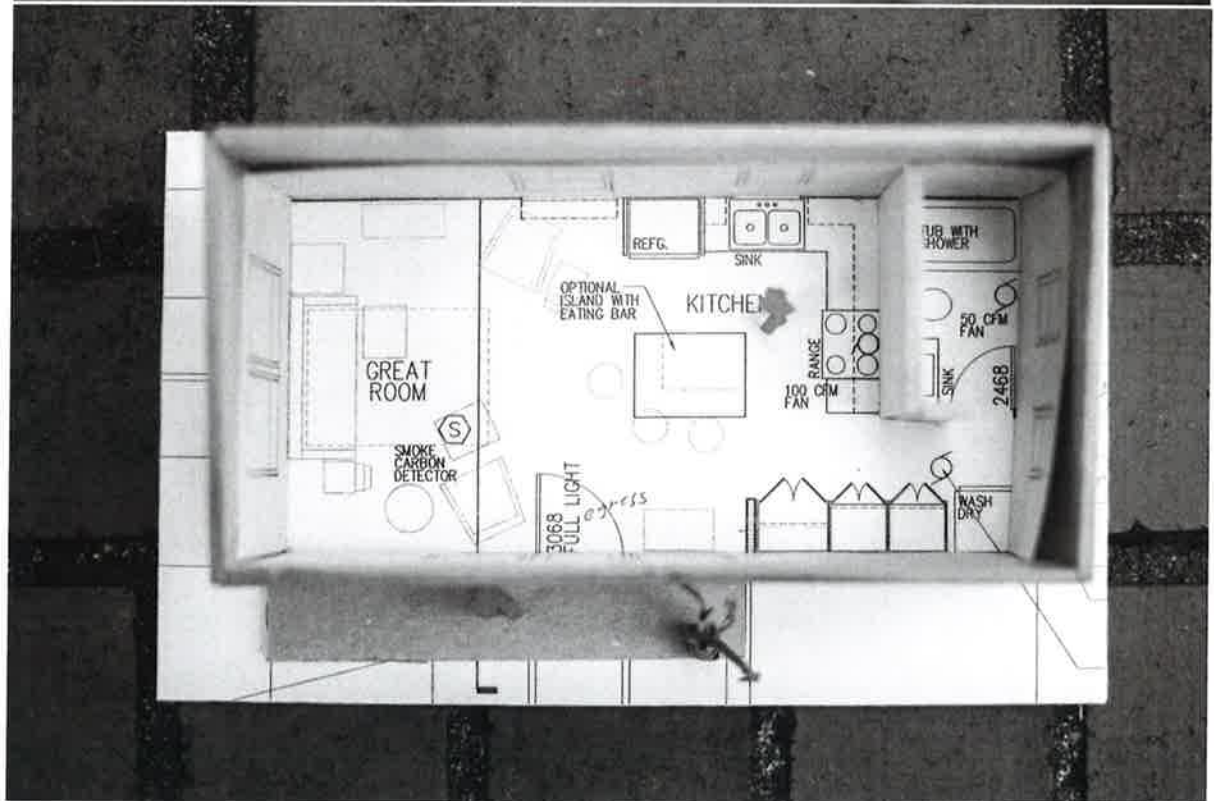
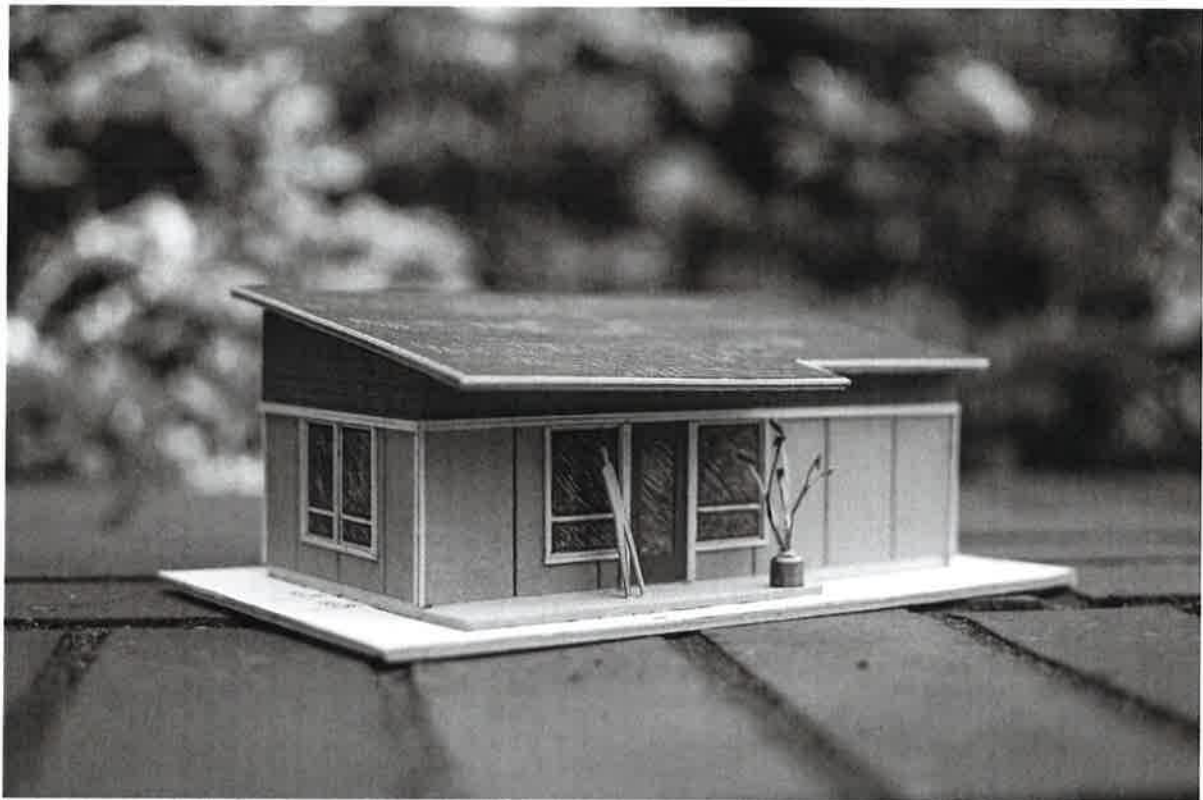
There are numerous tiny houses on wheels in Clallam County, yet plans for a house this size that is built to code have never been submitted to the Building Department.

