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MEMORANDUM

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Date: November 4, 2022

Subject: KING COUNTY PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION:

City Council review and provide feedback on the proposed working draft Permanent Supportive Housing Agreement (PSHA) between the City of Kirkland and King County and the proposed working draft Services Agreement (SA) between the County and the future operator of the designated permanent supporting housing facility in Kirkland. The working draft PSHA and working draft SA, which is presented as an attachment to the PSHA, have been created in partnership with King County and are being negotiated with the County by the City Manager's Office and the City Attorney's Office.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

The County's [Health through Housing Initiative](#) establishes partnerships with local jurisdictions County-wide to create 1,600 permanent supporting housing units for people experiencing chronic homelessness. The Initiative consists of King County purchasing hotels or similar facilities to be converted into emergency or permanent supportive housing, and each site includes 24/7 staffing that offers case management, employment counseling, and medical/behavioral healthcare. This Initiative aims to support residents who are not supported through other housing program models.

In January of this year, City Council authorized a [letter of support](#) for King County's purchase of a hotel in Kirkland for permanent supportive housing. Shortly thereafter, the City Manager issued a [statement](#) about King County's possible purchase of the La Quinta Inn in Kirkland as part of the County's Health through Housing Initiative.

Before the County purchased the hotel in March of this year, City Council approved [Resolution R-5522](#) and its accompanying Conceptual Terms Sheet at its March 1, 2022 meeting. Resolution R-5522 set terms and conditions necessary for City support of La Quinta Inn as a King County Health through Housing site and identified key issues necessary for City support. The Resolution and Conceptual Terms Sheet can be seen in Attachment A. Section 2 of Resolution R-5522 directed the City Manager to negotiate agreements with King County and/or its future facility

operator with respect to a permanent supporting housing program at the former La Quinta Inn, requiring that such agreements be consistent with the Conceptual Term Sheet. The proposed agreements resulting from the negotiations to date will be discussed in more depth in this memorandum under *Proposed Draft Agreements* section below.

To help inform the agreements referenced in Section 2 of Resolution R-5522, Section 4 directed the City Manager to perform a robust community engagement and stakeholder outreach process that would allow all interested members of the public to provide comment on Permanent Supportive Housing in Kirkland and to provide feedback to inform the development of the agreements referenced in Section 2. Details of staff's community engagement efforts are outlined below.

Community Engagement:

The Deputy City Manager of External Affairs led a community engagement process via a town hall and five focus groups. The community provided additional feedback in response to staff postings on a variety of online platforms and social media including *Our Kirkland*, Twitter, Facebook, Nextdoor, and Instagram. Staff also engaged the community through press releases, a website landing page, and email listserv updates throughout the year. The various methods of engagement, quantity of community feedback, number of events, attendance of events, and duration are outlined in the charts below.

Table 1: **Digital Community Feedback**

Digital Platform	Quantity
<i>Our Kirkland</i> submissions	332
Facebook comments	641
Twitter comments	13
Nextdoor comments	42
Instagram comments	3
TOTAL COMMENTS	1,031
Landing Webpage Views*	4,480**
Kirkland Health through Housing Listserv Subscribers	266
SUBTOTAL (comments, views, subscribers)	5,777

*(<https://www.kirklandwa.gov/Government/City-Managers-Office/King-Countys-Health-Through-Housing-Initiative-in-Kirkland>)

**Unique views: meaning if the same individual visits the page more than once, their view is only counted once.

Overall, the City received 1,031 comments through social media and *Our Kirkland*. *Our Kirkland* is a portal where community members can ask questions, request services, and report non-emergency issues. 326 comments were submitted through *Our Kirkland* on or before June 30, and six comments were received between July 1, and the submission of this memo to Council. Many of the comments submitted through *Our Kirkland* were originally emails addressed to City Council and/or other recipients that staff loaded into *Our Kirkland* for ease of tracking and responding. All comments submitted through *Our Kirkland* can be seen in Attachment B.

In addition to comments received through social media and *Our Kirkland*, the City's Health through Housing webpage received 4,480 unique views from the time it was launched on February 1. A unique view means it's only counting an individual's "view" of the webpage once, even if they visited it multiple times. It is important to note the relatively significant average time an individual has been spending on this webpage. Across all webpages the City owns, an individual averages just over a minute and a half, while on the Health through Housing webpage, the average time spent is four minutes. That is an increase of 167% when compared to all other City webpages. Lastly, 266 individuals are currently signed up and receiving updates and alerts on the City's Health through Housing listserv.

In addition to the digital feedback received, staff conducted a virtual town hall, five focus groups, and sent out four press releases. The chart below outlines the community engagement methods, quantity, attendance, and duration.

Table 2: **Virtual Outreach, Engagement and Feedback**

Event Type	Quantity	Attendance	Duration
Virtual Town Hall <i>Via Zoom, May 9, 2022</i>	1	252	2 Hours
Focus Groups <i>May 19, 24, 27, June 2, 4</i>	5	50	1.5 Hours
SUBTOTAL	6	302	9.5
Press Releases <i>March 3, April 1, 11, 21</i>	4	-	-
TOTAL (town hall, focus groups, press releases)	10	302	9.5

At the virtual town hall on May 9, staff was accompanied by King County's Health through Housing team and a panel of experts. The town hall was attended by 252 people and lasted two hours. The event can be viewed on the City's website [here](#). The PowerPoint presentation can be referenced in Attachment C. Community members interested in providing oral feedback were provided a sign-up form and were drawn randomly to determine speaking order. Community members provided comment in groupings of around five speakers. After each grouping provided their comments, the panel of experts offered their insights and expertise to help answer questions and provide feedback. Themes and insights from the town hall will be expounded upon in the "Insight" section below.

Following the town hall were five focus groups. Community members who attended the town hall, as well as the community at-large, were invited to sign up to attend the focus groups. The intent of the focus groups was to give the community a chance to provide further input and feedback in a less structured format than the town hall. The focus groups were held on various days, including weekends, and at different times of the day to create more opportunities for community members to attend. Focus groups averaged ten attendees per session. The highest attendance was at the May 27 meeting, with 15 attendees. The smallest focus group was on May 19, with seven attendees. The PowerPoint presentation provided at each focus group can be referenced in Attachment D. Themes and insights from the focus groups will be expounded upon in the "Insight" section below.

Staff presented the following information at each focus group:

- City Council’s adopted Resolution R-5522 and Conceptual Terms Sheet. Staff specifically referenced the details outlined in Sections 1 and 2 of Resolution R-5522 and went into detail on the “Key Concepts and Agreement Terms” on page two of the Conceptual Terms Sheet.
- King County’s Coordinated Entry for All (CEA) – staff described the County’s criteria for how individuals are admitted into one of their permanent supportive housing facilities.
- Local referral program – staff described how the City, County, and future operator work together to define procedures around referring individuals through a network of local providers. Staff also informed the focus group attendees that up to 65% of the space in the facility is set aside for this type of referral.
- What the County had heard so far about permanent supportive housing efforts County-wide – this slide was taken directly from the County’s joint presentation during the May 9 town hall. That presentation can be seen in its entirety in Attachment C.
- Discussion prompts to facilitate community conversation – based on the feedback the City and County had received, staff used these as discussion prompts. From these, themes began to emerge and are outlined in the “Insight” section below.
- Next steps – staff detailed the anticipated County quarterly deliverables from operator and outreach selection to phased occupancy of the facility.

Feedback Summary:

In addition to the virtual town hall and focus groups, members of the community submitted comments and feedback through *Our Kirkland* and the social media platforms Nextdoor, Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Through both virtual engagement and social media, staff began to gather insight and track developing themes from the community. Some of the key themes presented throughout virtual engagement, social media, and *Our Kirkland* are listed below.

Several of the themes presented from those not in favor of the program include:

1. Lack of transparency around the location’s siting process. If the data behind the process were sound, the County would not have chosen a location that shares a border with a school.
2. If the location will not change, the program should only be open to people of advanced age, or women and children; the belief being that these groups are inherently safer for the surrounding community and providers can tailor resources more effectively.
3. If key themes 1 and 2 cannot be met, the provider must conduct strict criminal background screening with strong exclusionary criteria around violent crimes, sex offense related crimes, and drug related crimes.
4. Clear and strict criteria by which someone can be evicted for violating the law or rules of the facility.
5. Skepticism around the efficacy of the success of King County’s Health through Housing Initiative generally.

Several of the key themes for those in favor of the program:

1. No significant provisions need to be made simply because the facility is located next to a school. Those struggling with mental illnesses are the vulnerable ones, needing the resources and support offered by the “housing first” model of care.
2. Don’t criminalize people experiencing homelessness. Everyone deserves a place to live regardless of their current circumstances, and people experiencing homelessness are no more likely to be a threat to the community than anyone else.
3. Creating barriers to entry into the program such as criminal background checks could create a significant impediment to the success of the program. One participant noted that any barrier prior to entry to occupancy could result in the loss of a life due to lack of safe and available housing.
4. The continuum of care is paramount to the success of the program. The provider should focus on centering the needs of the residents in the facility and not marginalize them.
5. Availability to amenities such as bus stops, grocery stores, and pharmacies is important for resident autonomy, mental health, and the overall success of the program.
6. The provider is the best organization to make the determination as to who is an appropriate resident for the program.

With these key themes in mind, staff has outlined below more in-depth descriptions of some of the additional points made during the virtual town hall, focus groups, *Our Kirkland*, and social media platforms mentioned above.

Our Kirkland:

Staff received several submissions from parents opposed to the location whose children attend Eastside Preparatory School, the school that shares a border with the Health Through Housing site. This group expressed that the proximity of the facility to the school and daycare would threaten the safety of the children and the surrounding area. A common thread within these comments was that if the project moves forward, it should require prospective residents to undergo a criminal background check with strict criteria for exclusion prior to entry into the program.

There were also several general comments thanking the Council for their commitment to being an inclusive and welcoming city. Community members felt that not only are these efforts vitally important to the health and well-being of the community, but also an urgent need for the Eastside. Proponents of the project commented that requiring background checks creates a barrier to entry that may impede individuals from receiving the care they need to survive.

Due to *Our Kirkland's* structured entry submission format, unlike the social media forums, community members are not able to engage with each other’s submitted comments. The City did receive several similarly themed comments, in some cases as part of an organized group or a form letter originating from a website, and either in clear favor or opposition to the program.

Social Media:

Through Facebook, Twitter, Nextdoor, and Instagram, the City received a total of 699 comments from January to October 2022. The breakdown of comments submitted by social

media platform can be seen in Table 1 in the "Community Engagement" section above. Similar to *Our Kirkland*, the responses were often polarized and expressed strong opinions on this topic. However, social media feedback varied from *Our Kirkland* in that a community member's post(s) and/or comment(s) could be interacted with. This might include being expanded upon, agreed/disagreed with, questioned, or "reacted to." The result of the interactive nature of social media led to there being more of a general discussion around how the City should approach solving homelessness rather than a direct response to Resolution R-5522 and the Conceptual Terms Sheet.

Town Hall:

One important insight from the town hall was that the permanent supportive housing program in Kirkland needs to be seen as helpful to those experiencing homelessness in order to be successful. Specifically, it needs to offer effective, wrap-around services that are available to all program residents, but not required. Being generous with services, but not requiring they be used can often be the difference maker in who feels comfortable enough to join, and ultimately, be successful in the program.

Another theme from the town hall were general comments from individuals attempting to dispel misconceptions regarding those experiencing homelessness. Comments included were that not all those who are experiencing homelessness are criminals, drug addicts, or violent. Furthermore, it was referenced that often it is the lack of a home that can lead to individual developing mental illnesses or drug addictions.

Another reoccurring theme was the concern for the location of the facility. Several people spoke in opposition to its proximity to a school and daycare, feeling that children will be in danger. Dovetailing into that point, individuals spoke in favor of mandatory criminal background checks as a requirement to be allowed into the program.

Focus Groups and Follow Up Interviews:

In May and June of this year, City staff hosted five one-and-a-half-hour-long focus groups for the community at-large. Overall, 50 community members attended.

All focus groups were presented with the same information, including a description of King County's Coordinated Entry for All (CEA) system, as depicted in Attachment D. One point of insight focused on the prioritization of tiers within CEA. A few focus groups felt that if the facility was limited to those of advanced age it would be inherently safer for the surrounding neighborhood, school, and daycare, and the provider would be in a better position to offer more effective services.

Another point of interest was the concern around the percentage of rooms allocated to King County versus the rooms allocated to Kirkland's "local referral." King County reserves 35% of rooms in the facility for their CEA tiered approach, 35% of rooms are reserved for the City to refer "locally," with an additional 30% set aside for the City if they can be filled within 90 days of operation. As the groups were given this information, there was some unease that King County would keep 65% of the rooms with those experiencing homelessness who are living in Seattle, or more generally, not living on the Eastside.

Another key point of insight centered around ensuring the program's success. When asked what success looks like, some groups mentioned that success is when neighboring community members commit to the success and relationship building aspects of the program, whether by helping plant a community garden, paint a mural, or other activities. To that point, focus groups mentioned the importance of selecting a provider with a proven track record of community outreach. Others mentioned that the program is successful when those experiencing homelessness get the resources they need, the most important of which is a roof over their heads and a place to call their own.

Additional Engagement and Staff Research:

Since the completion of the focus groups, staff has conducted onsite review of the facility with County and City leadership, conducted several individual interviews, engaged in best practice research in order to help support the recommendations included in this memorandum as outlined in the section below.

Proposed Draft Agreements:

Resolution R-5522 directed that an agreement between the County and the City memorialize and provide transparency and accountability on the commitments of the City and the County. The City Manager's Office and the City Attorney's Office have been negotiating two agreements in partnership with the County:

- First, a proposed working draft Permanent Support Housing Agreement (PSHA), which will govern the relationship between the City and the County regarding the County's Health Through Housing location at the former La Quinta site.
- Second, proposed to be an attachment to the PSHA, a working draft Services Agreement (SA) that will govern the relationship between King County and the future operator of the facility. The SA is composed of the County's standard Community and Human Services Contract and an exhibit Scope of Work that describes the permanent supportive housing services.

These agreements are included together as Attachment E and are collectively referred to as the "Proposed Draft Agreements." Negotiations with the County have been constructive and collaborative but have not yet been completed.

The Proposed Draft Agreements are directly responsive to, and incorporate, either directly or by reference, all the terms and conditions listed in the Conceptual Terms Sheet adopted by the Council as part of Resolution R-5522.

The table below indicates how the requirements of the Conceptual Term Sheet are incorporated into the Proposed Draft Agreements.

#	Term Sheet Requirement	Relevant Agreement Terms
1	<p>Terms are needed to ensure ongoing communications between the County, City, Operator, and service providers. A communications plan should be developed and include a schedule for regular meetings between the parties to discuss performance of the permanent supportive housing, to work on any unexpected challenges, and to promptly resolve issues.</p> <p>The plan should also include a schedule for reports to the County and City legislative bodies that, among other things, include performance summaries and answer questions regarding site performance.</p>	<p>PSHA, Section 3, p. 3, details required reports to City Council.</p> <p>PSHA, Section 4, p. 3-4, requires development of a communication plan and details regular meetings between the City, County, and Contractor.</p> <p>SA, Exhibit I, Section IV, page 17, contains general Contractor reporting requirements.</p> <p>SA, Exhibit I, Section V, page 17-18, contains monitoring and evaluation requirements for the Contractor.</p>
2	<p>A dispute resolution process should be included in the agreements to facilitate the prompt elevation and resolution of disputes that arise regarding operation of the permanent supportive housing use consistent with the terms and obligations of the agreements. If dispute resolution processes are not timely and successful, the parties need to have the ability to seek to enforce the terms and conditions of the agreements judicially.</p> <p>Provisions in the County agreement with the City addressing these topics, and those below, that include City and County remedies in the event of breach or default by the County, the City, or the City and County-approved facility Operator, including remedies such as specific performance and injunctive relief.</p>	<p>PSHA, Section 10, p. 4-5, contains a dispute resolution provision between the City and the County.</p> <p>PSHA, Section 11, p. 5, details a process in the event of default by the County or the City and remedies in the event of default.</p> <p>SA, Section 11, page 6, contains dispute resolution provisions between the County and the Contractor.</p> <p>SA, Section 10, page 5-6, details steps for corrective action by the Contractor and enforcement by the County.</p>
3	<p>The agreements should include processes for amending the agreement and for providing required notifications.</p>	<p>PSHA, Section 7, p. 4, contains a provision on amendments of the PSHA.</p>

		<p>SA, Section 25, page 13, contains a provision on amendments of the SA.</p> <p>SA, Exhibit I, Section VI, page 18, provides that the SA cannot be amended without the City's agreement.</p>
4	<p>City opportunity to review and approve County selection process and criteria for the Operator.</p>	<p>PSHA, Section 2(a), p. 3, includes this requirement, with the additional requirement that the City actually participate in the County's selection process and concur with the County's selection, as provided by the County Implementation Plan.</p>
5	<p>Review and approve terms and conditions of Operator agreement, including those related to subjects such as operating standards, screening criteria, compliance with laws, standards of care, breach and cure, indemnification, and insurance.</p>	<p>PSHA, Section 2(c) and (d), p. 3, require the County to enter into a Services Agreement with the contractor substantially similar to the SA included as Exhibit B to the PSHA and for the Services Agreement to always meet particular requirements.</p> <p>PSHA, Section 7, p. 4, requires the City Manager's approval of any modifications or amendments to the SA.</p>
6	<p>County and Operator agree facility will be used exclusively for permanent supportive housing and for no other purpose or use without prior City approval.</p>	<p>PSHA, Section I, p. 2, includes this requirement.</p>
7	<p>The County and Operator shall maintain strict compliance with existing state law limitations on registered sex offenders living within 880 feet of public and private schools.</p>	<p>PSHA, Section 2(e), p. 3, requires the County or its designee to perform criminal background screenings and requires that anyone prohibited by state law from living within a community protection zone be excluded from the facility.</p> <p>SA, Exhibit I, Section II(E)(4)(d), pages 5-7, contains the requirements of the City's proposed background screening policy, including a requirement that the operator exclude anyone</p>

		prohibited by state law from living within a community protection zone.
8	The La Quinta Inn site shares a property line with a large school. As a result, the agreements will include provisions that individuals who do not meet the operating and screening protocols of the City and County-approved facility operator and other requirements within the City and County-approved Operator agreement will not be housed within the facility.	<p>Section 2(e), p. 3, requires the County or its designee to perform criminal background screenings, requires that anyone prohibited by state law from living within a community protection zone be excluded from the facility, and further requires that anyone with a pending charge or criminal conviction for a sex offense undergo an individualized assessment to determine whether the individual should reside in the facility.</p> <p>SA, Exhibit I, Section II(E)(4), page 5, includes the requirement for Contractor screening, exclusion, and evaluation of clients.</p> <p>SA, Exhibit I, Section II(E)(4)(d), pages 5-7, contains the requirements of the City's proposed background screening policy, including a requirement that the operator exclude anyone prohibited by state law from living within a community protection zone and that the operator exclude anyone with a pending charge or conviction for a sex offense who is disqualified by the Contractor following an individualized assessment.</p>
9	The City will partner with King County on exploring additional permanent supportive housing sites in Kirkland not adjacent to schools that could also provide permanent supportive housing to persons who are not accepted for housing by the City and County-approved facility operator at the former La Quinta Inn.	PSHA, Section 5, p. 4, contains this term.
10	Supportive housing staffing required 24 hours per day and seven days per week.	<p>PSHA, Section 1(c), p. 2, contains this requirement.</p> <p>SA, Exhibit I, contains this requirement in Section II(E)(2), page 5; and Section II(E)(24)(i), page 14.</p>

11	No designated supervised/safer consumption site (SCS), supervised/safer injection facility (SIF), or supervised/safer injection service (SIS).	PSHA, Section 1(a), p. 2, contains this term.
12	No car camping or camping of any kind at the site.	<p>PSHA, Section 1(b), p. 2, contains this requirement, with the following additions and clarifications:</p> <p>* We added a specific reference to car camping and language explaining camping as any form of persons sleeping overnight outdoors or in vehicles. We also included additional language that "The Facility shall not operate as a Safe Parking or other program for individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness."</p> <p>SA, Exhibit I, Section II(E)(21)(d), page 12, prohibits the Contractor from approving or authoring camping in any form and requires the Contractor to notify the County of violations.</p>
13	Coordination with local service providers and City staff to identify and prioritize eligible homeless individuals in Kirkland and the Eastside so that people requiring permanent supportive housing are able to access that resource within their community.	<p>SA, Exhibit I, Section II(E)(18)(c), page 11, contains this requirement, with minor clarifying language.</p> <p>In addition, the same SA, Exhibit I, Section II(E)(18), at subsections (d) and (e), page 11, includes specific requirements for beds reserved for Kirkland referrals specifically during the lease-up phase and also thereafter.</p>
14	Comprehensive services provided including behavioral health treatment (including substance use disorders), employment assistance, job training, education, and transportation.	PSHA, Section 1(d), p. 2, contains this term.
15	<p>Following Operator selection, a community relations plan shall be developed to address:</p> <p>a. Potential impacts on nearby schools, businesses, and/or residences including a</p>	PSHA, Section 2(d), p. 3, require that the SA always include the elements required by the City's Resolution R-5522, explicitly including this requirement.