“It just made sense to design something like this, because it fills a gap we keep running up against,” Winborn said.

The design is simple enough that many people could build the basic living unit themselves. By building it themselves it would cost about \$37,000.

To hire a contractor do all the work would cost about \$60,000. These costs do not include septic installation or the cost of utility hookups.

A model of the basic living unit is on display at the Permit Center.



One of the first tiny home villages



QUIXOTE VILLAGE - THE

But was found to be very expensive

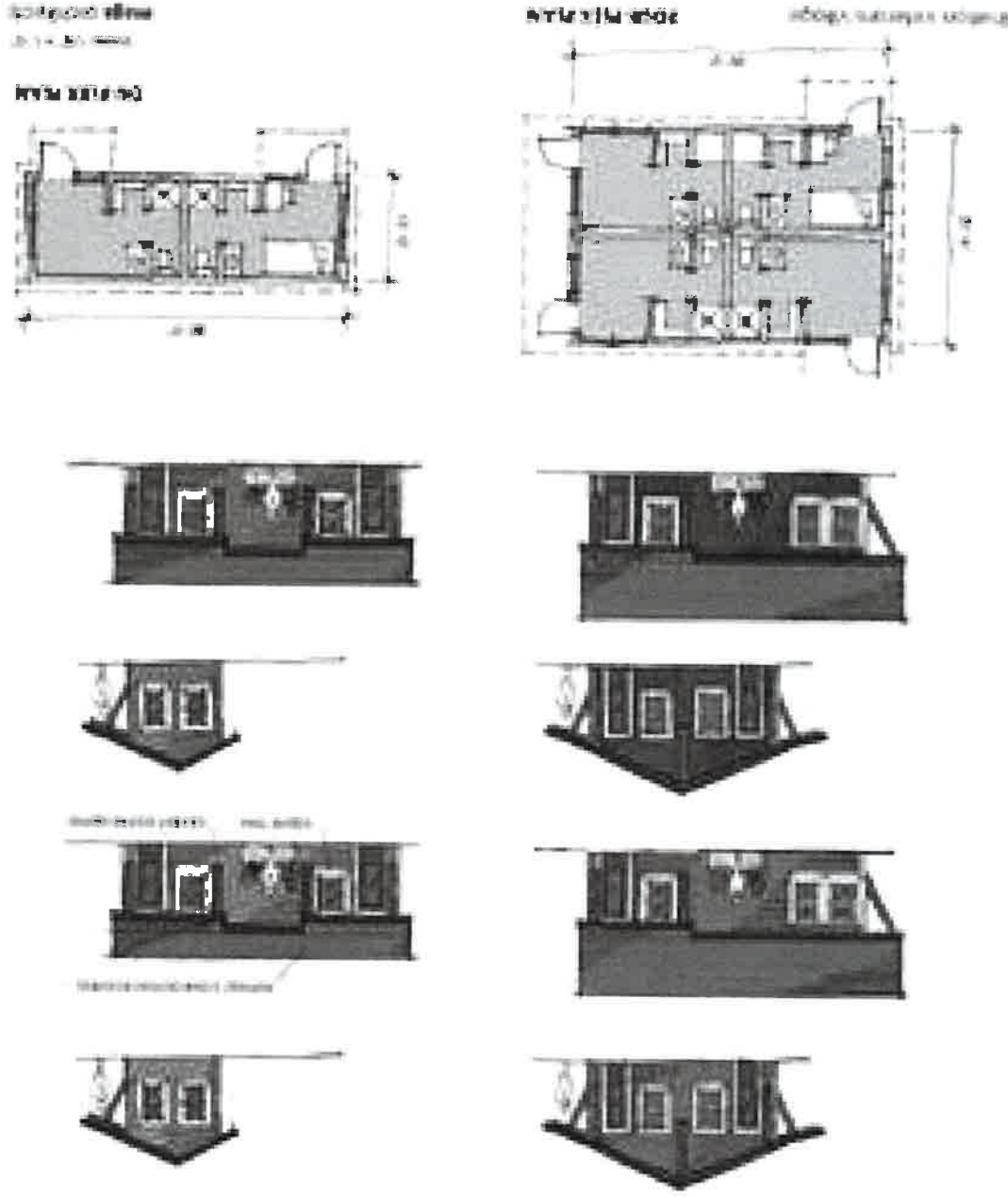
But this is how
it started in

2007



These are the home designs for the new Quixote Veterans' Village opening in February 2021