	<p>proposed resolution and mitigation approach.</p> <p>b. Expectations between the local community, site operators, service providers, and city representatives (e.g., data and performance measures, program descriptions and services offered, opportunities to volunteer and donate).</p> <p>c. An identified "Neighborhood Liaison," a staff person who has been designated to be a visible and friendly ambassador for the permanent housing facility, nurture respectful relationships among community members, attend community events, and receive and respond to neighbor complaints in a timely manner.</p>	<p>SA, Exhibit I, Section II(E)(17)(c), page 10-11, contains this requirement.</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>Following Operator selection, a safety and security plan shall be developed in consultation with and approved by the Kirkland Police Department. The safety and security plan shall include:</p> <p>a. A plan to address illegal, unsafe, or *disruptive behavior at the site and in the perimeter of the area that infringes on the safety of occupants, community members, and employees and a description of the consequences for engaging in disruptive behavior up to and including eviction;</p> <p>b. A plan for the coordination of services between the operator, the County and City of Kirkland public safety staff (e.g. police, fire, community responders), including any private security personnel employed by the operator of the site and any surrounding schools or business owners; and a clear process and City contact for circumstances in which **community concerns are not responded to by the Operator in a timely fashion;</p>	<p>PSHA, Section 2(d), p. 3, require that the SA always include the elements required by the City's Resolution R-5522, explicitly including this requirement.</p> <p>SA, Exhibit I, Section II(E)(24)(m), page 14, contains this requirement, with the following clarifications:</p> <p>* The County requested a definition for the term "disruptive" from the Term Sheet. The SA adds this phrase: "Disruptive behavior is that behavior that disrupts or interferes with the rights and comforts of persons living, working or visiting the area."</p> <p>** The County requested that the term "reasonable" be added before "community concerns" in the SA.</p>

	<p>c. Provision of County and Operator contact information to respond 24/7 to City and community concerns;</p> <p>d. Identification of performance metrics and reporting plan that will be used to track compliance with the safety and security plan</p>	
<p>17</p>	<p>Following Operator Selection, program rules and/or code of conduct shall be developed in consultation with the Operator, service providers,* and those who have a lived experience of homelessness.</p> <p>a. Program rules and/or code of conduct shall describe occupant expectations and consequences for failing to comply.**</p> <p>b. The code of conduct shall at a minimum address the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The use of alcohol and recreational marijuana; *** ii. The use of illegal drugs; iii. The sale of illegal drugs; iv. Threatening or unsafe behavior; and v. Weapon possession. 	<p>PSHA, Section 2(d), p. 3, require that the SA always include the elements required by the City’s Resolution R-5522, explicitly including this requirement.</p> <p>SA, Exhibit I, Section II(E)(17)(a), page 10, contains this requirement, with the following additions:</p> <p>* The County requested to add “jurisdictional partners identified by the City and County” to the list of those consulted on the code of conduct.</p> <p>** For clarity, we have added a statement that the consequences will be “up to and including eviction.”</p> <p>*** The County requested to add “smoking indoors and in public places” to this list of topics that will be addressed.</p>

Additional Community Concerns

As noted above, the Proposed Draft Agreements are also responsive to several areas of concern raised by members of the community. Specifically, the City's current drafts shows a requirement that the County or its designee conduct a criminal background screening process for all candidates referred to the Kirkland facility. In addition, the Proposed Draft Agreements mandate that the County or its designee is responsible for maintaining strict compliance with existing state law limitations on registered sex offenders living within 880 feet of public or private schools ("Community Protection Zones"). This is significant because, absent this provision, only the Department of Corrections and local law enforcement and probation departments—not the County or its designee—would be tasked with the oversight system that is responsible for ensuring compliance with the law. The Proposed Draft Agreements also require that the County or its designee undertake a required individualized assessment of any applicant who has a criminal conviction involving criminal sex offense as defined by RCW 9A.44.128(10), within the a specific period of time that is still to be determined. Under this process, those applicants must present facts and circumstances that demonstrate to the County or its designee the applicant does not present an unreasonable risk considering all relevant circumstances, including that the facility shares a border with a school and is in close proximity to several day care centers.

The County shares the City's interest in establishing a criminal screening process that ensures compliance with the terms and conditions outlined above. However, to satisfy the City's interest, the County proposes an alternative to relying on a third-party nationwide screening company to achieve that end. Rather, the County offers a comprehensive internal screening process as described as described in Attachment F.

Staff recognizes the benefits of the County's approach but has only recently received the proposal is still evaluating the program details. For this reason, the attached Proposed Draft Agreements contain the proposal developed by City staff on this issue. Discussions on the best approach to achieve the City's and County's shared interest on these topics are ongoing.

These new structural additions, combined with the comprehensive requirements established in Resolution R-5522, address many of the concerns and expectations articulated by the community during the engagement process. At the same time, staff acknowledges that the Proposed Draft Agreements may run contrary to some of the guidance received (i.e., "don't require criminal background checks" or "find another place to site the facility"). In negotiating the Proposed Draft Agreements, staff attempted to strike a balance between echoing the conditions set forth in Resolution R-5522, while also incorporating additional ideas raised by the community that are consistent with the spirit of Resolution R-5522.

Future Actions

If the Proposed Draft Agreements were approved by the Council in substantially similar form to Attachment E, and with concurrence from the County following completion of negotiations, these agreements provide language that will establish clear, legally binding terms and conditions on the County and the future operator of the facility.

Following this study session, staff intends to continue negotiations with the County, including to incorporate any Council feedback on the Proposed Draft Agreements, and also intends to seek community input at a public hearing on the Proposed Draft Agreements. A proposed final PSHA

and SA, which will incorporate both Council feedback following the study session and public hearing and further County feedback, will then be brought for final consideration and decision by Council. If Council then approves the documents and the PSHA is executed by the City and County, City staff will work closely with the County throughout the operator procurement process, finalize the specific terms and conditions once the actual operator is selected, and partner with the County and the operator to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of these agreements.

NEXT STEPS:

Staff proposes to schedule a public hearing on this topic on January 3, 2023. Staff recommends then returning to Council on January 17, 2023, with a proposed resolution authorizing the City Manager to complete negotiations and execute the proposed agreements incorporating any Council feedback for final consideration and decision.

Attachments

- A – Resolution R-5522 and Conceptual Terms Sheet
- B1 – Our Kirkland Submissions
- B2 – Supplemental Attachment to Our Kirkland ID 18764
- C – Town Hall PowerPoint Presentation
- D – Focus Group PowerPoint Presentation
- E – Draft Permanent Supportive Housing Agreement with attached Services Agreement
- F – County’s Proposed Screening Process

RESOLUTION R-5522

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND RELATED TO A PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROJECT BY KING COUNTY AT THE LA QUINTA INN LOCATION IN KIRKLAND AS PART OF THE COUNTY'S HEALTH THROUGH HOUSING PROGRAM, IDENTIFYING KEY ISSUES NECESSARY FOR CITY SUPPORT AND AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATIONS OF ONE OR MORE AGREEMENTS THAT PROVIDE FOR SUCH USE WHILE IMPOSING REASONABLE REGULATIONS THEREON IN SUPPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY.

1 WHEREAS, King County ("County") is considering
2 completion of the purchase of the La Quinta Inn ("La Quinta") in
3 Kirkland for permanent supportive housing through its Health
4 Through Housing ("HTH") program; and
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6 WHEREAS, permanent supportive housing provides
7 housing paired with on-site or off-site voluntary services designed
8 to support a person living with a disability to be a successful
9 tenant in a housing arrangement, improve the resident's health
10 status, and connect residents of the housing with community-
11 based care, treatment, and services; and
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13 WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 35A.21.430, code cities shall
14 not prohibit permanent supportive housing in any zones in which
15 residential dwelling units or hotels are allowed, subject only to
16 reasonable requirements imposed to protect public health and
17 safety and which still allow for permanent supportive housing uses
18 within the city to accommodate the city's projected need for
19 housing and shelter under RCW 36.70A.070(2)(a)(ii); and
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21 WHEREAS, La Quinta is located in a zone under the Kirkland
22 Zoning Code in which residential units and/or hotels are
23 permitted; and
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25 WHEREAS, the City Council supports permanent supportive
26 housing uses at appropriate locations within Kirkland and believes
27 the La Quinta Inn site can be a successful HTH site for the County
28 if certain reasonable operating guidelines, screening criteria, and
29 regulations are in place to protect public health and safety as
30 provided for and in accordance with state law; and
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32 WHEREAS, while supportive of permanent supportive
33 housing in Kirkland and the County's proposed La Quinta HTH
34 project, the Council acknowledges that the La Quinta property
35 shares a common border with a major school and is situated in
36 close proximity to a preschool and a daycare facility and so
37 requires thoughtful consideration for issues of public health and
38 safety of students and others; and
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40 WHEREAS, the County shares the goal of creating
41 additional permanent supportive housing opportunities in King

42 County, including on the Eastside and in Kirkland, while also
43 helping ensure that such uses remain a "good neighbors,"
44 including through reasonable requirements on such uses that
45 address public health and safety needs; and
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47 WHEREAS, as a result of the foregoing, the City has
48 prepared a conceptual term sheet ("Term Sheet"), agreed to by
49 the County, and attached hereto as Exhibit A that will, if the
50 County's purchase of La Quinta is completed, provide the direction
51 for future and more detailed agreements between the City, the
52 County, and/or its future facility operator, which agreement(s)
53 shall be subject to approval by the City Council prior to their
54 becoming effective; and
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56 WHEREAS, at a February 28, 2022 meeting with the County
57 Executive, it was confirmed for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor that
58 the County may close on the purchase of the La Quinta Inn by as
59 soon as March 3, 2022, and the City needs to formally approve a
60 conceptual term sheet at the March 1 Council meeting to ensure
61 the County receives the term sheet prior to closing on the
62 property.
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64 NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the
65 City of Kirkland as follows:
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67 Section 1. The City Council's support of the permanent
68 supportive housing project as part of the Health Through Housing
69 program at the La Quinta Inn is conditioned upon reaching
70 agreement with the County on terms consistent with the
71 Conceptual Term Sheet for King County Permanent Supportive
72 Housing Project at La Quinta Inn Location in Kirkland attached
73 hereto as Exhibit A.
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75 Section 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized and
76 directed to negotiate agreements with King County and/or its
77 future facility operator with respect to a Health Through Housing
78 permanent supportive housing project at the La Quinta Inn
79 location in Kirkland consistent with the Conceptual Term Sheet for
80 King County Permanent Supportive Housing Project at the La
81 Quinta Inn Location in Kirkland attached hereto as Exhibit A.
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83 Section 3. Any agreements related to Section 2 hereof shall
84 be subject to City Council approval.
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86 Section 4. The City Manager is hereby authorized and
87 directed to perform a robust community engagement and
88 stakeholder outreach process, including a town hall or public
89 hearing, that would allow all interested members of the public to
90 provide comment on Permanent Supportive Housing in Kirkland
91 and to provide feedback for use in developing the agreements
92 referenced in Section 2.

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Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 1st day of March, 2022.

Signed in authentication thereof this 1st day of March, 2022.


Penny Sweet, Mayor

Attest:


Kathi Anderson, City Clerk

March 1, 2022

Conceptual Term Sheet for King County Permanent Supportive Housing Project at the La Quinta Inn Location in Kirkland

PURPOSE

The purpose of this term sheet is to outline some of the most important terms and conditions that the Kirkland City Council believes are necessary to maintain City support for the project. It is not intended to address all potential issues or agreements.

These concepts would be developed into binding agreements between King County (County) and the City of Kirkland (City) and/or King County and its facility operator (Operator) at the La Quinta Inn site.

The agreements anticipated by this Term Sheet will formalize the County management, allocation of services and operating funds, and corresponding requirements for this permanent supportive housing use in Kirkland.

The agreement between the County and City may be an Interlocal Agreement or another mechanism that memorializes and provides transparency and accountability on the commitments of the City and the County.

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

- Kirkland supports the Health Through Housing (HTH) program and wants an HTH facility in Kirkland.
- Kirkland believes La Quinta Inn can be a successful HTH site if King County and Kirkland can agree on the terms outlined in this document.
- Kirkland believes the La Quinta Inn site is unique among proposed HTH sites King County has acquired or is considering acquiring because it shares a property line with a large school. King County acknowledges Kirkland's belief while observing that there is also a HTH site at the former Northgate Extended Stay America hotel which is separated from Ingraham High School by one single family home parcel width.
- If La Quinta Inn is not selected by King County, Kirkland supports King County acquiring an alternative property in Kirkland for an HTH site.

COMMUNICATION

Terms are needed to ensure ongoing communications between the County, City, Operator, and service providers. A communications plan should be developed and include a schedule for regular meetings between the parties to discuss performance of the permanent supportive housing, to work on any unexpected challenges, and to promptly resolve issues. The plan should also include a schedule for reports to the County and City legislative bodies that, among other things, include performance summaries and answer questions regarding site performance.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

A dispute resolution process should be included in the agreements to facilitate the prompt elevation and resolution of disputes that arise regarding operation of the permanent supportive housing use consistent with the terms and obligations of the agreements. If dispute resolution processes are not timely and successful, the parties need to have the ability to seek to enforce the terms and conditions of the agreements judicially.

CHANGES TO THE AGREEMENTS AND NOTIFICATIONS

The agreements should include processes for amending the agreement and for providing required notifications.

SOME KEY CONCEPTS AND AGREEMENT TERMS

- a. City opportunity to review and approve County selection process and criteria for the Operator.
- b. Review and approve terms and conditions of Operator agreement, including those related to subjects such as operating standards, screening criteria, compliance with laws, standards of care, breach and cure, indemnification, and insurance.
- c. County and Operator agree facility will be used exclusively for permanent supportive housing and for no other purpose or use without prior City approval.
- d. The County and Operator shall maintain strict compliance with existing state law limitations on registered sex offenders living within 880 feet of public and private schools.
- e. The La Quinta Inn site shares a property line with a large school. As a result, the agreements will include provisions that individuals who do not meet the operating and screening protocols of the City and County-approved facility operator and other requirements within the City and County-approved Operator agreement will not be housed within the facility.
- f. The City will partner with King County on exploring additional permanent supportive housing sites in Kirkland not adjacent to schools that could also provide permanent supportive housing to persons who are not accepted for housing by the City and County-approved facility operator at the former La Quinta Inn.
- g. Provisions in the County agreement with the City addressing these topics, and those below, that include City and County remedies in the event of breach or default by the County, the City, or the City and County-approved facility Operator, including remedies such as specific performance and injunctive relief.

OTHER KEY AGREEMENT TERMS

The agreement between the County and City should require the agreement between the County and its Operator to require the Operator to provide at least the following items:

- 1. Supportive housing staffing required 24 hours per day and seven days per week.
- 2. No designated supervised/safer consumption site (SCS), supervised/safer injection facility (SIF), or supervised/safer injection service (SIS).
- 3. No car camping or camping of any kind at the site.

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4. Coordination with local service providers and City staff to identify and prioritize eligible homeless individuals in Kirkland and the Eastside so that people requiring permanent supportive housing are able to access that resource within their community.
5. Comprehensive services provided including behavioral health treatment (including substance use disorders), employment assistance, job training, education, and transportation.

Terms to be Developed Following Operator Selection

1. A community relations plan shall be developed to address:
 - a. Potential impacts on nearby schools, businesses, and/or residences including a proposed resolution and mitigation approach.
 - b. Expectations between the local community, site operators, service providers, and city representatives (e.g., data and performance measures, program descriptions and services offered, opportunities to volunteer and donate).
 - c. An identified "Neighborhood Liaison," a staff person who has been designated to be a visible and friendly ambassador for the permanent housing facility, nurture respectful relationships among community members, attend community events, and receive and respond to neighbor complaints in a timely manner.
2. A safety and security plan shall be developed in consultation with and approved by the Kirkland Police Department. The safety and security plan shall include:
 - a. A plan to address illegal, unsafe, or disruptive behavior at the site and in the perimeter of the area that infringes on the safety of occupants, community members, and employees and a description of the consequences for engaging in disruptive behavior up to and including eviction;
 - b. A plan for the coordination of services between the operator, the County and City of Kirkland public safety staff (e.g. police, fire, community responders), including any private security personnel employed by the operator of the site and any surrounding schools or business owners; and a clear process and City contact for circumstances in which community concerns are not responded to by the Operator in a timely fashion;
 - c. Provision of County and Operator contact information to respond 24/7 to City and community concerns;
 - d. Identification of performance metrics and reporting plan that will be used to track compliance with the safety and security plan
3. Program rules and/or code of conduct shall be developed in consultation with the Operator, service providers, and those who have a lived experience of homelessness.
 - a. Program rules and/or code of conduct shall describe occupant expectations and consequences for failing to comply.
 - b. The code of conduct shall at a minimum address the following topics:
 - i. The use of alcohol and recreational marijuana;
 - ii. The use of illegal drugs;
 - iii. The sale of illegal drugs;

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- iv. Threatening or unsafe behavior; and
- v. Weapon possession.