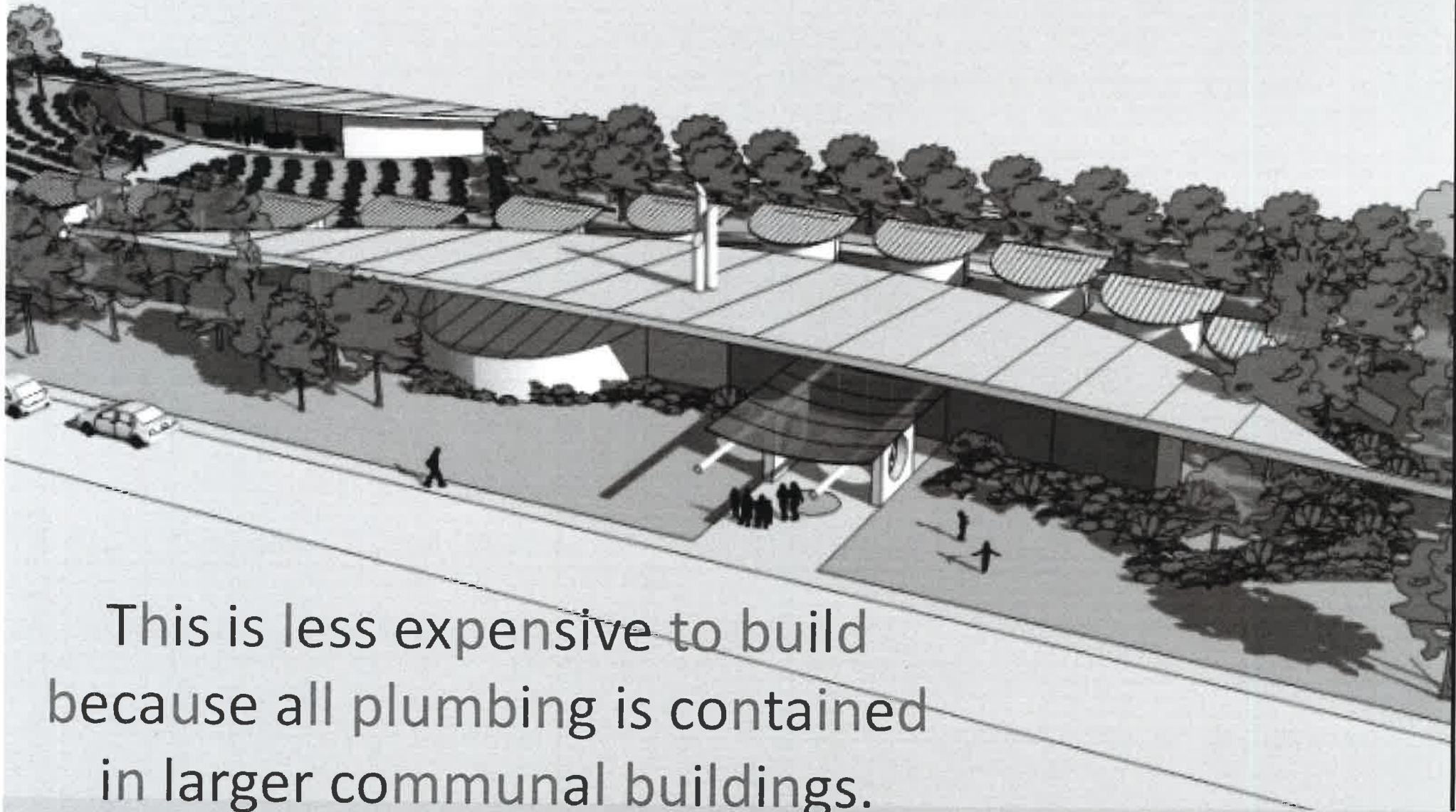
Proposed Cottage Design (Two-Store and Single-Storey)



Arthur Dyson's design for
housing for those experiencing
homelessness in or near Fresno,
California

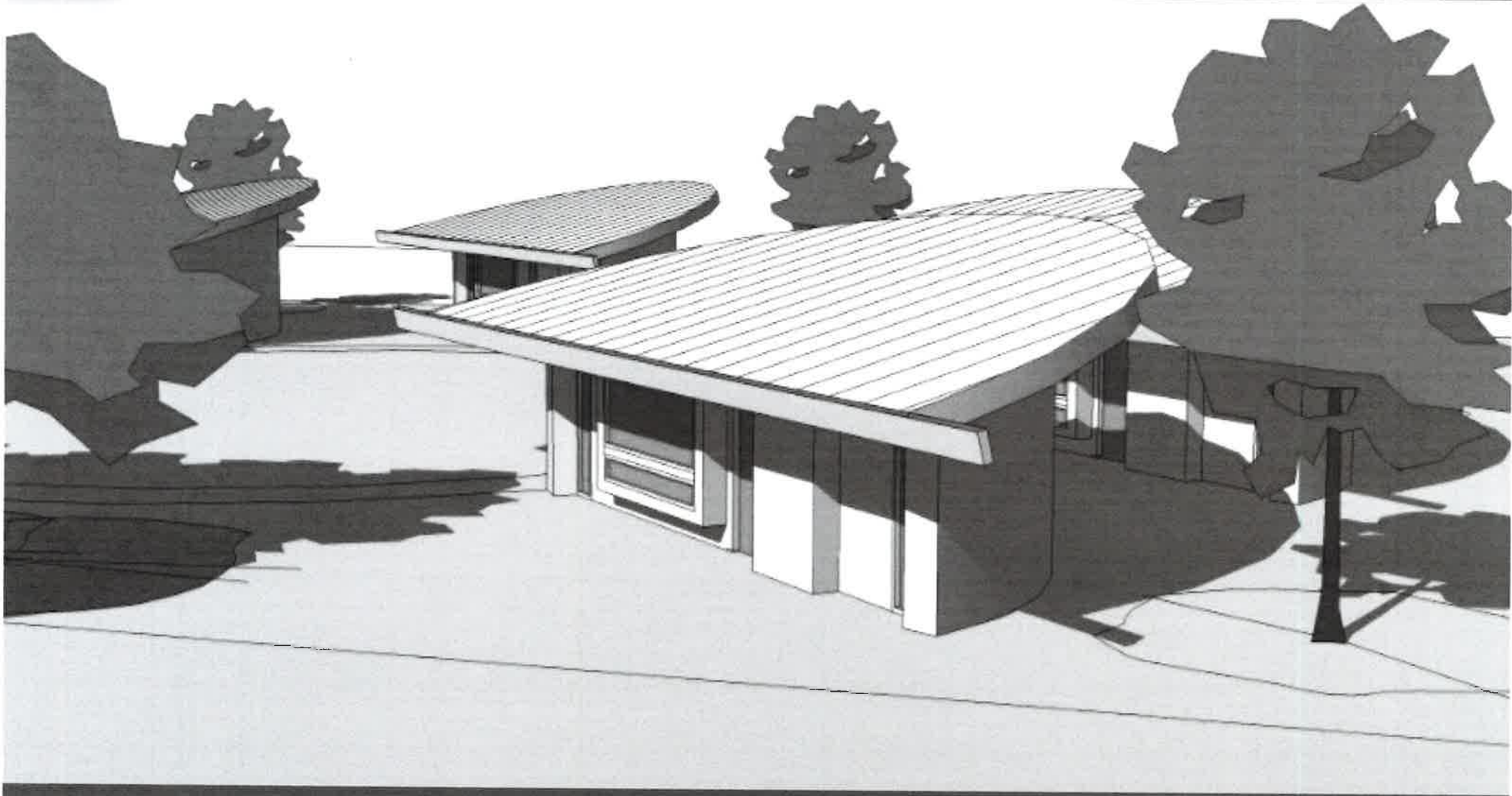


Different angle of Dyson's design

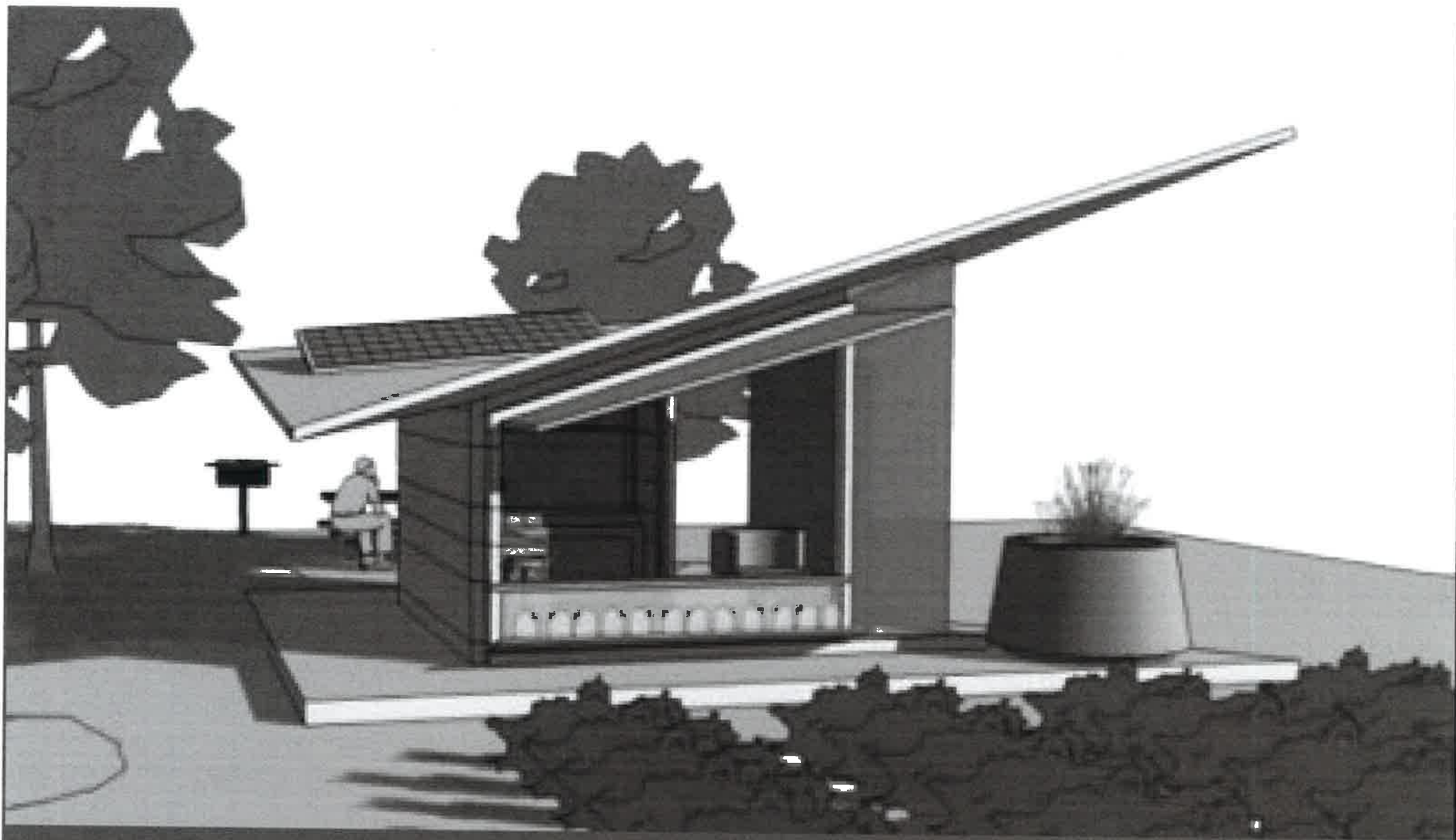


This is less expensive to build because all plumbing is contained in larger communal buildings.