Create Date	Comments	Submitter Name
10/26/2022 15:20	When is the next meeting regarding Health Through Housing scheduled? Thanks!	Tanya D8mpsey
10/6/2022 15:27	Dear King County Executive Constantine, members of the King County Council and members of the Kirkland City Council: I am very concerned about the prospect of a permanent, low-barrier housing facility being proposed at the La Quinta Inn in Kirkland. The close proximity to 3 schools and a preschool/daycare raises major concerns for our children's safety. The La Quinta Hotel site has not been properly vetted. There has not been open public process. How can the County and the City of Kirkland justify this enormous decision without a fair public process that reasonably considers the risks of locating this close to schools. We join you in being concerned about the homeless in our community and are supportive to finding solutions for the homeless crisis. We want to be part of the solution and are willing to work with the City and the County to ensure a viable option is adopted that not only helps to solve this issue, but makes sense to those of us who live and work here in the Kirkland area. The proposed County facility at the La Quinta Hotel directly adjacent to four schools is not that place. Sincerely, gordon lotzkar	
9/27/2022 9:13	I just received my public disclosure of the grant application. As you know I can be very critical of Imagine Housing. I am extremely touched that finally Imagine with their new Resident Director with 15 months on the role "gets it." Please find the funds to fund their original amount requested. Add behavioral health funds towards this. Behavioral Health will greatly improve if someone cares and helps them. Please fund this at 100%. Also please help come up with a solution for parking so ADL staff will accept employment and not turnover due to lack of parking. And use the essential needs fund request for free laundry for all Imagine Kirkland Properties. Tenants would whole heartily choose free laundry this over "take and go Pizza Community dinners" And an elderly woman who is a shut in to be given one roll of single ply toilet paper What???? They'd rather purchase their toilet paper and have free laundry. It's \$4.00 to wash and dry a load. Claudia Balducchi and Sara Perry. Have King County Metro include Francis Village and Athene in their service area . Also stop having the disabled have to be transported to Harborview for assessments to be eligible. Metro can do them at local senior Centers or in Imagine's need. Come and do large assessments in the Community room with a bus out front to prove they can't climb stairs on a regular Metro Bus. Cindy Charlebois - Druschba We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.	Cindy Druschba
9/22/2022 8:54	Dear King County Executive Constantine, members of the King County Council and members of the Kirkland City Council: I am very concerned about the prospect of a permanent, low-barrier housing facility being proposed at the La Quinta Inn in Kirkland. The close proximity to 3 schools and a preschool/daycare raises major concerns for our children's safety. The La Quinta Hotel site has not been properly vetted. There has not been open public process. How can the County and the City of Kirkland justify this enormous decision without a fair public process that reasonably considers the risks of locating this close to schools. We join you in being concerned about the homeless in our community and are supportive to finding solutions for the homeless crisis. We want to be part of the solution and are willing to work with the City and the County to ensure a viable option is adopted that not only helps to solve this issue, but makes sense to those of us who live and work here in the Kirkland area. The proposed County facility at the La Quinta Hotel directly adjacent to four schools is not that place. Sincerely, Alexandra Dorsett	Alexandra Dorsett

- 9/15/2022 16:23 My name is Michell Billing. I live at an Imagine Housing property called Velocity. I can't express to you enough how much Imagine Housing's case management has problems. Please listen to all tenants regarding this ongoing issue. My case manager is horrible. Toni Ford oversteps her job description and gets Involved in property manager business and supports them. She is not there to support the tenants. Toni Ford lacks empathy, and compassion. Toni Ford us on a power trip. She refused to communicate and find solutions to any problem here at Velocity. Toni Ford has created a hostile living environment here at Velocity. Toni Ford treats us tenants as children and doesn't care that Velocity is our home. It's her way or no way. Toni Ford does not go out of her way for us. Toni Ford has refused to do community dinners and she has no community events for us tenants. Please consider what I have to say about Imagine Housing and case management. Look forward to addressing the council on the 20th. Please share my comment with all of the city council and the mayor. Thank you for your time and understanding regarding this issue. Michell Billing Velocity Apartments 425-516-5424 Michell Billing
- 8/15/2022 13:00 Hello City of Kirkland Health through Housing people, I was reading through the City's web page entitled King County's Health Through Housing Initiative in Kirkland (<https://www.kirklandwa.gov/Government/City-Managers-Office/King-Countys-Health-Through-Housing-Initiative-in-Kirkland>) this week-end and have a request for clarification and a request to update a document on the web page. First a request for clarification "" in the FAQ under the question "Are drugs and alcohol allowed at the HTH facility?" In the answer, it states, "Like other private residences in our community, substance use that is legal in anyone's home would be legal here." So, the way I read this is that tobacco, alcohol and marijuana use will be permitted in these private residences. So, that leaves illegal (scheduled) drugs like heroin, cocaine, meth, etc. My impression is that I'm not allowed to possess them in my home. Does this mean that residents of the HTH Facility will also be barred from possessing these types of Scheduled drugs? Another question comes to mind when thinking about this, how will it be enforced? Thoughts and clarifications would be great! It might also be great if the FAQ was more specific in regards to this concern. I understand that comparing what will happen inside the HTH facility to private homes frames concerns in a certain light, but the FAQ should also not be so oblique/obtuse. Just a suggestion. Secondly, in the FAQ section on this page (King County's Health Through Housing Initiatives in Kirkland) there is a question "What is an example management plan for a 24-Hour Shelter?" The answer points to a management plan from Catholic Community Services for the 24 hour shelter in Kirkland, Kirkland Place - <https://www.kirklandwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/city-managers-office/pdfs/kirklandplacemanagementplan.pdf> . If you follow the link, it takes you to a .pdf that appears as gobbly-gook. There is a readable TOC but the actual contents of those sections are messed up. For example: A. INTRODUCTION: Catholic Community Services5 6,# \$(&(Â~ !%# \$,&(11,%&\$ ()&\$ \$#\$(* 1# \$ 1(*, @ ' &% 1 & \$ #!, &), *((* &@) (A New Bethlehem Place.B %,,(#!.(\$\$\$ \$#\$(*05 %()&\$' # '%&% : _____ !8)\$,,%(, ,(&,,(1#,#06 So, if you could clear up my question about drug possession and fix the document for the Catholic Community Services plan, that would be great! Feel free to call me at 425.890.9108 if you have any question about this email. Thanks "" Brian Staples 4207 106th Place NE Brian Staples
- 6/30/2022 15:34 See attached letter hand delivered on June 30. Amy B. Mack Hinson
- 6/16/2022 14:34 Hi Jim Check out what is happening in LA. They are banning homeless near schools. Pretty good article. This is the kind of research you guys need to be doing so you can prove if they do or don't work next to a school. Pass this on to the Council along with the photos from our trip to Clements place. See below Is this really the right thing next to a school Mike L.A. City Council seeks to ban homeless encampments near every school, daycare center <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-05-31/l-a-city-council-seeks-to-ban-homeless-encampments-near-every-school-daycare-center> Mike Raskin

6/8/2022 10:22 I listened in and participated in the focus group on Saturday morning. I listened to most others speak prior to speaking. And by the way, thank you Jim David Aamodt for moderating the group meeting, and council members Amy and Neal for being their and participating. I (we) believe, the "Health through Housing" in and of itself is an oxymoron. As there will never be "HEALTH" until the drug and alcohol addict is clean and sober, and free from their addiction. At no time, were the words "TOUGH LOVE" spoken on Saturday morning...that is until I spoke them. Our family has actually lived with addiction. We have put two kids through the Sundown M Ranch program in Yakima-Selah when one was in High School, and the other while in college. As I also stated on Saturday morning, I'm married to a highly educated lady who spent her entire professional career in the health and counseling arena. My wife Patty Aamodt taught Nursing at Washington State University for nearly 25-years, plus had her own private counseling business. Without the TOUGH LOVE component integrated into the LaQuinta Inn facility, meaning it is imperative that this is a "dry" facility with NO DRUGS or ALCOHOL on-site, well then, you are doomed to failure. Our son and our daughter both worked as counselors at Lakeside Milam Treatment Center. Our family, and many of those my wife counseled as well beat their addictions with the TOUGH LOVE component as a primary ingredient into the "newly healed person". Have any of you ever had to make the tough decision to allow a child to sit in jail while they are begging you to bail them out? My wife and I have. You don't beat addiction by allowing the tail to wag the dog...by enabling bad behavior and continued poor choices. Regardless of what illness one may have, including chemical addiction, or psychiatric illness, one still must be held accountable for breaking the laws. That is absolutely part of the treatment process. As I suggested on Saturday morning, if this housing project is indeed going to exist a year from now in Kirkland, then please...please...please...make sure you do it correctly. Safety for the community as well as the facility residence is tantamount. I used the phrase on Saturday, "Let's make the Kirkland facility the 'Gold Standard'...the 'poster child' for the rest of King County on how to do this type project the right way." Dow Constantine, and the misguided City Council of Seattle has proven time and time again to throw money at the homeless problem is an exercise in futility. They've shown all of us how NOT to do it. It a recipe for failure without the TOUGH LOVE component. It's time to face these realities.. (1) You cannot help and change people who do not want to be helped and changed. Or as we learned when our kids were in treatment, "Nothing Changes Until Something Changes." (2) Or as I would say to my sales staff and sales personnel I trained, coached, and nurtured over the decades..."It seems that I / we care more about your professional success than you do!" Enabling behavior is not going to help someone heal. (3) Throwing money at a problem without accountability is a recipe for disaster. This is yet another example of enabling behavior. (4) An extremely large percentage of people who are referred to as homeless are drug vagrants who are responsible for a major amount of the property crime I heard a lady named Joy on Saturday morning make the absurd statement that "we're not spending enough money on the homeless." She could not be more wrong. We are already spending more than \$100,000 per homeless individual in the metro area. And is it working? We know the answer, and it is not! The City Council and those involved in this project have a major decision to make...are you decision-makers going to be LEADERS and show King County, the City of Seattle a new path forward? Or are you simply going to be LEMMINGS and followed the failed game-plan of SEE ATTACHED FOR FULL TEXT

- 6/6/2022 10:50 Dear Jim Lopez and City Council Members, I would love to see the Kirkland community come together in welcome for our new neighbors at the former La Quinta Inn. One of many gems in the recent NYT article on NIMBYism is that NIMBY-focused groups can provide some folks with a sense of community and purpose. Fighting to "protect" your neighborhood from change can be something to do. But, I propose, rather than focusing on keeping people out, let's have some YIMBY-focused, welcoming groups and projects instead! One concrete form that this welcome could take might be a community art project. Over 160 volunteers participated in helping to paint a mural designed by the high school student Austin Picinich on the side of a Kirkland restaurant, SPUD's Fish & Chips in Juanita, to remind us all to help protect the salmon in Juanita Creek. Wouldn't it be great if we had a project like this that was positive, community-building, and welcoming to our new neighbors in the Health Through Housing program? A welcoming group or project wouldn't necessarily have to be focused on art, of course. It could be focused on another idea or need that new and old residents find inspiring. Here are a few ideas of possible welcoming, community-building activities: "¢ A public art project, possibly something like Austin Picinich's mural at SPUD's. "¢ A monthly community dinner, such as what Sheila Stanton (BCCed on this email) coordinated (before the pandemic at a local church, I believe). "¢ A weekly espresso stand offering free coffee for all in the parking lot, such as what Rodney Rutherford (BCCed on this email) and some neighbors hosted at the safe parking program at a church in Kirkland. In the Health Through Housing small-group discussion that I attended recently, I believe that ALL of the participants in the discussion that day liked the idea of having a committee of interested HTH residents and other neighbors who would get together regularly to discuss ideas. I would love to see this group of neighbors identify needs and opportunities for appropriate projects that would bring community members together. Sincerely, Jennie Jaeger Jennie Jaeger
- 5/31/2022 8:50 To the city of Kirkland City Council, The Houghton Community Council has had much outreach from its constituents with regards to the King County purchase of the La Quinta Inn for creation of a health through housing permanent supporting housing facility. Until such outreach, our council was not informed of potential land used actions by the county. This is a specific area in which our council has purview. As such we feel compelled to work with the city of Kirkland City Council to derive a well delineated and documented working outline for this facility in our community. While the City has made efforts to document expectations from the County, matching consequences, as discussed by council member Toby Nixon, have not been outlined. The timeline has been severely compromised by the late understanding of the property use, the litigation measures enacted by a community group and the legislative sun setting of the Houghton Community Council. Therefore, the expedited process in which to forward information to the city council may not be completely flushed out as all of the stakeholders meetings have not been finalized nor all of the possibilities reviewed and formalized by the Houghton community council. The Houghton community council anticipates updates and continued communication with the city council. We appreciate your consideration. Sincerely, The Houghton Community Council John Kappler
- ID 18764**
- Supplemental Attachment included in Council Packet**

5/31/2022 8:49

CAUTION/EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the City Of Kirkland. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe. Dear Jim Lopez, City Council and City Manager, At the small group meeting on Friday, we talked about using a few permanent supportive housing "case studies" to address the questions and concerns surround the LaQuinta housing. Some neighbors fear for the worst. Case studies could inform our opinions and establish more realistic expectations. Today's Seattle Times (page C11) describes Apple's effort to move homeless off the street and into a motel ("Apple spent millions to pull people out of homelessness. Here's how it went." By Marisa Kendall). Apple's effort was similar to what is being proposed for Kirkland. The article is not a complete case study but it does inform and help set expectations. SAN JOSE, California: When Apple wanted to clear a large homeless encampment from its property last year, the tech giant didn't just sweep everyone off the site "" it spent millions of dollars to give dozens of people a nine-month motel stay and help them find housing. That nine-month motel reprieve expired Monday, and while the wealthy tech company's efforts have helped permanently house eight people, more than three times that many were still awaiting placements days before the deadline. The situation, which has left multiple residents anxious about where they would go when the clock ran out, highlights just how difficult it is to pull people out of homelessness in the Bay Area "" even for one of the world's most valuable companies. The Apple-funded program faced a series of hurdles that are mirrored throughout the region: It struggled to find enough affordable housing, gain the trust of people who have spent years living outside, work through their arrests, addictions and other obstacles, and meet their medical, mental health and other complex needs. The experience shines a light on why "" even as voters consistently rank homelessness as the Bay Area's No.1 problem, Gov. Gavin Newsom has made clearing California's homeless encampments a top priority, and the Covid pandemic has spurred a flood of new federal and state funding "" encampments continue to line US streets. More than 6,700 people live without homes in San Jose alone, according to data released this month "" up 11% from 2019. Santa Clara, Alameda, San Mateo and Contra Costa counties have all seen their homeless populations grow. "We know (the motel) worked quite efficiently for some program participants, and more time is needed for others," Lori Smith, chief marketing and communications officer for nonprofit HomeFirst "" which runs the Apple-funded program "" said in an email. "Each person has their journey into homelessness, and each will have their path out "" and rarely will they look the same." Apple declined to comment on the program specifically, but said "we've been working with partners across the state to support at-risk communities and provide new affordable units" What started as a few RVs parked on the side of a vacant lot that Apple owns on Component Drive in San Jose grew during the Covid pandemic into a large camp of dozens of people, vehicles, make-shift structures and trash. The company, which in 2019 pledged US\$2.5 billion to help fight the Bay Area's affordable housing shortage and homelessness crisis, was left with the logistical and ethical challenge of how to handle the issue in its own backyard. Apple had the camp cleared in September and paid to put 56 residents up in a San Jose motel. The company also paid for a year's worth of case management services to connect residents to long-term housing, mental health care, addiction services, and more. Neither Apple nor HomeFirst would say how much the tech company spent, though the nonprofit last year said it was "millions"(SEE ATTACHED FOR FULL TEXT)

Stewart Early

5/25/2022 11:01 CAUTION/EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the City Of Kirkland. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe. Like most people who live in Kirkland, I know very little about the best strategies to house people who are homeless. I do see that it is a difficult and multi-faceted problem. I'm willing to assume that both King County and the City of Kirkland have professional knowledge along with an interest in creating a safe and effective program and will use the best practices to make that happen. I believe that the potential operators of PSH know the most about how to operate a facility. They have the most experience, are closest to, and care deeply about, the clients to be served. Therefore, the City of Kirkland should rely heavily on service providers who have experience operating PSH and/or serving homeless people to help them with positions to be taken with King County in negotiations on items in the term sheet. It makes sense that you would reach out to outraged citizens; that's democracy and that's one of the strengths of the City of Kirkland. However, it's important to consider the source of that outrage. I sensed deep rooted and unfounded fear and discrimination at our small group meeting on Tuesday night. It is probably very difficult to overcome these systemic fears and biases, since they are woven so tightly into our social fabric. Unfortunately, residents operating from unwarranted fear with little knowledge of a complicated problem, aren't much help as the City decides how negotiate with the County for the most effective PSH project. Thanks for all your efforts on this tough subject. I look forward to a great PSH site at La Quinta in the near future. Sincerely, David Godfrey

David Godfrey

5/20/2022 7:37 Kirkland City Council members: Thank you for your commitment to the King County permanent supportive housing project at the former La Quinta Inn. This supports our Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging resolution by providing safe, sustainable, and supportive housing for marginalized community members. The former La Quinta Inn is the perfect location as it's close to mass transit, it's centrally located among crucial opportunities that could lift residents out of the poverty cycle, and it's easy access to Seattle. I also appreciate that you drafted and passed R-5522 to hold the site accountable to its mission and being a good member of the Kirkland community. You struck a balance between public safety and welcoming the opportunity for people experiencing homelessness to get a fresh start. I hope that, in return for hosting the housing site, a fraction of the homes will be allocated to Kirkland-based community members. I've been a Kirkland resident and homeowner since 2006, a Kirkland-based business owner, and I'm mother to a preschooler and a kindergartener. This is a unique and significant opportunity to do our part in addressing the homelessness crisis. According to a study conducted by UC San Francisco in 2020, permanent supportive housing is effective for the most chronically homeless individuals, especially those with disabilities. It's unsustainable to hide behind NIMBYism and push folks in need to the margins as this will exacerbate a growing social crisis. Sincerely, Lauren Hall-Stigerts

Lauren Hall-Stigerts

5/13/2022 13:38 To: Kirkland city leadership Re: Former La Quinta Inn Please add my name to the list of confused and frustrated Kirkland residents regarding the city's approval of the former Inn to be transitioned to permanent supportive housing through King County's Health through Housing Initiative. Mayor Sweet's letter of support on Jan. 20th, with the council's approval, to the King County Executive came with zero input from her constituents. It's ironic because the city asks for our input on issues that one would argue to have very little impact, and then with something as important as this? Nothing. It feels like the city leaders were trying to slip one past us. And it can be argued that the city manager, a former intern to the county executive and current board member of A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) has a personal stake in this particular shelter and therefore a conflict of interest. There seems to be this hot button term "" homeless shelter "" and it carries with it highly charged reactions. But no matter what you call it "" permanent supportive housing, health through housing, or homeless shelter "" the chronically homeless residents come with a unique set of challenges. And with that it needs a unique location. In my opinion, this is not it. With two schools and a daycare within a stone's throw of the building, you are exposing our very curious and most vulnerable children to those uniquely challenged. Two things I am certain of if this transition survives the legal challenges and houses these residents near the kids. 1. If there is property damage, theft, or god forbid, harm to any of the kids, it's on all of you personally. 2. I will not be voting for any incumbent of the current leadership for this significant overstep. And please, don't send me a return form letter telling me you're saving lives. You could literally be doing quite the opposite. Regards, Daniel McKay

DJ McKay

5/11/2022 15:18 Good Morning Jim: I provided this comment on the website that was sent as a follow up to the May 9th town hall meeting. As the moderator of that event I thought it important that you should receive this directly. (Haven't seen Don Theiler lately but have heard he is doing well) Regards, Richard Sandaas King County selected the site and purchased the property with little if any public notice. There was no town hall meeting or related hearings to inform the public about this purchase, a site with four schools adjacent to it as well as a neighborhood in adjoining Bellevue. County staff cited the need for confidentiality in negotiation with the owner to protect price escalation . King County paid \$28,327,216 for a property that the County Assessor values at \$12,767,800. The County should provide information on independent appraisals that support this price. County staff stated they would only approach willing sellers and that appears to be the only criteria that was used in selecting La Quinta Inn. There are other important criteria: no nearby schools, being near employment opportunities, being near to retail, being near to vocational opportunities. The La Quinta inn fails in all of these categories. Other properties in the Totem Lake area check all the boxes. The City of Kirkland is now faced with conducting a public process that the County did not conduct. And deal with a public that is concerned. More than 3,000 residents signed a petition opposing this purchase. And a lawsuit has been filed. At the May 9th town hall meeting 41% of those responding to an online poll were against or skeptical about this purchase and use. The town hall meeting was virtual because of Covid concerns. With sporting events, theaters, churches and other venues open for gatherings why wasn't this meeting at least a hybrid? Public comment was restricted to a lottery selection with a two minute limit. Small group meetings are being scheduled but will this accomplish the outreach that is necessary to convince Kirkland and adjacent Bellevue residents that this project will confront the issues mentioned below? There needs to be at least one additional town hall meeting, a hybrid one, in a venue that can accommodate a large gathering. And one that will enable all who wish to speak to do so. After that evaluate if additional outreach is needed. The city is now in the process of drafting an operational agreement with the County. There are many questions that must be answered. One key question is how will drug use and addiction be managed? The City of Seattle's policy of tolerance of sale and use of drugs is a significant factor in homelessness issues there. It has been stated that alcohol and recreational drug use will be allowed in the La Quinta Inn. If so, will the La Quinta Inn become a magnet for dealers and other nefarious types? Where will people get food and eat? What will the residents do during the day? There are no recreational facilities, adult educational facilities or vocational opportunities nearby. There are other important questions that will likely come out of a rigorous public involvement process mentioned. Millions of taxpayer dollars are spent on dealing with homelessness. The public will support programs that are well thought out, well managed, cost effective and produce measurable results. There is support by many Kirkland residents for the La Quinta Inn project. There are also many residents who are skeptical about the outcome of this project. The challenge for the City is to take the time and do a rigorous identification of the issues and solutions and develop an effective agreement. Following that, provide the necessary resources for enforcement of the agreement.