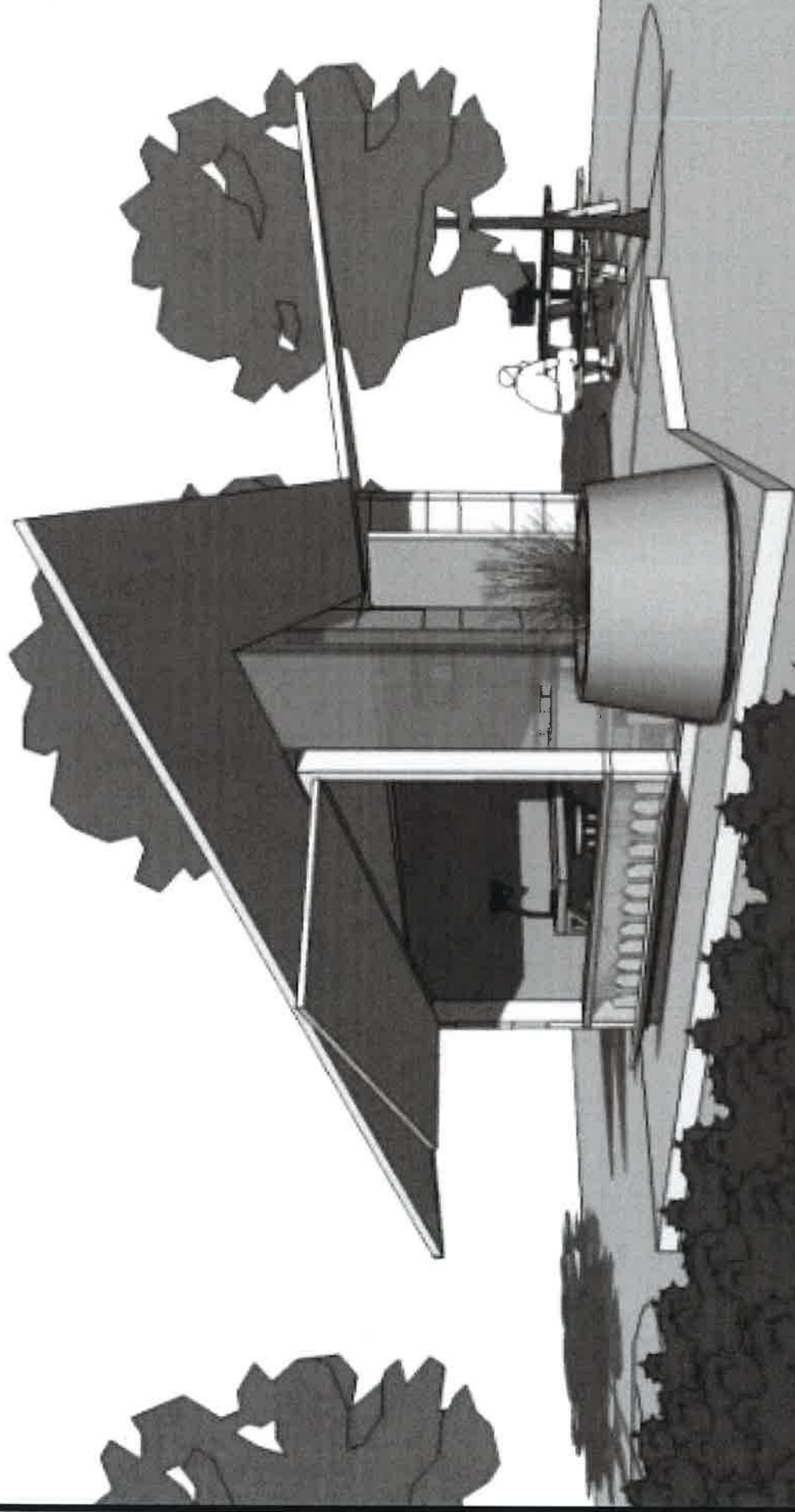
Individual home designed by Arthur Dyson



Dyson like to experiment with different materials, like bricks of recycled plastic.

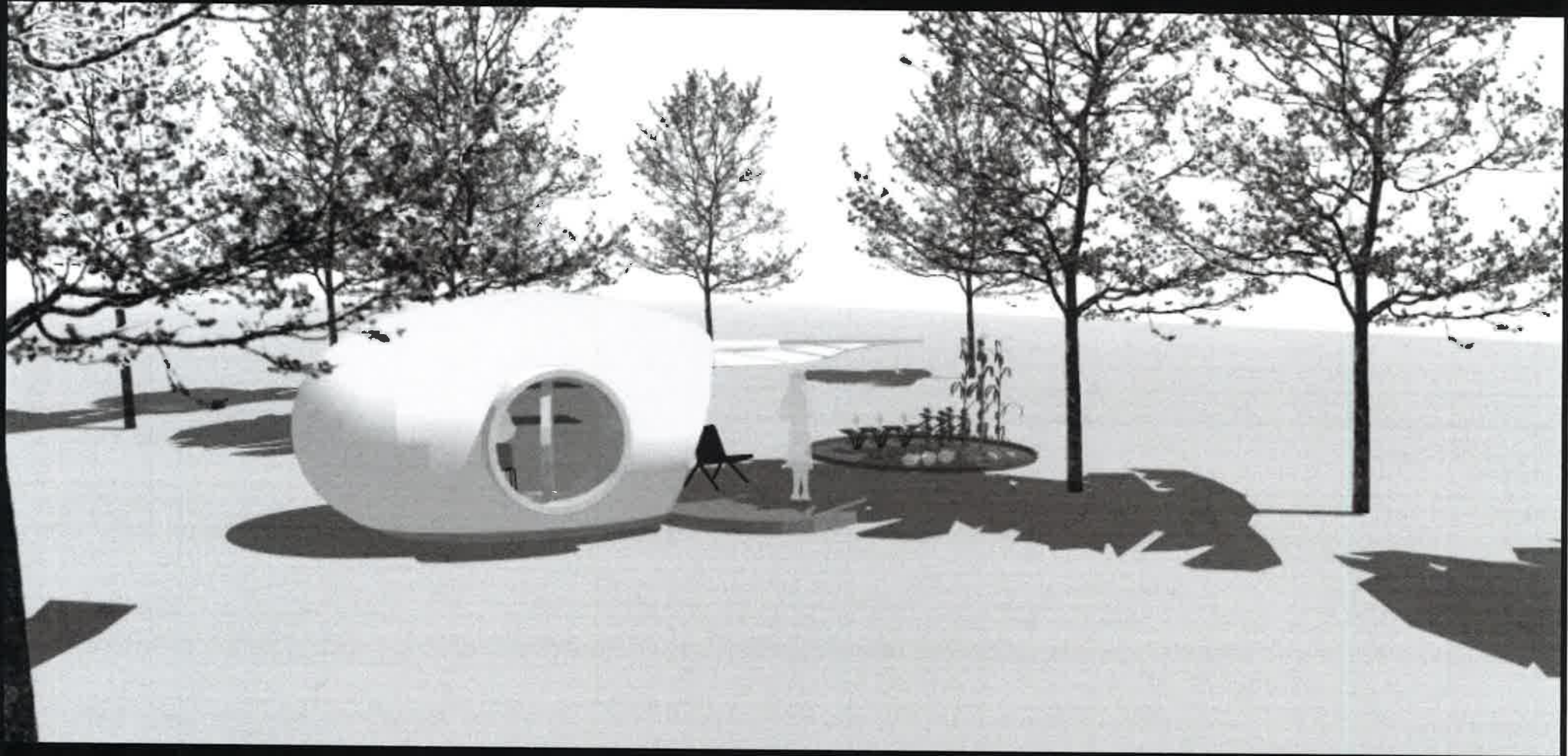


Marc Dyson's design for individual home.
Openness in this design helps with the claustrophobic feeling many formerly long term homeless have when first living in a structure.



Another view of Marc Dyson's design

The Dinosaur Egg by Mayuko Russell



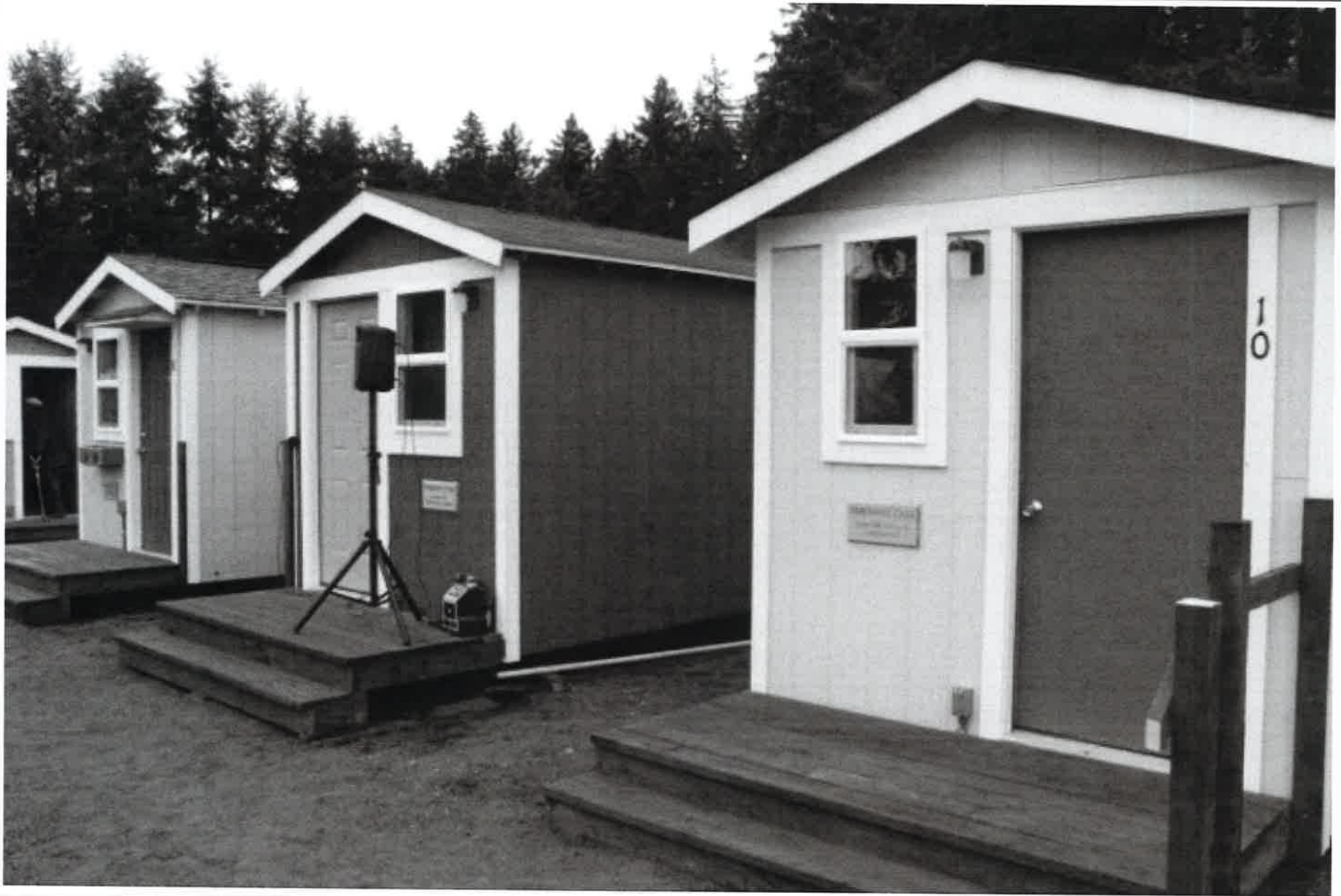
A symbol of rebirth?