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5/11/2022 14:49 Ladies and Gentlemen... I listened to this evening's Council Meeting ~ Town Hall Meeting as it pertains to the acquisition of the La Quinta Inn to house David Aamodt homeless people in Kirkland. It's more than obvious how the misguided policies in the City of Seattle, and King County have failed...and failed miserably. Throwing MORE money at problem is certainly not the solution. Through today's entire two and a quarter hour webinar, I never once heard the critical two words for fixing the problem, "TOUGH LOVE." Our family simply looks at the mess created in Totem Lake as how the City of Kirkland has failed to handle a relatively small homeless problem, a problem that has existed now for years. If you cannot handle the eight-to-ten campers, homeless people in Totem Lake, what makes you think you have the acumen to oversee and hold accountable the homeless people you intend to move into the La Quinta Inn facility? We've been lied to by city officials, given the bums rush by city of Kirkland officials for years now. Our family business in Totem Lake has be subjected to MORE vandalism, theft, even stolen vehicles the past two years than in the previous 13-years combined that we've been in business in Kirkland. Yet nothing gets done. What is your answer to law enforcement officers leaving in droves? What is your answer to the low morale within law enforcement in the Seattle-Tacoma metro area? How many years has your most veteran police officer worked in Kirkland? I doubt anyone receiving this email has ever stopped at our business to press the flesh, take the emotional temperature on our feelings toward the lack of protection and safety we are paying for, yet not receiving from the City of Kirkland. Let's face the reality that you cannot reason with unreasonable people. Let's face the reality that no accountability by not enforcing drug laws has allowed this homeless cancer to grow. If you think you can welcome homeless people into the La Quinto Inn facility without regular drug-testing you are sadly mistaken. Mandatory regular and ongoing drug test is a non-negotiable. It must be an absolute. It is imperative that the La Quinta facility is a drug-free zone, just like our schools are intended to be. Enough of the tail wagging the dog when it comes to the homeless. Let's make the Kirkland facility the "Tough Love" facility, which would be 100% different than what we've seen in King County for the past decade. Yes, help those who truly want to be helped by getting clean and sober, and getting back on their feet. However the drug vagrants whom believe it is ok to live outside of societal norms, well, they need to be broomed out of the area, or convicted and imprisoned with mandatory treatment. What you should be doing is asking every business owner in the City of Kirkland their feelings on this very unpopular property purchase. Businesses are the economic engine that drives the local economy. For businesses to support the users and takers of services and not being heard is beyond the pale. And it's unfair for us to be subjected to crime, and then being treated with indifference by the City of Kirkland. Light is a great antiseptic. The banner in the Washington Post reads "Democracy Dies In Darkness." Yet the City of Kirkland and King County have lacked total transparency in ramrodding through this facility purchase. Why are the tax-paying public on the hook for \$30-million for a building that has a tax-assessed value of less than \$13-million? Why has the Mayor of Kirkland ducked the opportunity to speak with the media? Go ask my son and daughter-in-law about their tough-love experience in beating their drug use. We know what we're talking about...as we've lived it. How many of you can make that statement? I welcome you feedback, your responses to my questions. David Aamodt Eastlake Auto Brokers (retired). 13105 NE 124th Street Kirkland, WA. 98034 509-961-2152 cell

- 5/11/2022 13:56 Councilmember Curtis "" I listened to Monday's PSH Town Hall. As a concerned community member and a former strategy consultant at Bain & Company, I don't understand the Council's unyielding support of the PSH facility at the former La Quinta Inn. The facility is a high-risk proposition, particularly given its proximity to multiple schools. The county has presented no compelling data of its potential success or safety. They have also not presented a plan. At Bain, we make data-driven decisions to inform business strategy. I have never seen such a high-impact decision with high-financial and safety implications made devoid of facts. It appears reckless. I challenge you to relisten to all of Mr. Leo Flores responses in Monday's session. He defers questions. He presents no facts. Third Door Coalition shared some facts, but from dated studies that have not been peer reviewed. What is the city's motivation to embrace such a high-risk proposition without the necessary due diligence, fact-base and plan? Please challenge the County to present compelling (and relevant) facts. Read about other examples of low-barrier Permanent Supportive Housing "" it's not good. Walk the La Quinta property and the adjacent schools. Visit established low-barrier facilities like the Inn at Queen Anne or the Mary Pilgrim Inn. Talk to the residents. Visit tent encampments around the city of Seattle. Talk to those living in tents. Talk to the Police who frequent the sites. Please make an informed decision on behalf of your constituents. I would value your response on what specific facts and PSH examples give you confidence that this Kirkland facility will be safe and a success. Best, Carrie
- 5/11/2022 9:35 I feel very frustrated because all the information at the meeting last night was very one-sided and just about the benefits of permanent supportive housing. I am not arguing against the concept of permanent supportive housing, but rather that the location chosen was a poor choice. Obviously permanent supportive housing is a needed part of care for the homeless, but the people on the call did not need another lecture on that topic. Leo Flor of King County stated that "it is easier to site housing for kids" when explaining why this site would not be for children/families, but then why would you choose to put low barrier housing where people with criminal backgrounds are allowed right next to several schools? Why choose this location for a site for low barrier housing for single adults? That makes no sense. I am tired of hearing the argument over and over again that this housing is no different from any other housing. If that is true, then why can't this site include housing for unhoused children mixed in with the single adults? If they are already putting kitchens in the units, they can combine a few units to make larger apartments. Marc Dones also stated that that they do not believe in rejecting people with criminal records for this housing including people with sex offender records because it is unfair to sex offenders (which is completely ridiculous). That is not going to instill confidence in the people of Kirkland that the County is going to get this right. The "panel of experts" were all very biased and looked annoyed every time someone spoke with concerns about safety for kids and would nod along approvingly when someone spoke who agreed with them. I found this meeting very unhelpful because it did not address in any way why this site was chosen that is next to multiple schools when there are dozens of other hotels on the Eastside that are not next to schools that would be much better choices. Why are you causing this divisiveness and causing so many parents distress when another site could have been chosen? I used to believe in government, but I find myself very disillusioned at the way this was hidden from the public by King County and Kirkland. The public meetings that are being held now are useless because it is already a final decision and there is no debate about whether this could alternatively be a shelter for homeless families. Liz

Carrie Miller

Liz Wilson

- 5/11/2022 9:15 To Kirkland City Council and Staff: I want to thank you for last night's "Virtual Town Hall: Permanent Supportive Housing in Kirkland." I understand it was the largest meeting you've held and that it was tricky technically and logistically. It worked! The panel of experts was very informative as was hearing arguments from citizens supporting and opposing permanent supportive housing at La Quinta. I am a strong supporter of the La Quinta housing and appreciate the KCC's unwavering commitment to the project. I have written previously in support but wanted to reiterate that after the Town Hall. Although I did not speak, I was wondering if you are receptive to changes in how you allot speaking time should you undertake an event like this again. I understand why you did a lottery but not knowing if you'll be speaking until a minute or two before seems to add stress to an already stressful situation for many people. I also want to ask what the definition of "disability" is, given that one disability is a criterion for housing eligibility. I couldn't find the definition anywhere and was curious. Again, thanks to the KCC and staff for opening up this process to the community and for your commitment to Health Through Housing. Beverly Marcus Kirkland 98033 Beverly Marcus
- 5/11/2022 9:11 Good Morning City Council Members, Along with some 250 other fellow Kirkland citizens, I sat through the over 2 hour zoom call regarding the proposed use of the La Quinta Inn for permanent homeless housing by King County. My worst fears were realized in the presentation when the numbers were announced: 35% of room space at La Quinta for local referrals (read greater Kirkland area), 35% of room space for referrals from Central (read sending folks across the lake from Seattle) 30% held for local referrals for 3 months, then open to central referrals (read if Kirkland does not have enough homeless population to occupy La Quinta rooms, then we will get another 30% from Seattle) I go back to the point of my previous email that I sent to Council several weeks ago. The room allocations at the La Quinta Inn should be prioritized. I would suggest the following allocations in this priority order: 1. Kirkland homeless population assisted first, without question. 2. Bellevue homeless population assisted second (partnership opportunities). 3. Other eastside homeless populations not accommodated in Redmond or other future permanent housing sites within eastside communities. 4. Other King County populations outside of the eastside geographic area. It was announced that homeless referrals could request a given location. I can only anticipate the demand to relocate to Kirkland from Seattle. We are being sold a "pig in a poke" by King County. Ostensibly, La Quinta will be converted to address to permanent housing needs of Kirkland and nearby communities. In reality, it seems the Kirkland site is viewed by the County to help absorb some of Seattle's homeless housing needs. Council should underscore with King County that the La Quinta Inn should be addressing homelessness in the Kirkland community by providing permanent housing vs. shelters for OUR homeless populations. Under that proviso, we are committing to addressing homelessness in our own community, and in potential partnership with the City of Bellevue, given that the Bellevue municipal boundary is directly across SR 520 from the La Quinta property. Neighborhood concerns, and the concerns of parents of school age children in the immediate area will need to be fully addressed by the City's commitment to address any issues that might arise at La Quinta. This would include, but not be limited to, site security, drug and alcohol abuse, crime, people visiting homeless populations in residence at La Quinta, and other issues. This will take the commitment of the City Police Department, emergency response personnel, and other City staff in addition to the social workers, drug and alcohol rehab counselors, site security staff, etc. that we should assume will be provided by King County, at County expense. I would urge the Kirkland City Council to urge changing the allocation of the homeless population that will occupy the La Quinta Inn property to the four level priority system listed above. After ONE YEAR, (not 3 months), that priority allocation could be revisited based upon the track record of a one year operation at the site. Furthermore, Kirkland and Bellevue should partner together for the La Quinta site. Sammamish, Issaquah and Redmond should partner at the Redmond site, and Bothell, possibly with Kenmore and Woodinville to address housing needs in the northern portion of the County. The east side should address its own issues regarding homelessness. We certainly do not need to be encouraging exporting Seattle homelessness issues to our community. Kirkland should take care of critical housing needs within our community, which permanent housing for the homeless at La Quinta will help to address. (see attached for full email) Keith Dunbar

- 5/10/2022 13:53 Thanks for the opportunity to talk at the Permanent Supportive Housing Town Hall meeting on May 9th. As my comments slightly exceeded my 2 minute allotment, I am attaching them for your consideration. It sounded to me that several participants support the need for enhanced transparency and community involvement. One other suggestion I heard, and heartily endorse, is the need for a few "case studies" with data of other supportive housing sites. Of particular interest are the metrics that are thought to be important. Stew Early Stewart Early
- 5/9/2022 7:48 I would like to add my voice in support of bringing permanent supportive housing to Kirkland. The cost saving alone is reason enough, but providing services to fellow citizens in need is the right thing to do. Thank you for all you do, Tom Lang Tom Lang Tom Lang Communications and Training International Finely crafted medical writing"" Because publication is the final stage of research tomlangcom@aol""com www"TomLangCommunications""com 10003 NE 115th Lane "Kirkland, WA 98033 USA " +1 425-636-8500 Tom Lang
- 5/9/2022 7:44 Dear Council and City Manager, I support the use of La Quinta as supportive housing. Everyone deserves a safe place to live. We must do more than lament the unacceptable number of homeless people in America; we must house them. Karen Karen Story
- 5/6/2022 12:07 Dear Kirkland City council, I support La Quinta Inn for Permanent Supportive Housing in Kirkland! Community members are healthier, safer, more stable, and better able to plan for their future when in permanent supportive housing. They are also far less likely to move from PSH to unstable or unhoused conditions. Thank you for your support of this program, Louise Pathe 98033 Louise Pathe
- 5/6/2022 10:44 To Kirkland City Council: I am a Kirkland resident (since 1986) and am writing in support of La Quinta as permanent supportive housing. This is a successful and cost-effective way to tackle the problems related to homelessness. It makes everyone safer and leads to more successful outcomes. Everyone benefits""this is the right thing to do for our community. Respectfully, Claudia Jensen 1120 2nd Street Kirkland jensen.claudia@gmail.com Claudia Jensen
- 5/3/2022 9:04 Hello. I write as a concerned citizen about what the city council is doing to Kirkland. There seems to be a concerted effort to bring down this city with further crime, filth and chaos. Furthermore, the city council does not want the full input of its citizens. They appear to be afraid of the truth and what the people want. Without a doubt, the vast majority of the citizens do not want homeless people to be living in buildings bought with taxpayer money. Please convey the disdain for this situation felt by the citizens of the city. The council's lack of interest in doing their job and actually representing the citizens of Kirkland has not gone unnoticed. PLEASE help. Kathy Connors Kathy Connors

- 5/2/2022 14:26 Dear Ms. Curtis, I'm writing to thank you for upholding our community's values of inclusivity as we welcome Health through Housing to Kirkland. People in Kirkland, Bellevue, Redmond, Issaquah, and other Eastside communities who need homes and support are not outsiders -- they are our neighbors, sons and daughters, parents and grandparents. I am heartened that you and your colleagues wrote a letter of support for Health through Housing, and are working to bring this great idea to reality at the former La Quinta Inn and Suites. I stand with you in this work. Creating new homes for people who urgently need them must be a top priority in our community and all across this region. Far too many people have been homeless for far too long, and they and we deserve better. Our elected officials and decision makers need to respond to this crisis with smart solutions that keep people safe and provide lasting stability. These last two years have taught us how much we rely on each other, whether we think we do or not. When everyone has the basics covered (like a home, health, and access to help in hard times), our whole community is strengthened. Health through Housing is a smart initiative. It's an example of good policy that will change lives (and our whole community) for the better. I understand that about 4500 people currently experience chronic homelessness in King County. Clearly, we need these additional homes and resources, and more. I enthusiastically support the plan to transform hotels like the La Quinta Inn, provide strong staff and services, and bring people home. People can begin to heal, recover, and connect when they have stable and good homes. I am proud to see Kirkland help lead the way in a true regional effort to end chronic homelessness. Sincerely, Christina Fay
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- 5/2/2022 14:24 Dear Ms. Curtis, I work with the safe parking program at Lake Washington United Methodist Church. Most of the people in the program are unable to afford rent, because of loosing their jobs, having low paying jobs that don't pay the bills, or no longer have a partner that is the breadwinner. It is very difficult to find a job and save money when you have become homeless. Most of us have friends and families who would help us out if we found ourselves in this dire Predicament. Most people that become homeless do not have this type of support. We need to provide them with housing and social services, so they can lift themselves up from their predicament. They need our support in order to become productive tax paying citizens again. I'm writing to thank you for upholding our community's values of inclusivity as we welcome Health through Housing to Kirkland. People in Kirkland, Bellevue, Redmond, Issaquah, and other Eastside communities who need homes and support are not outsiders -- they are our neighbors, sons and daughters, parents and grandparents. I am heartened that you and your colleagues wrote a letter of support for Health through Housing, and are working to bring this great idea to reality at the former La Quinta Inn and Suites. I stand with you in this work. Creating new homes for people who urgently need them must be a top priority in our community and all across this region. Far too many people have been homeless for far too long, and they and we deserve better. Our elected officials and decision makers need to respond to this crisis with smart solutions that keep people safe and provide lasting stability. These last two years have taught us how much we rely on each other, whether we think we do or not. When everyone has the basics covered (like a home, health, and access to help in hard times), our whole community is strengthened. Health through Housing is a smart initiative. It's an example of good policy that will change lives (and our whole community) for the better. I understand that about 4500 people currently experience chronic homelessness in King County. Clearly, we need these additional homes and resources, and more. I enthusiastically support the plan to transform hotels like the La Quinta Inn, provide strong staff and services, and bring people home. People can begin to heal, recover, and connect when they have stable and good homes. I am proud to see Kirkland help lead the way in a true regional effort to end chronic homelessness. Sincerely, Sandra Erickson Talkov
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- 5/2/2022 14:23 Dear Ms. Curtis, I'm a longtime Kirkland resident writing to thank you for upholding our community's values of inclusivity as we welcome Health through Housing to Kirkland. People in Kirkland, Bellevue, Redmond, Issaquah, and other Eastside communities who need homes and support are not outsiders -- they are our neighbors. I have family members struggling with issues that have brought them very close to unhoused situations. All of us are closer to this problem than we may want to think. That's why I am heartened that you and your colleagues wrote a letter of support for Health through Housing, and are working to bring this great idea to reality at the former La Quinta Inn and Suites. I stand with you in this work. Creating new homes for people who urgently need them must be a top priority in our community and all across this region. Far too many people have been homeless for far too long, and they and we deserve better. Our elected officials and decision makers need to respond to this crisis with smart solutions that keep people safe and provide lasting stability. These last two years have taught us how much we rely on each other, whether we think we do or not. When everyone has the basics covered (like a home, health, and access to help in hard times), our whole community is strengthened. Health through Housing is a smart initiative. It's an example of good policy that will change lives (and our whole community) for the better. I understand that about 4500 people currently experience chronic homelessness in King County. Clearly, we need these additional homes and resources, and more. I enthusiastically support the plan to transform hotels like the La Quinta Inn, provide strong staff and services, and bring people home. People can begin to heal, recover, and connect when they have stable and good homes. I am proud to see Kirkland help lead the way in a true regional effort to end chronic homelessness. Sincerely, Sincerely, Elizabeth Standal
- 5/2/2022 14:21 Dear Ms. Curtis, I'm writing to thank you for your support of Health through Housing at the former La Quinta Inn and Suites. I stand with you in this work. Creating new homes for people who urgently need them must be a top priority in our community and all across this region. We must provide smart solutions that keep people safe and provide lasting stability. People can begin to heal, recover, and connect when they have stable and good homes. I am proud to see Kirkland take steps to end chronic homelessness. However, I worry that fearful neighbors will wish to impose unnecessarily restrictive rules on this project that are contrary to a research-based, housing-first approach to ending the cycle of chronic homelessness. Any rules that are developed for this project site should be based on the needs of those needing services. The clients and service providers / site operators are the ones who can best understand the need for rules -- NOT the most fearful of their neighbors, many of whom have expressed misconceptions about risks and about who will be living at the site. Sincerely, Jennie Jaeger
- 5/2/2022 11:56 To the Kirkland City Council, I am writing to state my support for the purchase of La Quinta to provide permanent supportive housing in Kirkland. I am a Kirkland resident who believes strongly in the right to housing; those who are not housed are not criminals, and providing housing does not result in criminal behavior. Thanks for doing the right thing, Claudia Jensen 1120 2nd Street Kirkland 98033 jensen.claudia@gmail.com
- 4/29/2022 14:42 Kirkland City Council Members: I am a longtime Kirkland resident and I'm writing to you to express my support for permanent supportive housing at the former La Quinta motel. In a society as wealthy as ours, it is unconscionable that so many of our fellow citizens have been forced into living outdoors on a permanent basis. Housing is an essential human right and therefore I fully support King County and the City of Kirkland in providing supportive housing in our city. I hope this project is only the beginning and that much more will be done in the future. Thank you, Bradley Clem 1120 2nd St, Kirkland, WA 98033

- 4/26/2022 9:32 Here's the Danny Westneat op ed piece, "It's a feud': Brand new homeless shelter sits empty as leaders squabble," attached as a .pdf file and available at "It's a feud': Brand new homeless shelter sits empty as leaders squabble | The Seattle Times. Getting money to buy La Quita is just the start. Funding the operations, year after year, political party after political party, will be challenging. Unless the HhH is an undisputed success, with all parties in awe, its annual operating budget will become a subject of negotiation and political grand standing. That will not serve well those in the shelter, those trying to operate the shelter, the neighbors (including the schools) nor the broader Kirkland community. It's a recipe for continued erosion of trust in governmental institutions and our ability to govern ourselves. My other comments tonight, regarding the proposed HfH shelter were touched on in my March 1, 2022 letter to CityCouncil@kirklandwa.gov; ktriplett@kirklandwa.gov; jlopez@kirklandwa.gov (also see attached). Stew Early
- 4/25/2022 12:10 All: I have lived on the Eastside my entire life. We currently own a home in Kirkland and have loved living in the City. We have supported City leadership and believe you/they have done an excellent job in nearly all areas. Thank you. My wife and I STRONGLY condemn the La Quinta hotel for the County's intended use and are outraged over the "process" used by the County and Kirkland in making this decision. The lack of transparency and "back room dealings" are a betrayal to the community. This lack of transparency has led to the universal skepticism with government so prominent today. Stop it! Kirkland and the County are comprised of good, kind-hearted people who strive to do the right thing. By excluding the community, you are effectively admitting you do not trust your constituents. We suspect the voters will not soon forget this. In addition to the abysmal "process" used to select this facility, the location could NOT be worse. How does it make any sense to site a homeless shelter next to a school/daycare/etc? Seriously, this should be the very last site considered. There are many older hotels/apartments that could serve this purpose that do not put kids at risk. Why do this?? The "gateway" to our City is also an odd choice. We sincerely request that you stop the La Quinta process, take a step back and allow for community input as to the best location for all involved. Thanks for your consideration. Paul Jerue Broderick Group Bellevue Office | 10500 NE 8th Street | Suite 900 Bellevue | Washington | 98004 d: (425) 646-5223 | c: (206) 948-3960 | o: (425) 646-3444 jerue@broderickgroup.com | broderickgroup.com
- 4/22/2022 13:06 Those of us who border the La Quinta property that King county and the city of Kirkland have proposed for a "low barrier entry" homeless shelter are having a difficult time believing the Mayor and County spokesperson, Leo Flor, in their attempts to assure residents that they can effectively manage a facility in a neighborhood of schools and residences. They have not begun to occupy the building but the RVs are already appearing on the property,(east driveway) and our suspicions that the city and county will not be able to effectively manage the situation is already becoming apparent. It's time for them to prove that they can fulfill their promises or abandon this plan. Respectfully submitted, Paul and Jeannine Hanson, owners, Chestnut Montessori School LLC.