The Dinosaur Egg was constructed in a yard designed for transitional housing and is lived in now.



'Peter's Place' tiny house village unveiled in Port Hadlock





12 houses 8' by 10' cost of \$3,200 each plus a common "Sani-trailer" with 2 toilets and 2 showers.



Night by Night Shelter

Serenity House night by night Shelter, Pre-COVID

Jefferson County's Shelter



Ideas from one resident: "I liked what Navarra Carr said about getting other organizations involved. She mentioned the Coast Guard. They have been present in Port Angeles as long as I can remember. They do take up some of the rental spaces available in P.A.. Over the years, military bases have established housing for their troops. The house I live in here in Walnut Creek was once a part of a housing group for troops that worked on a missile site in the Berkeley Hills. The Concord Naval Weapons Station in Concord, CA built a nice village of homes adjacent to the base. The base has closed now and the houses are now owned by Concord citizens. I wonder how the Coast Guard could help with housing.

Another thought centers on getting young people involved in the construction business. I volunteer with the Thursday Crew that helps build and maintain the Olympic Discovery Trail. At least one of the local tribes pays an intern (a young native American) to work with the crew in the summer time. The intern learns lots of valuable skills.

My grandson, volunteered with Habitat for Humanity in Port Angeles. He took part in their training which upon completion, provided him with a certificate allowing him to work in the building trades. Along the way, he received OSHA safety training and was given, to keep, work boots and a carpenter's belt with tools. He has since gone on to college."

It seems to me that several organizations could pay interns to volunteer in such activities. Maybe the Coast Guard, Rotary, Kiwanis, churches or many other groups could be included in discussions leading to internships that would enable youth to receive training that would lead to good employment.

Unfairness of the Federal Tax Code:

Ideas from another resident: "The **federal tax code** is full of loopholes for the very wealthy (even the sort of wealthy). Companies can make billions in profits and not pay any income tax because of depreciation, depletion, carried interest, and other loopholes. When this nation was booming in the 50s and 70s the marginal income tax rate on those with a million or two in income a year was 90% to 70%.

Those that are wealthy enough to own machines can make a ton more money than those that are not wealthy enough to own machines. The deck is stacked against the poor. Think of it this way - how would you like to play a baseball game in your team had no bats (a machine, a lever) and the other team did have bats. So not only are the wealthy machine owners at a physical advantage, the tax code favors them too.

Another way to look at this - with the mathematical concept of limits (or the extremes - where reality falls somewhere in between). Limits are very helpful in seeing where trends can lead. So, there are 100 people in this world. 1 person has a machine that will produce and deliver everything that all 100 people need to live. 99 people have no machines. Yet they all are protected by the same police force, they drive on the same roads, they use the same water and sewer systems, etc. If the machine owner pays no taxes and produces all the gross domestic product, how does the society survive?

This example might not be so extreme - consider the saying 'we are the 99%'.

We cannot do anything on the local governmental level about the federal tax code - but that is what has enabled a few to have all the money and the masses to have comparatively very little. The solution lies in getting our US Senators and Representatives to change the tax code so the rich share their wealth with the poor - after all the rich would have nothing but for the protections our government provides (roads, armed services, utilities, property ownership records, police, health, laws, courts, etc.)

If we tax the average homeowner to pay for housing for the poor, the very rich escape having to pay to correct the problem they created.

This isn't rocket science - as a few acquire a greater percentage of the world's wealth how can the many not help but to have less. We have a situation where a lot of the many just don't have enough for decent housing."