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- 4/20/2022 13:14 CAUTION/EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the City Of Kirkland. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe. Dear Members of Council, The lawsuit over the King County purchase of the La Quinta Inn for homeless housing may be an opportunity to give the Council pause on proceeding with this decision. The question I have for council. What is the current estimate of the homeless population of our city? Since the La Quinta Inn property is right across from the City of Bellevue, what is their estimate of the homeless population in Bellevue? Add those two estimates together. How does that combined estimate correlate to the 160 unit capacity of the La Quinta Inn? If it is found that the estimated total homeless population of BOTH Kirkland and Bellevue falls well short of the 160 units that will be provided by the La Quinta Inn acquisition, well I think the City Council was sold a "bill of goods" by King County. My suspicion is that the actual community need for housing is considerably lower than the unit capacity of the the La Quinta Inn property. Should Kirkland be dedicated to address low to moderate income housing shortages, and related economic issues, in our community? Yes. Should Kirkland be committed to help end homelessness in our community? Yes. BUT Kirkland should be dealing with Kirkland issues, not the homeless issues of the entire metropolitan area. If the capacity of the La Quinta Inn property far exceeds local needs, then that will only be inviting King County to start placing homeless people in that facility from other locations from throughout the County. This would be wrong, and would be exporting the homeless from other municipalities that should be addressing their own homeless issues in their respective locales. I personally feel that a much better solution for Kirkland would be in invest local tax dollars from Kirkland citizens into local non-profit organizations such as ATTAIN HOUSING and Mary's Place. Organizations such as these have been long-standing and proven problem-solvers in addressing homelessness, domestic abuse, substance abuse, economic hardship, and other needs of those that are vulnerable within our local community. Kirkland can and should address homelessness and other societal issues within our community. However, we don't need to take on the homeless situations from other cities in our region which should be more appropriately addressed by each local community on their own. I fear that the La Quinta Inn conversion will prove very problematic for the City of Kirkland for law enforcement, social services, etc. It may also have a lasting negative impact on the surrounding community, including local office and retail businesses, and nearby schools. Please reconsider your endorsement of the La Quinta Inn conversion. Thanks for listening, Keith B. Dunbar Finn Hill, Kirkland Keith Dunbar
- 3/28/2022 13:30 Dear Ms. Curtis, I am a Kirkland resident, and I strongly support the plan to provide permanent supportive housing in Kirkland at the La Quinta Inn site. I'm writing to thank you for upholding our community's values of inclusivity as we welcome Health through Housing to Kirkland. People in Kirkland, Bellevue, Redmond, Issaquah, and other Eastside communities who need homes and support are not outsiders -- they are our neighbors, sons and daughters, parents and grandparents. I am heartened that you and your colleagues wrote a letter of support for Health through Housing, and are working to bring this great idea to reality at the former La Quinta Inn and Suites. I stand with you in this work. Creating new homes for people who urgently need them must be a top priority in our community and all across this region. Far too many people have been homeless for far too long, and they and we deserve better. Our elected officials and decision makers need to respond to this crisis with smart solutions that keep people safe and provide lasting stability. These last two years have taught us how much we rely on each other, whether we think we do or not. When everyone has the basics covered (like a home, health, and access to help in hard times), our whole community is strengthened. Health through Housing is a smart initiative. It's an example of good policy that will change lives (and our whole community) for the better. I understand that about 4500 people currently experience chronic homelessness in King County. Clearly, we need these additional homes and resources, and more. I enthusiastically support the plan to transform hotels like the La Quinta Inn, provide strong staff and services, and bring people home. People can begin to heal, recover, and connect when they have stable and good homes. I am proud to see Kirkland help lead the way in a true regional effort to end chronic homelessness. Sincerely, Sincerely, Jennifer Jaeger Jennie Jaeger

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- 3/23/2022 11:30 I hope this email finds you well, I'm a resident of Kirkland, and was wondering if there was any way people could assist with the new homeless housing the city is planning there, or if there will be receiving donations of any kind. I was trying to search for any info but was not lucky. Please let me know, I would love to help. Regards, Elisa Elisa Diaz
- 3/16/2022 9:01 Good Evening, I am a private citizen that has been looking into how King County helps homeless individuals. I became aware and concerned because my mother moved into a senior apartment which provided housing to 20 chronically homeless seniors in Permanent Housing with Supports. The more these 20 previously homeless were truly struggling and my mother being a kind person, asked me to see how I could help. I began helping them and was appalled at their condition ,thus started my inquiry to how King County DCHS is truly functioning and caring for our most vulnerable citizens. Below in the link to CSH website and the link to their information about their quality standards for Permanent Supportive Housing. The Corporation for Supportive Housing | CSH Quality - CSH They offer 34 free on-line courses for typically staff working in Permanent Supportive Housing. I plan on taking the three listed below. All Courses - CSH Supportive Housing Training Center (thinkific.com) 34 free courses on line self paced. 1) Supporting Tenants to Age in Place (thinkific.com) 2) CSH Supportive Housing Training Center (thinkific.com) 3) Dimensions of Quality (thinkific.com) Employee Appreciation (thinkific.com) an additional 5 In the month of March, they are offering 5 additional classes for Free. Of the 5 that are offered the month of March these looks particularly appropriate in comparing to what King County offers as Health through Housing. We know they will be housed but then what services and supports will be provided? It is all our responsibility to be aware of inadequacies in PSH so we can avoid it or promptly have the operator or King County correct it. Healthcare Navigation Basics for Supportive Housing (thinkific.com) Please see the attachment above the training is offered for free to employees. But when I inquired, they were delighted to say of course any interested individual and government officials! I hope your city council members and any other city employee in Bellevue, Redmond and Kirkland consider taking these trainings available. We citizens on the Eastside need to be educated and knowledgeable in Permanent Supportive Housing so we can make sure these tenants are provided a multitude of services and people to support them so they can be supported to live in a clean, safe manner with all the supports they need with individuals able to help them one on one even offering to help them at dr. appts etc. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments. Cindy Charlebois "When you see something that is not right, not fair, not just, you have to speak up. You have to do something." Civil Rights Activist, Congressman John Lewis Cindy Druschba

- 3/14/2022 11:12 Council- As a resident of Houghton these past eleven years I want to make it clear that I oppose the proposed King County purchase of the LaQuita Hotel to house the homeless. For various obvious reasons (next to school, increased crime etc.) It's clear that the one-party progress policies/politics of Seattle and King County these past 30 years are failing the homeless and frankly our communities. There is no accountability for the programs or money spent and the problem continues to get worse. Just watch the documentary Seattle's Dying and you will see the failure at all levels. Seattle is inundated with homelessness and crime and the council and local government are making it worse by not enforcing laws and encouraging more bad behavior. Attracting more and more homeless for services, etc and not providing/requiring any rehabilitation of the inhabitants. Allowing laws to be broken or ignored, chasing away businesses/commerce (tax base) and lowering property. We do not want to be Seattle and this is the 1st step in that direction. Wake up and learn from Seattle's mistakes- do something different to solve this problem "" have a real solution to help these people (mental health and drug addiction) instead of just letting them sit in subsidized housing killing time in our neighborhood. Steve Vincent Steven Vincent
- 3/9/2022 8:56 Dear Ms. Curtis, I'm writing to thank you for upholding our community's values of inclusivity in welcoming a Health through Housing building to Kirkland. People in Kirkland, Bellevue, Redmond, Issaquah, and other Eastside communities who need homes and support are not outsiders -- they are our neighbors, sons and daughters, parents and grandparents. I am heartened that you and your colleagues wrote a letter of support for Health through Housing, and are working to bring this good idea to a reality. I stand with you in this work. Creating new homes for people who urgently need them must be a top priority. Too many people have been homeless for far too long. We need decision makers to respond to this crisis with smart solutions that keep people safe and that last. These last two years have taught us how much we rely on each other, whether we think we do or not. We are stronger as a community when everyone has the basics, including housing, health, and access to help in hard times. The Health through Housing plan is smart, good policy, and will change lives (and our whole community) for the better. With 4500 people currently experiencing chronic homelessness in King County, we need this additional resource. I enthusiastically support the plan to transform hotels, like the La Quinta Inn, provide strong staff and services, and bring people home. When people have stable and good homes, where they can begin to heal, recover, and connect. I am proud to see Kirkland helping to lead in a real regional way to end chronic homelessness. Sincerely, Sincerely, Zelda Hotkin 10530 Northup Way Kirkland, WA 98033 Zelda Hotkin

- 3/7/2022 16:14 Hi Kate, Thank you so much for the response and sharing the link. I went through the information carefully: 1. I completely understand that we all have a part to play to support the less fortunate. However, I don't understand how King County and City of Kirkland think the La Quinta is a good site for this experimental project. There is no information on "why" the site is selected (not to mention, "It is the City's understanding that La Quinta Inn was the only site in Kirkland that met the County's criteria" - I just can't make sense of it since it is next door to so many schools. what kind of criteria did they use if they don't even care about children's safety?). 2. It mentions that the City will participate in the operator selection. However, it doesn't outline any contingency plan to address various potential issues. There is no mention of "what we have learned" from the past HTH sites and how we would do it differently this time to make it better. 3. People are always encouraged to call 911 - would this be adding quite a bit of burden to our already stretched police force? Are they getting more funding whenever a HTH opens since they will be directly impacted? 4. There is no information on what the evaluation criteria are for who gets to be accepted at this site, other than "low bar entry". Why are we not focused on helping families? 5. For HTH residents who opt to leave the site or who get evicted, where are they going to go? Are they just gonna camp in the parking lot next door? 6. In the past HTH projects, it looks like there is an impact on crime rate in the surrounding neighborhood based on police data. How do we minimize this in Houghton community? 7. The most frustrating thing is that nowhere in this FAQ page says the King County and City will listen to its residents and taxpayers. They will push this through regardless, despite concerns from the parents and surrounding residents. Thank you again for sending the information, and reading through my comments. Sincerely, Rena
- 3/7/2022 13:04 Hi Mr. Neal Black I'd like to comment on Kirkland city council members' decision on passing R-5522, which is one step toward the right direction in the consideration of safety and security of the community. Clearly, we all want to support solving the homeless problem in the area, and we all want to keep our community safe. We should and can strive for achieving both by following simple and straightforward guidelines, as listed but not limited below. 1. Background checks for prospective La Quinta residents: - Registered sex offenders shall be excluded; - Individuals with criminal history shall be excluded; - Individuals who have engaged in criminal activities, harassment, intimidating or threatening behaviors shall be excluded. 2. Illegal drug use and weapon possessions shall be prohibited; violators shall be removed from the facility. 3. Rules and code of conduct for the substance usage inside La Quinta and concrete plans to keep drugs away from nearby schools and children 4. Concrete safety plans to maintain safety barriers between the facility and the adjacent schools Sincerely, Shu Yang

Rena Wei

Shu Yang

3/7/2022 9:29

Dear Ms. Curtis, I am writing to commend the decision of Kirkland City Council to pass Resolution R-5522. By drafting a conceptual term sheet and making the city's support of the La Quinta supportive housing project conditional upon its compliance with its terms, the City Council took a step in the right direction in bolstering security of the community and safety to the nearby schools. According to the Kirkland city conceptual time sheet <https://www.kirklandwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/city-managers-office/pdfs/la-quinta-conceptual-term-sheet-draft.pdf> To ensure the safety, security, and well-being of all community members, especially for the adjacent schools and future residents of La Quinta, I would like to ask for your continued support to make sure the following measures will be added to the terms for King County to execute and for the City of Kirkland to oversee:

1. Background checks for perspective La Quinta residents: - Registered sex offenders shall be excluded; - Individuals with criminal history shall be excluded; - Individuals who engaged in criminal activities, harassment, intimidating or threatening behaviors shall be excluded.
2. Illegal drug use and weapon possessions shall be prohibited; violators shall be removed from the facility.
3. Rules and code of conduct are established for the substance usage inside La Quinta; concrete plans shall be in place to keep drugs away from nearby schools and children
4. Concrete safety plans in place to separate between the facility and the adjacent schools
5. Treatments for drug abuse shall be mandatory for La Quinta residents with drug addiction.
6. Treatments for mental health conditions shall be mandatory for La Quinta residents with mental instabilities and disabilities.
7. Have concrete followup on the situation, when violators are removed from the facility, making sure they are not left wandering around the neighborhood

In addition, I urge the City of Kirkland to develop and execute a plan to increase patrol in the area near the La Quinta facility and crack down any criminal activities, including but not not limited to: drug dealing, harassment, threatening, burglary, and illegal weapon possessions. Thanks, Lee -----

-- Forwarded message ----- From: David Wolbrecht Date: Tue, Mar 1, 2022 at 5:35 PM Subject: Draft Resolution Related to La Quinta Inn Being Considered at March 1 Council Meeting To: View as a webpage (<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAKIRK/bulletins/30cf109>) March 1, 2022

You are receiving this email because you have submitted questions or comments to the City of Kirkland related to King County's potential purchase of La Quinta Inn for permanent supportive housing. As part of its March 1 meeting, the City Council will consider draft Resolution R-5522 and accompanying draft Conceptual Term Sheet that would be developed into a binding agreement(s) between King County and the City and/or King County and its facility operator at the La Quinta Inn site, if the County proceeds with the purchase. Visit the City's website for information on how to watch the City Council meeting.

Leigh Hwa

- 3/7/2022 9:16 Hi there, There were 3 people killed near the Seattle 3rd street and businesses closed in Seattle downtown just in one week. I am sure you don't want to see that happen in the Eastside and you don't want to repeat the Seattle failure by trading lives with lives. Your job is not done just because you support king county to close a hotel to support shifting the homeless from Seattle to here. Your job just started to ensure the safety, security, and well-being of all community members, especially for the adjacent schools and future residents of La Quinta. In order to avoid tragedy or any negative impact due to being reactive, I would like to ask for your continued and proactive support to make sure the following measures will be added to the terms for King County to execute and for the City of Kirkland to oversee. (According to the Kirkland city conceptual time sheet <https://www.kirklandwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/city-managers-office/pdfs/la-quinta-conceptual-term-sheet-draft.pdf>) 1. Background checks for La Quinta residents: - Registered sex offenders should be excluded; - Individuals with criminal history should be excluded; - Individuals who engaged in criminal activities, harassment, intimidating or threatening behaviors shall be excluded. 2. Illegal drug use and weapon possessions shall be prohibited; violators shall be removed from the facility. 3. Rules and code of conduct for the substance usage inside La Quinta and establish concrete plans to keep drugs away from nearby schools and children 4. Concrete safety plans to separate between the facility and the adjacent schools 5. Treatments for drug abuse shall be mandatory for La Quinta residents with drug addiction. 6. Treatments for mental health conditions shall be mandatory for La Quinta residents with mental instabilities and disabilities. 7. Have concrete follow up on the situation when violators are removed from the facility, making sure they are not left wandering around the neighborhood In addition, I urge the City to develop and execute a plan to increase patrol in the area near the La Quinta facility and crack down any criminal activities, including but not limited to: drug dealing, harassment, threatening, burglary, and illegal weapon possessions. Thank you!
- Jeff Smith
- 3/7/2022 8:31 I have lived on the Eastside my entire life, mostly in Kirkland. My wife Michelle and I currently own a home in Kirkland and love the City. We have supported City leadership and believe you/they have done an excellent job in nearly all areas. Thank you. My wife and I STRONGLY condemn the La Quinta hotel for the County's intended use and are outraged over the "process" used by the County and Kirkland in making this decision. The lack of transparency and "back room dealings" are a betrayal to the community. Kirkland and the County are comprised of good, kind-hearted people who strive to do the right thing. By excluding the community you are effectively admitting you do not trust your constituents. We suspect the voters will not soon forget this. In addition to the abysmal "process" used to select this facility, the location could NOT be worse. How does it make any sense to site a homeless shelter next to a school/daycare/etc? Seriously, this should be the very last site considered. There are many older hotels/apartments that could serve this purpose that do not put kids at risk. Why do this?? The southern "front door" to our City is also an odd choice. We sincerely request that you stop the La Quinta process, take a step back and allow for community input as to the best location for all involved. Thanks for your consideration. Jeff Watson 425-466-5224
- Jeff Watson
- 3/4/2022 12:26 Hi Mayor Sweet, I have sadly learned that Kirkland City Council decided to maintain City support of La Quinta Inn as a King County Health Through Housing site. As you very well know, this site is next to a school. I would like to learn what you think will happen at and around that site. Would you safely send your kids to Chestnut Montessri School? None of my neighbors support this. I really wonder who supports this other than the Kirkland City Council members. You need to serve and represent people of Kirkland and what we all want is for you to kindly reconsider this decision. Regards, Yusuf Atas - Kirkland Resident
- Yusuf Atas

- 3/3/2022 16:39 Hello Mayor Sweet, Kirkland City officials, and Kirkland PD, I'm emailing you to both show concern and be helpful to the Health through Housing cause. The primary concern Kirkland (Houghton) residents have for the proposed La Quinta site is the impact to the safety of surrounding area. Many of us are data and business case oriented, and this simple framework below will directly satisfy most concerns. In order to better land the HtH La Quinta project with the neighborhood, can you please gather crime data and fill out a simple chart (below)? Or can I do it, if you tell me which HtH site is operational and will be most similar to La Quinta Kirkland, and when the operational site started operations. Let me know how I can help as business analysis is my profession (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/bryan-olay-03a73929/>), and I'm 100% happy to commit time to this important housing initiative. I've done some digging on king county crime stat sites and created the attached shell PowerPoint to get the ball rolling. Hope we can work together on this. Current state (La Quinta as hotel) ***Comparable Site before operational ***Comparable Site after operational Projected La Quinta as HtH Safety incidents (time frame) 1 in last 12 months ? ? ? Illegal drug use Not allowed; none reported ? ? ? Cheers, Bryan Olay
- 3/3/2022 14:08 Hi, Thank you all for your tireless services to work for the people of Kirkland. Although I believe the La Quinta is not a right choice of location for a low barrier permanent housing site, I support you in developing a standard of safety level that residents of Kirkland and the neighboring eastside residents are comfortable with and expecting to continue having. After reading the city's draft term sheet with the county, I would like to suggest adding the following in your consideration if they are not already: 1) Fire/ arson - one of the major complains from the city of Seattle was the emergency response needs for putting out fires on or near shelter sites. There should be a ban on owning fuels, compressed air/gas. camping fire starters/woods etc 2) Projectiles and firearms- any objects that can be thrown from a distance to harm another individual. A neighbor of mine just had their window broken by a BB gun shot from a distance. Given the close distance between the La Quinta and the schools, a stone, a beer bottle etc thrown across from inside of the hotel could post danger to passing students or to the integrity of the properties nearby. 3) Corrosive chemicals - Since the site is managed by professionals, the residents are not to own cleaning chemicals that are corrosive such as Drano, Chlorox etc. The operator should have a locked door for storing any potential dangerous chemicals. 4) Feces and other personal hygiene wastes: Waste management and strict rules are not only an issue of preventing unsightly appearances, this is to protect the public from commutable diseases - there is a public health reason for being clean. 5) Indecent exposures, excessive noises and griffitis - "ç La Quinta is visible by all passing traffic on major highways and can be considered a window into the city. It will be helpful to have a plan to maintain the externals of all buildings along that side to be griffitis free. "ç A quiet environment is what all parents would like the schools to have to ensure high quality learning. Excessive noises (amplified sounds, screams, unnecessary power tool noises etc) need to be minimized. "ç While walking on a street at downtown Seattle I saw a young girl stood completely nude behind her balcony glass window and waving at the pedestrians. I think some measure is needed to ensure privacy to both the school students and the residents at the hotel. Thank you for your time reading this email. Best regards, Julia Yu an EPS parent

Bryan Olay

Julia Yu

- 3/2/2022 12:46 Please provide me with the list of properties, which were considered by King County and the City of Kirkland prior to choosing La Quinta on Northrup Way for permanent supportive housing. I am seeking to understand your comparative analysis and criteria for site selection. In contrast to LaQuinta, a property like the Comfort Inn at 12204 NE 124th Street in Totem Lake illustrates a far more compatible site. Its location is not in proximity to schools serving our children. Additionally, restaurant, grocery, pharmacy, the connector trail and hospital services are within immediate walking distance. The Comfort Inn also has kitchenette units already in place. Those are a few of the essential elements absent in the Houghton and Lake Washington Boulevard neighborhoods. King County HTH and the City of Kirkland will need to compensate for them at additional cost to taxpayers and inconvenience to HTH residents. As a homeowner in Redmond, I have witnessed King County HTH led by Leo Flor rush to negotiate purchases without taxpayers' awareness, transparency or existing data proving effectiveness of the HTH initiative. None exists as admitted by Leo Flor on the Houghton Community Council Zoom "courtesy conversation" Monday, February 28, 2022. Properties are being hurriedly snapped up as the economic impact of Covid wanes in the business and recreational travel industry. Leo Flor could not provide proof of a successful site, because there has been limited implementation to date. Essentially, he is purchasing without proof! Municipalities are being forced into premature purchases by legislative mandate, slick slideshows and unsubstantiated theory promoted by Leo Flor and his staff. Officials are blindly compromising their fiduciary responsibility with possible legal consequence. With a proposed 2023 opening in Kirkland, there is no reason for the City of Kirkland to ignore the legitimate concerns posed by taxpayers, parents, students and business owners. Citizens are being denied pre-purchase determination of the appropriateness and true market value of the site. Even Kirkland Mayor Sweet admitted on a Zoom townhall with the Eastside Preparatory School community there is no existing administrative "plan" in place at this date inferring it would come after the purchase.. As elected representatives, do not close on the LaQuinta Purchase Agreement without your constituents' pre-requisites considered and met. Respectfully, Nancy Mowat Nancy Mowat
- 3/2/2022 10:31 Dear Neal Black, I am a parent of 2 Eastside Prep students, and I'm concerned about the process taken in siting the new homeless shelter in the hotel adjacent to the school. I'm all for our counties and municipalities providing more housing and support services, but I feel that important steps were skipped in this case, and the standards of transparency citizens should be able to expect were not met. It is undeniable that a homeless shelter in the LaQuinta poses increased risk to students in the neighboring schools. The exact type, magnitude, and manageability of that risk is uncertain and unknowable in advance. I would have been much comforted if the city and/or county had clearly indicated that this development is following a proven safety protocol demonstrated in other locations over significant time and populations. "Here's how this has been done elsewhere, and here is the safety data from those projects" would have gone a long way to securing the support of the community. In the absence of examples of success elsewhere, we much conclude that no positive predicate exists. Furthermore, hearing vague answers like "we'll monitor the situation and react if anything happens" and to learn that the process was kept intentionally opaque only heightens the sense that this is not being handled responsibly. I strongly suspect that there are in fact numerous other properties (not adjacent to schools) within Kirkland that could be suitable. The fact that marijuana retailers must be located at least 1500' from schools provides some precedent for the minimum reasonable distance of separation from a site where active drug consumption is known to occur. Please reverse this hasty and poorly executed decision to site this homeless shelter so close to our kids' school. At the very least, take a pause and do the homework properly. Your charge is to protect all the citizens of your jurisdiction. I'm afraid that this assignment is not presently earning you a passing grade. Sincerely, -Christoph E. Mack Christoph Mack

- 3/2/2022 9:08 We heard all of these exact complaints in 2001 when LWUMC hosted TC4 the first time - some remember that meeting, with deep concerns for the safety of children. After the 3 month stay, nothing had happened, everything was fine, and there was NO apology or reparations for the trouble they put us through and the discriminatory and hateful things that were said. We hosted again and again, and the fears were never realized, but we spent money, energy, time, and effort responding to their fears. No one will move in for a year, there will be plenty of time to hear everyone's wild-eyed fears and mischaracterizations, long lists of very terrible things that happened to someone somewhere that somehow means that folks should be stripped of their basic human rights based on being in the same perceived group as the alleged perpetrators. And I just want to add, now that I have the chance, that I have lived in King County for 26 years and there have always been sex workers on Aurora...that is such an odd point, and she raised it at both HCC and KCC, so I thought I would just mention it. What's the life expectancy of a homeless person? People who experience homelessness have an average life expectancy of around 50 years of age, almost 20 years lower than housed populations. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) states that people experiencing homelessness are at a greater risk of infectious and chronic illness, poor mental health, and substance abuse. Dec 21, 2018 For the better part of a decade, the age at which people experiencing homelessness die has been a shockingly consistent average of about 50 years old across the nation. People who are homeless have roughly the same life expectancy as a resident of the United States in 1910. Today, overall life expectancy in the U.S. is 78.7 years, according to the World Bank. Women in Black stand vigil for people who die in King County while living unhoused. Here is their list for 2021: <https://fallenleaves.org/2021-women-in-black-death-list/> This is not a full list, just some - many other friends I have had have died due to homeless. June 2016 Bruce Thomas age 65 found in Dec 2016 in Kirkland He was a leader in our community, an activist and advocate and leader of Tent City 4, many in the community knew and admired him. He died sometime in June, but wasn't found until December, in his sleeping bag, across the street from the Google campus. Because of the delay, cause of death was not determined. Jan 12, 2019 an unidentified woman wearing a hospital bracelet indicating she was just discharged, age 30-60, died of HYPOTHERMIA just outside of Lakeside Christian Church in Kirkland, presumably trying to find the emergency shelter that had been located there but wasn't there at that time. June 2019 Karen Hansen age 50s died of natural causes in that same location near Lakeside, after the emergency shelter had closed. Dec 15, 2019 Sheila Christensen, age 52, a woman in the LWUMC Safe Parking program, sleeping in her van at the church on a night when the temperature was 35 degrees, died of hypothermia. Jan 11, 2022 Dieudonne Tshibangu age 55, died of hypothermia at the Woodinville P&R. From his stepson "my Amazing step Dad Dieudonne Tshibangu from Congo Zaire a very friendly giving person who worked hard in life to have a good life but life was not fair to him as he lost everything he worked for and went into a depression, my dad loved music and ppl, my dad past on way to go find a job in Seattle Washington" Jan 5, 2022 Terence Krug, 64, died of carbon monoxide asphyxia in a vehicle in Skykomish (born in Kirkland) from his obituary: "Terence Dale Krug Sr. was born on May 27, 1957 in Kirkland, Washington and passed away on January 15, 2022 in Skykomish, Washington." Jan 10, 2022 Brandon Owings, 34, died of hypothermia at Northgate Way/1st on 1/10. His family stood vigil in Seattle with a sign that said "Mayor Bruce Harrell let my baby freeze to death" See attached for more details. Karina Omalley
- 3/1/2022 16:07 Council Members, At the February meeting of Houghton Community Council held last night, we devoted several hours to King County's proposed acquisition and development of La Quinta Inn for permanent supportive housing for people experiencing chronic homelessness We received presentations and comments from Leo Flor, Director of King County Human Services and Jim Lopez, Kirkland Assistant City Manager, as well as comments from approximately 25 members of the public. It was very informative. I hope that some of you were able to listen in to some or all of the meeting. After listening to everyone, it was apparent that the public process prescribed for King County to acquire La Quinta Inn as part of their Health Through Housing Initiative has not been followed. This is unacceptable for a site decision with so much controversy and potential negative impacts to your citizens. The Houghton Community Council has unanimously passed a resolution (attached) that advises and requests King County and the City of Kirkland to hold a public meeting in which members of the public may offer input and feedback to inform a joint decision by City and County staff on whether or how to proceed, and said public meeting and resulting joint decision shall occur prior to King County's purchase of La Quinta Inn. We look forward to working with you in a constructive manner in this process. Best Regards, Rick Whitney Chair, Houghton Community Council Rick Whitney

- 3/1/2022 16:03 Dear Kirkland City Council and Mayor Sweet, Last night King County Director Leo Flor spoke for over 2 hours with 110++ concerned Houghton/Kirkland residents and business owners. As far as it is know, it was the first open public forum for a 2 way discussion of King County's proposal. Although many expressed sympathy and support for addressing the homeless problem, several important points were made: 1. The location raises many concerns about children who go to pre-school and/or school in the immediate vicinity. I would expect that, no matter what security provisions are promised, many parents will withdraw their children from these four schools (700-900 students). a. Fear for their physical safety; intimate exposure to scary behavior, substance abuse/drugs and crime. b. Once these thoughts are planted (already done for many), confirmation bias will take over; thus, any problem, either here or with the 8-9 other King County Health thru Housing (HfH) sites, will undermine support for this project. People will feel that Seattle has pushed the homeless problem onto the Eastside. 2. The location is on a dangerous, busy road with poor sight lines and lighting, Crossing the street during rush hour, in the winter, is a problem, especially if you are carrying or pushing something. 3. The location doesn't provide easy access to recreational activities, walking or shopping. a. Some residents will end up walking up to Carillon Point and beyond, in search of coffee, parks and beautiful views. Will they be respectful of the beautiful water front we have? b. Unfortunately, they are unlikely to be well received by Kirkland residents who currently use those facilities. c. One of the stated objectives was to integrate these homeless into the local community. Given the selection criteria for those qualifying for HfH and the very high income/wealth levels of Kirkland, it seems (unfortunately) there are few shared experiences and aspirations on which to build relationships. 4. Kirkland will end up seeing an increase in demand (and cost) for police and emergency vehicles. 5. Contractual boundaries/expectations: a. How does King County define success? What metrics will be used to measure performance? i. How do other HfH sites presently perform vs. these metrics? b. Though the focus is on the performance of the temporary residents, what metrics will be used to assess the impact of the HfH site on immediate neighbors? i. Periodic surveys? 911 calls? Criminality? Decline in enrollment? Impact on housing values, DOM? c. Under what conditions would the facility be shut down or repurposed? i. How badly do things have to go, for how long, before there would be change? ii. Who would be involved in making that call? 6. To calm concerns, it would be helpful to have King County and DCHS develop 2-3 case studies describing the experiences with other HfH sites in KC. These case studies would likely illustrate the pro's and con's of HfH programs, on participants and neighbors, focusing on real, actual experiences, not scare mongering stories. 7. Finally, your credibility took a hit last night. Leo said that King County has already committed to purchase LaQuinta. So the feeling is that it is a done deal" and that neighbors have been betrayed. Transparency is been sacrificed. Trust has been broken. a. So, while there were promises of unspecified efforts to involve the community in the next steps, the most important decision has been made""the location""and thus the credibility of any effort to engage the community now is suspect. Why bother? Respectfully, Stewart Early 4817 Lake Washington Blvd NE
- 3/1/2022 14:46 As a former Compass Housing Alliance Board President and colleague of Lynne Thompson, I fully support this this letter to the Kirkland City Council (see service request #17640). The La Quinta site is ideal in many ways and could be an asset to the community as well as a great service opportunity for the school nearby. Marcia Riggers marciariggers@live.com

Stewart Early

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3/1/2022 14:45

Dear Mayor Sweet and members of the Kirkland City Council: I am writing in support of the proposed permanent supportive housing facility in the old La Quinta hotel. I believe that many of my neighbors who are worried about safety are conflating permanent supportive housing with shelters and worse. This is understandable as I only learned the distinctions while serving on the board of Compass Housing (2018-2020.) Compass operates emergency shelters in addition to 14 apartment buildings for the very poor including 3 permanent supportive housing sites. These are scattered throughout the metro Seattle area. As you walk or drive past them nothing suggests they are anything other than attractive housing. See here. There is no barbed wire, no loitering, no drug use or sex trade, etc. The police will confirm that Compass's locations are good neighbors, generating no more than typical requests for service. Some locations such as Compass at Broadview are purposefully near schools because they are designed for families. Compass on Dexter has wonderful afterschool and summer programs. My experience with permanent supporting housing is 180 degrees from the hellscape described at the Houghton community meeting last night. What I wish my neighbors knew that the reason Compass's locations are good neighbors is that Compass takes its obligations as the program operator seriously. Potential residents are screened and supported as they make the transition from homeless to sheltered to permanently housed. At the Houghton meeting last night one resident asked about recourse if the La Quinta location is not a good neighbor. Her question wasn't answered, but the answer should be to replace the operator. If the operator can't manage a facility as an asset to the community, then we will demand another operator. Another raised the specter of for-profit operators such as for-profit prisons. I believe most or all operators are not-for-profits committed to safe supportive housing for the homeless, which means safe for everyone. I know that prior to the naming of an operator it is hard to give the community the specifics they crave, but I think it is important to offer alternative visuals to the hellish images raised by those who don't understand well run permanent supportive housing. I'd love to take them on a tour of the Compass facilities and they'd be as impressed as I am. I'd be happy to collaborate in an initiative to change the narrative if that would be helpful.

Sincerely Lynne Thomson 11110 NE 41st Dr, Unit 47 Kirkland

Lynne Thomson

3/1/2022 14:13 I'm sending a last email on this topic, after attending a number of additional discussions on this topic with local and county-level representatives. The lack of due process, planning and allowing for community input for adding a low-barrier Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) facility (La Quinta location) in the immediate proximity of multiple schools is maddening and unjustifiable. The City of Kirkland's and King County's arguments in public conversations with the community have not addressed the real issue. There's zero precedent for a low-barrier PSH facility, with no buffer to schools. Zero. The City of Kirkland mentioned repeatedly as an argument for "we've done this before, and it did not create problems" the women and children facility close to Lake Washington High School (LWHS). While it is correct to say that the facility is next to LWHS, city staff explicitly mentions "as well as 1,000 linear feet from the nearest structure on the Lake Washington High School campus" in the 1st paragraph on page 5 of Kirkland Shelter 03212019 HE Meeting Packet - ZON18-00720.pdf. That LWHS example is therefore not relevant and misleading "comparing a high-barrier facility at 1,000 ft from the nearest structure to a high-school (children 14 and older), to a low-barrier facility, within 500 ft from 4 schools, with children ranging from pre-school to high-school. Furthermore, both the City and the County have argued the need for secrecy and lack of public process as a warrant for purchasing the La Quinta facility at the best price. From the County's FAQ: "It is difficult to conduct financial negotiations in a way that properly stewards public funding and protects against price escalation when community engagement and price negotiation occur simultaneously" Given the secrecy and with no competition, the County is paying more than twice the assessed value of the property "compared with King County's Assessor estimate. Given that the King County Assessor Office publicly argues that assessed property values are close to market value, County's comment that secrecy helped secure the property at a competitive price doesn't make any sense. Separately, the La Quinta hotel does not include in-room or a central kitchen, which will require additional significant financial investments to meet County's criteria for permanent housing. Addressing homelessness is really important. Proper stewardship of public funds is equally critical though. In addition, recent City of Kirkland meetings showed that the City does value children safety. In fact, the City has spent the last 2 years evaluating the addition of speeding cameras in school zones. This 2-year process allowed for public input, multiple iterations and adjustments, etc. The type of process that has been completely lacking for City's expeditious rubber stamping of County's La Quinta purchase. If the City spent 2 years evaluating speeding cameras in school zones, how can the City duly represent its residents by allowing only 9 minutes of public pro-comments and 9 minutes of con-comments on the La Quinta purchase to date, when this adds a potentially significant higher risk to multiple schools "dozens to one hundred or so low-barrier residents? The County has also argued that the facility will provide on-site services. However, the low-barrier facility type means that leveraging those services will not be mandatory. As a pre-condition, residents would have to "have at least one disability" (quote from County's FAQ), which generally includes a mental or addiction issue. Again, the low barrier designation for the La Quinta facility means that treatment for such mental or addiction issue will not be required. Background checks will not be required "County's FAQ cites "screening" (a relative term), and explicitly avoids talking about potential criminal "including sex offender" verifications. How can we accept such a facility within 500 feet of multiple schools?... See attached for full text

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- 3/1/2022 13:03 Mayor Sweet, After a very illuminating Houghton council meeting last night where Leo Flor, Director of the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) came to speak about the Kirkland Health through Housing proposal (La Quinta Inn), I beg you to urgently reconsider support for the proposal's location. Hearing accounts from people who currently work at or who have personally visited these facilities discussing the risks emphasized the irreversible damage and danger to our community. There is not enough data to disprove these accounts. To quote Mr. Flor, people don't simply move out of a crisis state and addicts don't suddenly recover without relapse. Mr. Flor confirmed that illegal drug use is allowed at these facilities. While I understand and support the requirement of no background checks on the potential residents, this is too great a risk to place a facility like this in such close proximity to schools and daycares. As someone who is a strong supporter of permanent supportive housing, I am very concerned about the location, pace, lack of community engagement, and absence of risk mitigation plans to ensure resident and community safety. I feel like the HtH proposal in its current state has fundamental flaws concerning its operations. However, most importantly, the King County proposal lacks data. In last night's discussion with Mr. Flor, it is apparent that the facility comparables are unclear, and there is not enough data on the existing 10 HtH sites to provide evidence of safety or success. I welcome the opportunity to discuss this further. Additionally, I am more than happy to provide support in whatever way I can, whether that is analysis, community outreach, or anything else you would find beneficial (My background is in Finance and strategy- LinkedIn profile available here). I look forward to helping make Kirkland a thriving, inclusive, and safe community. Very respectfully,
Emily King
- 3/1/2022 9:55 Good morning, I still do not have an answer to my question of why La Quinta Kirkland is the only location that meets the County's criteria. What was wrong with other hotels in Kirkland that are not located next to schools? I understand a few have outdoor doors/corridors, but what about the Comfort Inn, the Marriott, (or even the Heathman since the County is supposedly paying 30 million dollars for the La Quinta when the value is half of that number and the Heathman sold a few years ago for 17m.) Even if for some reason (since no one will answer the question), none of the hotels in Kirkland fit the County's unknown criteria, there are plenty of other hotels on the eastside that are not next to schools. Very soon, this property is going to close and then the County says it will seek community input. This is not the way government is supposed to work for the people it represents. We are not being heard because once the closing happens, it is a done deal and the only input we will have is some vague assurances of good neighbor agreements which seem to mean nothing at locations already in existence. I have heard about people going to visit other permanent housing sites purchased by King County to see what they are actually like and they sound terrible. I have no confidence that this site will be any different. I am very disappointed in the City Council of Kirkland. I have tried to talk to someone at King County but no one has responded. I would just like to know why they chose a location next to 4 schools rather than a location that is not right next to schools? I think as a community we have a right to know why this is the "only" location that would work. It was upsetting when officials at the parents' meeting kept bringing up the fact that people were dying on the street therefore suggesting if parents are raising safety concerns, we want that to happen. I absolutely agree that people should not suffer on the street, but no one has yet been able to explain why it has to be next to schools. The location next to Lake Washington High School is not comparable as that is housing for women and children. There is a motel near my husband's office and that would be a fine location to us as it is not a school. I really wish the Executive branch would answer the question of why this is the only location that will work. I don't see why the county can't provide shelter to unhoused people while not putting it directly next to schools. Thank you.
- 3/1/2022 8:31 Dear Councilmembers, Thank you for your work assisting King County's Health through Housing Initiative to provide safe stable supportive housing for people experiencing chronic homelessness. Thanks, Nancy Murphy
- Emily King
- Nancy Murphy