Gores, Alanna

From: Lyell Fox <lfox@olympus.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 8:18 AM
To: Gores, Alanna
Subject: Affordable Housing

Greetings,

I support a dedicated effort for the development of affordable housing throughout Clallam County. We have a critical housing shortage and a TREMENDOUS homeless problem for a rural county. Both children and adults deserve safe, decent, affordable housing. I think the pandemic showed us what generous people live in this county as they rallied to make masks, distribute food, do Contact Tracing and staff vaccine clinics. There are likely people who would volunteer in several ways to provide housing for our community. Jefferson County has harnessed the energy of boat builders to build tiny homes and, of course Habitat for Humanity has built many homes in our county with the help of volunteers, as well as "sweat equity". In Sequim, many mid-high priced homes and mobile home parks are still being developed, but there seems to be little effort to develop low income homes for sale or rent. Rentals everywhere are extremely hard to find at any price and so rents are inflated because of the shortage. Perhaps some of the Airbnb owners could be convinced (and subsidized?) to convert to long term rentals. Also, there are many people over 60 who are living in large homes and who do not want to move, but are overwhelmed with the work required to maintain their homes and who cannot afford to pay others to do the maintenance work of home and yard care. Many of these homes could be divided into 2 dwelling units with minor remodeling such as installation of a locking door between areas of the home and installation of a small kitchen area. Many homes now have ADU's that could be rented. Renters could work on home and yard maintenance in exchange for part of their rent. I realize renters would need to be vetted and home owners would need to be comfortable with a renter or family on their property, but this could be beneficial for both parties, both economically and socially. I think many rental owners are leery of long term renting because of the lengthy and expensive process of eviction if renters breach the rental contract, fail to pay rent, or become destructive. Perhaps there could be a guarantee of swift eviction with the support of the county for those providing affordable/low income housing when a tenant breaches the rental agreement.

Perhaps the above ideas are utopian, but I think with some creative people working on the problem of our housing shortage, we can find a solution. It is an urgent problem that deserves attention and resolution NOW. Thank you for the work you do, Lyell E. Fox, 824 Atterberry Rd, Sequim, WA 98382

Gores, Alanna

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Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 8:58 AM
To: Gores, Alanna; normagene
Subject: Affordable Housing in Clallam County

*** EXTERNAL EMAIL *** This message was sent from outside our County network.

Hi,
I am writing at the suggestion of Norma Turner. She sent a message regarding the most recent Charter Review Commission's recommendation addressing the critical need for more affordable housing in the area.

I have a two jobs that put me in contact with citizens representing a wide range of personal economic opportunities and circumstances. It is easy in our day to day relationships with friends, relatives, and co-workers to miss the poignant, nearly "invisible" needs of many of our fellow citizens.

I personally know of several people who spent weeks living in their cars in the Walmart parking lot. One is a middle aged woman with multiple health care needs (she ultimately got help from a church), one middle aged man who was employed and was eventually able to afford shared housing, and a mother, grandmother, and child who *all* stayed in the lot due to lack of options. Parental rights were relinquished and a family member adopted the child recently.

I have also become acquainted with young, intact families with at least one hardworking (full time) parent who are unable to "move up" to larger apartments because waiting lists for multi-family units and small homes are discouragingly long. When I first encountered this story, I actually didn't believe it. Not that the family was not to be believed, but I thought that they just hadn't called the "right" places or people. Being a "get it done person," I set out with great confidence, only to fail after contacting rental agencies such as Landmark, several people I know with rentals, as well as speaking with OlyCap and similar governmental/quasi governmental agencies.

On the other end of the spectrum, but to emphasize the same point, I have two friends who recently sold small rental homes, one to the hospital and one to a relieved Coast Guard family. Both were amazed at the prices they were offered for these homes, as lack of inventory and desperation is driving prices up startlingly

I understand you need no more anecdotes about the issues raised above nor are you lacking in tales of Peabody Creek, the woods east of town, or homes with multiple "couch surfers." I'm sure you've heard it all and much, much more. The reason I am writing is to add my voice to the those who seek to prioritize this county goal.

My only suggestion is that perhaps those involved with this issue can team up with the *Peninsula Daily News* to present an ongoing series of personal stories about individuals and families affected by the lack of affordable housing. In trying to talk to others about this and related issues I have received some passionate, negative "blow back." What I've found "works best" is to talk about people who have jobs and despite their hard work, cannot seem to improve their lot in life. I have encountered negative to the point of nasty responses from people who believe that everyone in no/poor housing just needs to "get their act together and get a good job." I'm in an ongoing debate with people who dismiss the contentions in the book *Tightrope: Americans Reaching for Hope*, Kristof and WuDunn. That book not only perfectly-in my estimation-describes the problem, but also some of the seeds of the problem and creative solutions employed by forward-thinking

communities. The challenges we face are clearly more complex than merely obtaining funds to build/remodel decent housing.

Finally, and I'm sure this goes without saying, I've learned after 50 years in social work-type positions, it is too easy to impose "our" ideas on the people we are trying to help. I hope that the consulting group is heavily weighted toward those who are directly involved. I had a huge light bulb moment in Senegal a few years ago when learning about Sojourners. In a nutshell, these folks go into a community and live there for five to seven years(!) before they even begin to "do" anything toward community development...long story but the point is made...the Sojourners claim to have longterm, positive results and stats that are much better than gungho programs that come and go. In the past 7 years I've spent 15 to 25 hours a week in close contact with a few people in substandard housing and have learned much more from the experience than I could have imagined. I'm often surprised how "off the mark" my conceptualizations have often been.

You have such an important job, one that will have repercussions for years, even generations.

Sincerely, Gay Knutson