- 3/1/2022 8:30 Dear Houghton Community Council/Kirkland City Council: My concerns regarding potential permanent supportive housing at La Quinta is that it has not been clearly defined what that entails and who will live there. Reactions on social media have been all over the (often) emotional map. Having spent five years as a Washington DSHS Residential Care licensor/complaint investigator inspecting congregate care settings and delivery of services per WACs, and the past fifteen years at the UW on the locked medical-psychiatric unit, I have had a fair amount of interaction with people in need of supportive housing. My concerns: 1) Services to support the population that King County Regional Homeless Authority is focusing on are not available near La Quinta. In fact, the agencies that work with these populations are understaffed and underpaid. And if they were really honest, they'd admit they often see the same folks who are using the system and there are no really effective treatments for the depth of alcoholism and drug addiction (especially meth and fentanyl) they are seeing. The brain damage occurring from alcohol/addiction can mean custodial care rather than treatment. 2) How will potential residents be assessed for success at La Quinta if indeed success is an outcome and how is that defined? Having worked in the field, I know the bell curve of what's acceptable widens "" I heard a facility administrator and RN say when evaluating a potential resident "" "Well, he did torture cats but at least he didn't start fires." 3) What will 24/7 staff be responsible for? "Referral to services" per HTH probably won't be enough for successful outcomes. 4) What about visitors? Access to rooms? It would be a lot to ask front desk staff to "police" that. 5) Are kitchen/cooking facilities available? 6) Will the building be periodically inspected for cleanliness and safety? DOH, DSHS, County inspectors? There is not enough information at this time regarding an actual plan for day-to-day running and oversight of La Quinta. Will this be a no barrier/low barrier site? Day-to-day is where the rubber hits the road. The successful supportive housing buildings are run by non-profits, like Mary's Place and Sophia's Way. King County Regional Homeless Authority and now Partnership for Zero, may in time develop effective wraparound services although they are not available through the County at this time. Wraparound onsite services are nonexistent and rely on outside providers. I remain hopeful the County vision will manifest as we do have a housing (and drug and crime) crisis in our region. Until that happens, Kirkland needs to establish expectations and guardrails in case this situation becomes a detriment to the community at large. Joyce Kent Brown 47th Place NE Kirkland
- 2/28/2022 8:19 To the council members of the city of Kirkland, Bellevue, and Houghton community, and King County Executive, We are the owners of the Chestnut Montessori School on the corner of NE 38th Place and 108th Ave NE, on the border of Kirkland and Bellevue, and on property which abuts the eastern driveway access to the La Quinta Inn, the subject of a potential shelter for "Low Barrier" homeless individuals. We currently provide early learning opportunities for children from preschool to elementary ages and are a licensed daycare facility for over 50 children. The decision to locate a facility housing people with serious drug problems, mental health problems, and convicted felons next to our school is almost unbelievable in the scope of vulnerability and potential harm to our children. It shows a serious lack of sensitivity of the officials at the county and cities to allow this to happen. We can only imagine that you had no idea of the vulnerable neighbors to this location, including the other two schools and daycare facilities. Who will be responsible from the cities and the county when a tragedy occurs to one of our children? And there will be tragedies based on the current experiences at other locations. We witness these nearly every day on the media. We also feel the normal process for zoning and approval of this kind of facility is being cloaked in deception and any of the municipalities that cooperate in this process need to reexamine their rules to show the public how easily they are ignored. Therefore we encourage you to use your better judgement and deny the approval of locating this facility in this vulnerable neighborhood. Sincerely, Jeannine and Paul Hanson, Owners, Chestnut Montessori School LLC, 10723 NE 38th Pl, Bellevue, WA, 98004, (206-650-8230)

Joyce Brown

Paul Hanson

- 2/25/2022 16:29 Hi Toby > An afterthought. Wouldn't you be able to get the hotel purchase locations completed by King Co and also get the police reports for complaints filed for each locations? Police activity as well as the city complaints? > Jerry Hi Toby The main question is who is going to be at the facility to make sure all the "rules" are followed like a frat den mother? Will people other than tenants be allowed in? If so will they be checked for weapons and drugs, and alcohol ? And can the police actually go to a room to make sure they are not breaking the law by shooting up drugs in public property? My bet as soon as anyone is arrested there will be a public defender to defend their right to take any drug they wish in their private room. There will be no way to enforce any rules and if anyone is arrested there will be an outcry for police bias . Then the City will tell the police to back off enforcing the law and Kirkland will be like Seattle. If this is the case how do you trust them being next door to schools? Will the City take responsibility for any crimes in the community including children? I hope you can represent some of these concerns. Thanks Jerry Hi Toby >> Will there be a public forum for this critical issue? >> I read the City Managers letter about enforcing all laws both in and out of the facility. My questions and concern are: >> 1. All drug possession is no longer a felony from what I understand. Drug possession from what see is a misdemeanor which is still breaking the law even in the State of Washington. Will this be enforced both in and outside this proposed facility? >> 2. Will all State and local laws be enforced by the Kirkland police such as vagrancy, public encampments, drug use, threatening citizens, petty larceny , begging, littering, etc.? All the laws that Seattle doesn't enforce! >> 3. Will drug pushers be arrested and fully prosecuted by Kirkland ? 10 year sentence? Or will Kirkland adopt the current Seattle look the other way and allow up to 6 hits of heroin without a charge? >> 4. Will people with any police records be allowed to live in this public facility? Background check? >> 5. Will sex offenders be allowed to live there? >> 6. Will Kirkland have to pay for the regular upkeep of the building indefinitely ? Any hotel remodels 10% of a facility each year. Is that in the budget if we fall on tough times or is there any chance this will turn into a dump? What's in writing ? >> 7. What about the effect on offices and restaurants such as Burger Master and Big Fish? >> 8. What if the safety of this effects the enrollment in next door Eastside Prep and Kindercare after the police are called several times which will happen? What responsibilities will the City take to enforce ALL laws? Will Kirkland pay for a security guard 24 hours per day? >> 9. How will allowing this play into the improvements that we have made at our beaches? Does the city really think that these folks won't hang out there ? Do you think that will increase the quality of the experience at our beaches? How's that working for Seattle? Green Lake? >> 10. I have friends that live in Renton and they say that the homeless building there has increased crime and that businesses near it are having leases expire and will leave. If you need names to talk to I have them. Has Kirkland done any due diligence on existing hotels that were purchased by King Co to see how it's working out? Like crime, drugs, neighborhood effect etc. I would think that with all the money Kirkland spends on "consultants" you could do some research on the actual effect of these hotel / homeless investments? >> Thanks for your involvement. We will all be asking these questions if there is ever any due process or citizen involvement? >> Thanks >> Jerry ONeill
- 2/23/2022 8:21 See attached for full text, screenshots of social media. Dear Kirkland City Council Members, I am writing to simply share what the community has been talking about the idea of having a low barrier homeless facility and an experience from a priori homeless mom. Thanks, Lee

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- 2/22/2022 9:31 City Council of Kirkland, Before you proceed with placing this homeless shelter close to the Cross Kirkland Trail please consider this close location to the trail will make the trail and access trails to unsafe for those of us who use the trail for daily exercise. No matter how much money King County spends on the homeless, the problem escalates. There must be other ways to treat the homeless instead of throwing money at the problem. While this solution may make you feel good about yourself, will this proposed homeless shelter become a magnet for drug use and illegal activities? There must be a long range multifaceted approach to the problem of the "unhoused". 1. Drug addicts should be given a choice between prison time and long term rehabilitation. 2. The mentally ill should be properly housed in mental institutions for their own safety and the safety of others. Allowing the mental ill to fend for themselves on the street is not helping them. 3. The temporarily homeless (which is the very small minority) should be housed only if they are employed and need a helping hand. The unemployed already are helped under our massive welfare programs. Please reconsider your plans. Thank you, Janice Ondo -- lucyondo@gmail.com Cell (206) 369-0097 Janice Ondo
- 2/22/2022 9:31 Kirkland City Council, INRIX was built in Kirkland. Over the past 16 years, we have called Kirkland our home and our business has grown here from 2 people to over 350 today (approximately 100 of which are in Kirkland). We love Kirkland and all it has to offer. I personally not only work here, but I live in Kirkland as well. I am writing to express grave concern about the proposal to convert the La Quinta hotel to housing for the homeless under the Health Through Housing program. My wife is on the board of Union Gospel Mission and we have a heart for the homeless, but putting a hotel for the homeless literally in the backyard of Eastside Prep and across the street from a Kinder Care facility (both of which are used by our employees), should not be entertained. I cannot believe the City Council of Kirkland would seriously consider this proposal. As you know, the vast majority of the homeless have either drug addiction problems or mental health issues. We should be getting them appropriate care, but putting a hotel for them by a daycare facility and adjacent to a prep school is not appropriate. I don't believe you have any idea what this will do to our neighborhood, the crime rates or the people who live and work in this area. The INRIX headquarters is located a couple hundred feet from the La Quinta. My employees are very concerned about what this will do to crime, automobile break-ins and the facilities for child care in this area. I can tell you as the Founder and CEO of INRIX, should Kirkland proceed with this plan, we will not be renewing our lease at our Points Drive location, and we will seek another location for our corporate headquarters. INRIX has already moved one of our offices out of Pioneer Square due to Seattle's complete mis-handling of the homeless crisis. Please do not force us to move our headquarters out of Kirkland due to the Council's mis-handling of this issue especially at a time when Kirkland has become less attractive already due to the Covid-caused shutdown of Big Fish and other local dining facilities. There are appropriate places for homeless housing. The La Quinta location with its proximity to Kinder Care, Eastside Prep and business such as ours is not one of them. Bryan Mistele | INRIX | President & CEO | direct 425-284-3801 | bryan@inrix.com | www.inrix.com Bryan Mistele

2/22/2022 9:31

Dear Rebecca, I represent King County District 6, which includes the areas around the Kirkland La Quinta hotel. Thank you for your email regarding our Health Through Housing program at King County. Some key background: Health through Housing is a County program. The King County Council voted to approve the funding for the Health through Housing program in 2020 and the implementation plan in 2021. Our role is not to select or purchase the properties to implement the program. King County's Department of Community and Human Services in the Executive branch is now responsible for implementing the program. In 2021, they purchased a number of properties "" four in Seattle and one each in Renton, Redmond, Auburn, and Federal Way. There will likely be three additional purchases. The La Quinta is under negotiation to be one of these final locations. As you alluded, the purpose of this program is to address our homelessness crisis, to which the Eastside is not immune. Our most recent count showed hundreds of people living outdoors right here in East King County and that is certainly an undercount. I have heard from many constituents and experienced for myself the reality of people living outdoors all over East King County. This situation is not acceptable, humane, healthy or safe. That's why so many partners have been working diligently to make a difference. The Health through Housing program is one very promising effort to make a big difference. It's important to note that these locations will provide permanent supportive housing. These are not crisis centers or emergency shelters. Permanent supportive housing is not an experiment "" it is a proven approach that helps people to rebuild their lives and reduces the number of people in chronic homelessness. Residents will not walk in off the streets, but will have been living inside, stabilizing and determined to be ready to move into permanent housing before taking up residence. There will be 24/7 onsite services like a case manager and access to health and behavioral health treatment. In short, it is a permanent home. Residents will live there and be expected to pay rent with part of their income. As the representative of District 6 in King County, I have communicated to the executive branch my expectation that the County will work with neighbors; create and maintain open lines of communication; address concerns before any facility opens; be proactive to get ahead of problems arise and respond to any issues that occur. As your elected representative, I have long pushed for clear goals and outcomes for all our human services programs so that we can know and show the public that our investments are having the effects we want. I will expect that we will have success metrics for these locations, defining success for both the residents and the surrounding community. Over my years representing first Bellevue and now King County District 6, the Eastside has hosted a number of places for people in homelessness to come indoors. Each time, neighbors initially expressed similar concerns about proximity to schools, risk of crime, concerns about property values, etc. But these fears have not come to pass. I agree with you that we need to work together as a community and find solutions that are effective and work for everyone, both housed and unhoused. I know that we can make Health through Housing work in our communities, making them safer for everyone, if we keep communicating and work together. I will use my position to do whatever I can to make that happen. If you have additional questions, you can learn more about the Health through Housing program here or email the team responsible for implementing the program at health.through.housing@kingcounty.gov I will also send updates on the progress of this program, including opportunities for public engagement, as we go forward. You can sign up to receive my

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- 2/22/2022 9:29 Dear King County and Kirkland Councils: I am opposed to purchase of LaQuinta Inn in Kirkland WA for a homeless shelter. Homeless shelters attract drug dealers selling to drug addicted residents. Per your own statistics 21% of King County homeless are ADMITTED drug addicts. The amount is substantially higher - more like 80% - given your stats are based on self reporting, not testing. Drug addicts cause property crime as they need money for their addiction. Saying your shelter is drug free does not stop addicted residents from walking off the property to buy and do illegal drugs. Are you going to require all residents to drug test on a daily basis? There are several apartment complexes, businesses and condominiums near La Quinta Inn. The S. Kirkland Park and Ride is a block away. These places have huge parking lots with thousands of vehicles available for smash and grabs. King County is required to provide safe public transit. Is King going to pay for 24-7 security at the S Kirkland Park and Ride lot to stop drug use and drug dealing and car breakins? Is King County going to take financial responsibility for property crimes in the neighborhoods surrounding the La Quinta Inn? Is King County going to arrest, jail and prosecute drug dealers and drug users on or near The La Quinta Inn? In the last several years I have seen no consequences for drug use, drug dealing, or property crimes committed anywhere in King County. Will anything about King County and King County Cities lack of arrests, prosecutions and jail time for drugs and property crimes change if La Quinta is turned into a homeless shelter? King County, you are on notice of several legitimate concerns from residents, tax payers and voters of King County. It is no longer enough to just listen, ignore us, then move forward anyway without addressing and remedying citizen concerns. Sincerely Sharon Cox 638 Kirkland Way Apt 4 Kirkland WA. 98033 Sharon Cox
- 2/22/2022 9:27 Dear Mayor and City Council members, I am going to suggest your three cities contract with to CSH for a study to evaluate the contract King County uses for a program they call "Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)" meets this agencies the national standard for quality (PSH) and even has rating tools to use for ongoing evaluation of current programs in the US, before you allow King County to abandon Chronically Disabled Homeless individuals on the Eastside of King County. Out of sight, out of mind. What King County contracts out as (PSH) horrifies and haunts me. I see CSH is actually having a academy for PSH in Oregon. Last day to sign up is 3/4/22. The contact information for the NW contact is also listed before. <https://www.csh.org/supportive-housing-101/> <https://www.csh.org/2022/01/apply-for-the-oregon-supportive-housing-institute-2/> Heather Lyons Pronouns: She/Her Director CSH Portland, OR 503.939.0083 Definition of due diligence 1law : the care that a reasonable person exercises to avoid harm to other persons or their property failed to exercise due diligence in trying to prevent"!"!"!". Please feel free to contact me should you have any further questions. Cindy Charlebois 206-755-9891 "When you see something that is not right, not fair, not just, you have to speak up. You have to do something." Civil Rights Activist, Congressman John Lewis Cindy Druschba

- 2/22/2022 9:26 Dear Kirkland city council, We recently noticed that King county is considering La Quinta Inn as a possible location for a permanent supportive housing site in Kirkland. Since my family and I are living in the area and will be directly impacted by it, I would like to request the city council to provide continuous and transparent communication with all neighbors near the site, share information about criteria for selecting supportive housing, and reconsidering the location for supportive housing site. Firstly, throughout this process from the beginning to the end, neighbors in both kirklands and north bellevue should be properly notified. Only notifying the public when the city council has already decided to proceed is nothing but deceptive and self-pretending. That will not serve the same purpose as continuous engagement with the public via diverse communication channels. Just posting on facebook is not acceptable and is not the proper way of communicating with the general public the city council serves. Secondly, the city mentioned that La Quinta Inn is the only site that met county criteria. I would request the county and city to be transparent about criteria for selecting supportive housing and also add distances to nearest school areas as one of the important criteria. It is important to serve both people in need and also other people conducting activities around it. If the criteria were not transparent and reached consensus from the public, there is little value for selecting the "only" location that meets this mal-formed criteria. In addition, criteria should be independent of whether there is any site that meets this location or not, but only serve the interests of the general public. Lastly, I believe this is one of the important matters that requires public voting to decide. Keeping the communication with the public about the progress and status of it is crucial for neighbors in the city to make conscious and genuine decisions for it. Thanks!
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- 2/22/2022 9:25 Mayor Sweet and City Council Members, As a concerned citizen and the mother of a teenage girl who's enrolled in Eastside Preparatory School, I strongly recommend the council to recede the approval of King County's plan of purchasing the La Quinta Inn and converting it to a PSH site. If you need to be convinced, please watch these two documentaries. If you're still not convinced, please watch them again. Seattle is Dying | A KOMO News Documentary <https://youtu.be/bpAi70WWBlw> The Fight for the Soul of Seattle | A KOMO News Documentary https://youtu.be/WijoL3Hy_Bw Kirland city and its citizens should not and will not pay the price for the incompetence of Seattle City Council, which single handlely caused the homeless crisis in this region. It's not compassion by just providing a roof for drug addicts and people with mental health issues without involuntary treatment. It's not compassion by not prosecuting and locking up criminals. It's not compassion by allowing business and citizens to be harassed, assaulted, and violated. If you don't want Kirland to become the next Seattle and her people to be under constant safety threat, please STOP the social experiment that puts thousands of innocent citizens and especially children in danger. It's not too late to STOP this madness. Our future lies in your hands. Let's put ideology aside, let's use common sense. Sincerely, Shu Yang
- Shu Yang
- 2/22/2022 9:24 The idea of having a homeless shelter that allows hard drug use within 80 ft of a school and surrounded by other schools is very scary. I live close by and currently feel safe running the 520 trail and taking my kids along northup way. If there was a homeless shelter there we would no longer be able to do that and would likely have to move out. There has to be a better location.
- Alex Nash

- 2/22/2022 9:22 Hello, I am a resident of Kirkland and I strongly oppose the purchase of this hotel for the homeless. Here are my concerns: -There are no less than 12 schools within 1.2 miles, some across the street, from this site. How do you expect these children to be safe? How will you feel when one of these children is harmed? Will that be on your conscience? What if it was your child or grandchild? - Does the King County or Kirkland police have enough personnel to respond to the increase of 911 calls which you know will occur! - These people need help, but do you require any responsibility on their part? What are the rules for these people? We live by rules and laws! Do they have any drug testing? What about keeping their place clean? Are they expected to get jobs? Will they ever pay their way, or do the taxpayers provide continuous dollars for their needs? Can these people ever be expelled for violence or dangerous behavior to others? Who keeps track of those things, and to whom do they report? - Will they ever be required to have "skin in the game" so they can achieve some self respect and move on to self sufficiency? - These people will never improve their lives if there is always a handout waiting for them.... - Many of these people need help with their drug addiction.... How do you intend to treat them. and help them to a new life? - Why did you make these arrangements without input from the surrounding community, but instead negotiated in private for your PUBLIC constituents? Thank you, Linda Eckhart
- 2/18/2022 10:45 Hello Mayor Sweet. My name is Randy Maes and I'm a volunteer for the city. I spent 32 years volunteering for the Fire Department with 26 of those years as a first responder and the last 13 years as a scene photographer (7 years overlapping) However my issue today is not related to my association with the city (and I'm making sure that I do not cross that line), it's as a citizen (of Redmond) fed up with Safeeastside's constant misinformation and lies about homeless housing projects in the area and in this instance about King County's proposed Kirkland HTH project. The Nextdoor group that was created about the issues is called "Eastside Residential Property Concerns". One of the posts within this group makes an announcement about a protest march planned for either today at 4:15 or tomorrow at 4:15 (it's not clear which day) and has two images in it. The second image has two very bold statements involving you with one of them claiming you have been lying to the community and the second one claiming you said that you didn't think about children's safety when you selected the homeless facilities. My experience with Safeeastside (who published the photos posted) is that they take things out of context and flat out lie about things to cause fear in people so that they will join their cause. The posted comment is more than likely violating Nextdoor's code of conduct but I can't make the report because I don't have firsthand knowledge about the two claims (although I'm more than confident you didn't lie or say what they are claiming you said). I don't know if this is something you want to take action on or not but I did attach a copy of the images in case it gets pulled. Even if it does, Safeeastside still has it somewhere and they are more than likely aiming to discredit you with it. Also please note that you (and the city) have my full support on your decisions on the HTH project. I believe it is one of the best solutions out there to help one segment of the homeless population and I applaud Kirkland's willingness to work with King County on the problem. Best regards, Randy Maes
- 2/17/2022 16:40 See attached letter from Senior Council.
- 2/17/2022 14:58 Dear Councilmembers, Thank you for your work assisting King County's Health through Housing Initiative to provide safe stable supportive housing for people experiencing chronic homelessness. European towns have provided quality housing for all of their citizens, and this has lead to vibrant healthy town cores. I appreciate your lead on this. Thanks, Melissa Clausen, Bellevue voter

Linda Eckhart

Randy Maes

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Melissa Clausen

- 2/17/2022 14:56 I wish to express concerns regarding the proposal to procure the La Quinta Inn in Kirkland as a permanent supportive housing site for 'continuum of care'. While I fully realize that numerous people need better and less expensive housing, I do not think Kirkland is the area to fulfill this need. The current lawlessness and increase in crime in downtown Seattle, which the city is having serious difficulty addressing, are examples of the outcome of disenfranchised people in the community. While many of those homeless benefit from help social service systems provide, numerous do not and will not benefit and will continue disruptive, criminal activity regardless of what support is available. I have personally watched and been a part of efforts like this by 'concerned' citizens that resulted in basically destroyed neighborhoods due to the chaos, confusion and heartache to those owning homes and businesses in the area. One only need to follow daily news as to the number of citizens targeted by 'homeless' - pushed in front of trains; randomly stabbed on the streets; brutalized; raped; murdered - to realize sociopaths, psychopaths, schizophrenics. and numerous other disorders help make up the homeless community. Many of these individuals belong in mental institutions, not at La Quinta in Kirkland. Those of us who are empathetic and wish to 'do good' can frequently make decisions and create situations that result in very negative consequences. The average hard working normal citizen who is trying to do everything 'right' - hold down a job; pay bills; get an education to develop necessary skills; raise a family; live a decent life; strive to be a credit to their community; give to charity - is the typical citizen that makes up the population of Kirkland. Inserting a group of disenfranchised people into the midst of such a community is disastrous on multiple levels. This type of citizen, that believes in basic goodness and decency, can be a perfect target for sociopaths/psychopaths/schizophrenics who are endemic to the homeless and 'needy' population. There are communities in King County better suited to deal with the outcome of a placement such as this - Renton or Kent are the two that most immediately come to mind. I implore you - do NOT allow this 'continuum of care' to be implemented in Kirkland. Linda Bonin, Kirkland
- Linda Bonin
- 2/17/2022 14:01 Dear Councilmembers, Thank you for your work assisting King County's Health through Housing Initiative to provide safe stable supportive housing for people experiencing chronic homelessness. Thanks, Lissa Treadway
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- 2/17/2022 14:00 Dear Kirkland City Councilmembers, Hope this email finds you well. I'm writing this email to you to express that our family strongly disagree and very disappointed on the fact that Kirkland city council is supporting the purchase of La Quinta Inn to use as a permanent homeless housing facility. We understand that homeless is a serious issue and our community should put efforts to solve it. But building a shelter housing facility right next to several schools is very dangerous to the kids. I understand that people who are homeless not necessarily mean they are dangerous. But you have to admit the fact that homeless people has a significantly higher ratio of being a active drug user, which leads to mentally unstable and easier gets angry and hurt people. Look what happened in Seattle. Residents are getting attacked every single day by mentally unstable people! These are facts that should not be ignored. We all have kids or grandkids. Think about them. If your kids or grandkids who is only 3 years old and he is in a school next to a homeless shelter with lots of mentally unstable or even prior offenders, would you feel comfortable for this? Wouldn't you be worried every day? My kid is going to Cedar Crest Academy this coming September. He is only 3 years old and not able to protect himself in most of the cases. So what if any of these mentally unstable people attack him? Or hurt any of the kiddos???? Would the city be responsible for that????? Would you be responsible for that????? We strongly encourage you our city councilmembers to impose reasonable regulations on any homeless shelter located in Kirkland including a "safe distance" or buffer from schools and child care facilities of not less than 1000 feet. Please keep our kids safe!!! Sincerely, Dee Wu, A very worried parent
- Dee Wu

- 2/17/2022 13:59 Mr. Nixon "" Thank you for the opportunity to speak last night. As I listened to the 2/9 Kirkland City Council/King County/EPS townhall and read the Health Through Housing FAQs" | The Permanent Supportive Housing seems really high risk to put next to a school and I am not convinced the city and the county are willing and/or capable (possible with a low barrier facility?) to commit to my and my classmates' safety. There is zero buffer between my school and the Permanent Supportive Housing facility. And there is no plan. I don't think you attended the townhall. I encourage you to listen to the discussion. As a leader in our city, please prioritize safe spacing between schools and Permanent Supportive Housing. Please consider alternatives, like a different location or high barrier homeless housing. At a minimum, please ensure a robust plan before committing to a sale. And let me know how I can volunteer as a student leader to be part of the solution. Below are my comments from yesterday's meeting for your reference. Thank you for your support. Best, Abby Grade 9, Eastside Prep Abby Miller
- 2/17/2022 8:54 Dear Kirkland City Councilmembers, Hope this email finds you well. I'm writing this email to you to express that our family strongly disagree and very disappointed on the fact that Kirkland city council is supporting the purchase of La Quinta Inn to use as a permanent homeless housing facility. We understand that homeless is a serious issue and our community should put efforts to solve it. But building a shelter housing facility right next to several schools is very dangerous to the kids. I understand that people who are homeless not necessarily mean they are dangerous. But you have to admit the fact that homeless people has a significantly higher ratio of being a active drug user, which leads to mentally unstable and easier gets angry and hurt people. Look what happened in Seattle. Residents are getting attacked every single day by mentally unstable people! These are facts that should not be ignored. We all have kids or grandkids. Think about them. If your kids or grandkids who is only 3 years old and he is in a school next to a homeless shelter with lots of mentally unstable or even prior offenders, would you feel comfortable for this? Wouldn't you be worried every day? My kid is going to Cedar Crest Academy this coming September. He is only 3 years old and not able to protect himself in most of the cases. So what if any of these mentally unstable people attack him? Or hurt any of the kiddos????? Would the city be responsible for that????? Would you be responsible for that????? We strongly encourage you our city councilmembers to impose reasonable regulations on any homeless shelter located in Kirkland including a "safe distance" or buffer from schools and child care facilities of not less than 1000 feet. Please keep our kids safe!!! Sincerely, Dee Wu, A very worried parent Dee Wu
- 2/17/2022 8:34 Dear Councilmembers, Thank you for your work assisting King County's Health through Housing Initiative to provide safe stable supportive housing for people experiencing chronic homelessness. Thanks, Gloria Imelda Mead Gloria Mead

- 2/17/2022 8:33 Dear Kirkland Elected Officials and City Council! As a parent attending yesterday's town-hall meeting, I was deeply troubled by some of the strange arguments made in support of the supportive housing near school. As I wish the City Council would be wise enough to see how desperately irrational these social experimenters have become. Let's take a look at what Ms M. J Carlson had to say: > Not everyone with a sex offense on record is a threat to their neighbors. What kind of thought process is this? Not every red-light running kills people so let's remove the red lights. Not every house end up having CO problems so why install smoke detectors? Not every CO2 emission contributes to climate change (some are absorbed by plants) so why worry about greenhouse gas? > Research shows that sex offenders actually have incredibly low re offense rates and living next to a school does not change those rates also in some I have no words. "research" might show that having sex offenders around is good for the overall long-term health of the sex victims? Or maybe sex offenders bring us luck and fortune that we just didn't know to appreciate? > It's frankly weird to be suddenly concerned about sex offenders in support of housing if you weren't already worried about sex offenders staying at the hotel I appreciate the frankness. But I really wished logic was in the company. It would be a better use of everyone's time if the speaker was at least capable of telling the difference between stationing sex offenders 100 ft near your children, permanently, making sure that the repeat offenders are always lurking around vs. having no control of some criminals at large could swing by on the street or stay one night in the hotel. I probably can't worry about being hit by a car everyday, but that doesn't mean I want my kids standing on a high-way! Plus, last I checked, many apartments do background checks too to rule out as many bad apples as possible. Have we lost our common sense? > It would genuinely not make sense to bar people from help from this housing for having a sex offense without taking the circumstances into account. This is my biggest confusion from both this lady and the Council's decision for not using criminal record checks. I'll give the lady the benefit of doubt that she doesn't really understand what she's talking about. But does the council truly believe that their guts' feeling is safer than the objective criminal record? Or perhaps all America needed is to hire the County's screeners at the DoJ since they are the almighty, all-knowing gods in disguise? And America's criminal data that were collected over many years, stained by victims' blood, is useless? > Doing so wouldn't keep our kids safe, anyway. Right. How easy it is to say that keeping sex offenders, repeat offenders at distance to your children wouldn't keep them safe. If the County and Kirkland City really believe it, may I ask the City to put this as an official testimony on your website? Keeping sex offenders, repeat offenders at distance to your children would NOT keep them safe. > I really wish that keeping kids safe was as simple as making sure that no one with a criminal record was ever near them. This feels somewhat repeating what Mr Leo from King County was saying: that there is no absolute safety, even today. Although it's such an obvious Sophistry. Of course no one can guarantee absolute safety, not by keeping repeat offenders away, not by having an army right around you, not by sitting in a bunker. But you know what's a great way to make sure that children are NOT safe? I bet busing some repeat criminals around them is a pretty cost-effective way to create a few more sex offense and violence victims at their young age. My apologies for appearing impatient. And I just hope that our City officials are wiser than that and this email is completely moot. See attached for full text
- 2/17/2022 8:31 Dear Councilmembers, Thank you for your work assisting King County's Health through Housing Initiative to provide safe stable supportive housing for people experiencing chronic homelessness. Thanks, Oolaa kaplan Wa resident 98008
- 2/17/2022 8:30 Esteemed Councilmembers, Thanks so much for working to assist the King County's Health through Housing Initiative to provide safe stable supportive housing for people experiencing chronic homelessness. You are doing valuable work for the less fortunate among us. Elizabeth Sanders

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- 2/17/2022 8:22 Hi Toby, My name is Faria. I live in Kirkland and both my kids go to Eastside prep. I have seen you be very responsive on Facebook and be a neutral and fair person. I would like to understand the county and the city plan for La Quinta hotel as PSH. The school that my kids go to is right next to the hotel. I work fulltime so my kids take the public bus in the morning, I try my best to pick them up in the evening but it's not always possible so they do take the bus at night as well. I would like to keep our city safe while giving back, I am sure we all want to do the right thing. We have all seen projects not run well and fail in Seattle. The new mayor of Seattle is under so much pressure. There are some projects in Tacoma as well and have not been run well at all! I dont want our beautiful city to make unthought out decisions. I am sure you are aware of issues that can arise from executing on a mission without a clear plan. I wanted to ask if we can speak for maybe 15 minutes and see what you are thinking. Please let me know your availability on Friday and if there is an opportunity for us to speak. Thank you, Faria Faria Khalid
- 2/16/2022 17:31 Mayor Sweet and City Council We have great concern about the County's proposal for a PSH at the La Quinta Inn less than 100' from schools and we demand that you to pause your approval to the County until a public process that carefully considers all the risks of locating this type of facility close to schools takes place Kirkland City Council hides the County's plans for a permanent supportive housing facility for the homeless from the Citizens of Kirkland. It has become clear that the City of Kirkland Mayor and City Council hid the County's plans for a facility at the La Quinta hotel located less than 100' from schools from the Citizens of Kirkland. When this was exposed, they quickly approved it without a public debate or careful deliberate public process. We all want to find solutions for the homeless crisis. Locating a facility next to multiple schools should be something that is seriously considered through a process that allows public input, examines other similar facilities near schools and carefully considers the risks to children before approval. Kirkland did none of these! The children of Kirkland deserve better. Mayor Sweet even stated that this location would create the model to determine the danger of locating a PSH next to schools which is an awfully dangerous experiment to run at the expense and safety of our children. Kirkland City Code allows it to put buffers or safe separations between uses that might have an effect on Children and they should carefully consider that option here. The La Quinta facility has windows less than 100' from school buildings containing classrooms. In 2019, Kirkland approved a facility close to Lake Washington High School and explicitly mentioned a 1,000' buffer. What has changed since? The County has indicated that they will not go ahead with a facility that is not approved by a city and it is therefore the responsibility of our City Council to stop hiding and have an open public process that considers the risks to children before approval. The City Council needs to push the pause button now! Over 3,000 parents, residents, concerned citizens, business owners and stakeholders have signed a petition asking the City of Kirkland for safe distances from schools. Alex Chen

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- 2/16/2022 17:29 ****Please put this email under written public comments for the 2/15/22 City Council Meeting**** Hello Councilmembers, I am a long time Kirkland resident who is supportive of the City purchasing La Quinta Inn as supportive housing for adults experiencing homelessness. I also fully support the Housing First model, and I'm glad to hear the city is looking at implementing these types of policies. The alternative to a lack of supportive housing or services for people experiencing homelessness in our community is that they either travel to another city to seek these supportive services, or to take their chances camping in the woods. Individuals who have substance abuse issues and/or mental health disorders often face the greatest barriers to getting into permanent, stable housing, and are among the most stigmatized. Many facilities have strict, high barrier requirements which tends to exclude these folks. I think it's great that there is a commitment to work with future residents of La Quinta Inn who may be experiencing these issues, to resolve the root cause of any disruptive behaviors that may occur as symptoms of these issues, rather than just outright removing them from the program and the property. From the time I was a teenager, I have known many friends and peers who have struggled with addiction and/or mental health issues. Many fell into homelessness, and some to this day are still struggling. All of them deserve to be housed, and receive the adequate services. Lastly, I strongly oppose extra fencing, policing or surveillance of La Quinta or any such properties, and ask that you oppose these calls. This is basically an apartment complex, not a prison, and such measures violate the cities' commitment to being a welcoming, and inclusive community. Sincerely, Alycia Ramirez Alycia Ramirez

- 2/16/2022 17:22 Hello, Thank you for the Zoom meeting tonight. As suggested to attendees, I am emailing out of concern. As one of 52 home owners located less than a half mile from the La Quinta hotel, why have we not been contacted? Are we not considered major stakeholders? We would have appreciated a meeting similar to the one arranged with Eastside Prep school. I have reached out directly to City Manager Kurt Triplett by email on 2/3/2022. No response was provided. Has a purchase and sale agreement been signed with the hotel owner? I would like to know what other facilities were considered and why the La Quinta property is superior? Especially since the subject property is neighboring a school and four day care centers are in close proximity. Prior to executing any sale, we deserve clear answers. Hoping things work out is not a good plan. Best regards, Anthony Donovan 18 year resident of Kirkland Anthony Donovan
- 2/16/2022 17:21 I have lived near La Quinta hotel for 11 years and want to tell you that all families in my neighborhood and/or whose children attend all the schools near there are STRONGLY opposed to having homeless drug addicts/dealers and people with criminal history anywhere near where we live or near our kids. Please know that families who pay taxes will be forced to move out of the neighborhood for their own safety. The schools near La Quinta will be forced to shut down because parents DO NOT want their children to attend school in an unsafe location. Please protect our neighborhood and the children. Its your job to support and protect the majority of the people in Kirkland and not just cater to a small subset at the expense of all the others. Please DO NOT destroy Kirkland or make it like the filthy mess and unsafe place that Seattle has become !! Thank you Smita

- 2/16/2022 17:20 City Manager and City Council Members: I urgently request that you conditionally withdraw your support to King County of the purchase of the La Quinta Inn for the Health Through Housing initiative immediately. We would all like to see better outcomes for the disabled individuals that are the target audience for "low barrier" conditional supportive housing. That does not change. That also does not mean that the La Quinta is very likely a terribly wrong location for this. Leo from the county mentioned in another session that as for criteria, he "walked around" and thought it would be okay. What? You must do the safety, planning and other due diligence BEFORE saying you support the purchase. NOW is the time to "Hold Up" and make sure you are not making a HUGE mistake with irreparable damage. The damage could take many forms but, if in anyway an innocent person is assaulted by one of these residents in Kirkland or the surrounding area, it is 100% on each of you. Will none of you object to this proceeding in the face of such damning evidence? You will all be guilty of gross negligence to the residents and various stakeholders of the City of Kirkland. This is not something you should approve in a cavalier or flippant way as it appears that you have. The example of Sophia Way is not at all an equivalent and simply underscored how very wrong and uneducated you seem to be about the proposed population if you truly think it a comparison. It is clear that the City Manager and City Council members STILL can't answer the most basic safety and operational questions about this proposed facility and yet have already sent approval to the county. This is wrong. ***You must withdraw approval until you can be confident and knowledgeable about the safety of the facility at this location to the entire community.*** If that can't be reasonably done, you must regretfully say you simply don't have an appropriate facility/location for this population of homeless within any area of Kirkland at this time. More to consider: Will flagrant shoplifting crimes at Met Market, Bartell's, the gas station convenience store on LW Blvd. be prosecuted aggressively by the city? How about small businesses downtown? Will you immediately remove garbage & people in tents from our city parks and the Cross Kirkland Corridor? ***By what criteria and legal authority would you have the ability to reverse course and ask King County to shut down the facility if it is deemed too dangerous to the immediate community after the fact? Will you authorize Kirkland PD to remove pan handlers on public private property? Think Houghton, Downtown Kirkland on the sidewalks? Will you legally enforce public defecation laws? Have you spoken with the city prosecutor about this yet? Do you have a plan to prosecute crimes occurring in vehicles in the La Quinta parking lot? Drug deals, illegal drug consumption in vehicles, prostitution, unauthorized overnight camping all within 100 yards of a school and within .25 miles of 800 children in school or childcare? Have you considered a safety plan for everyone taking transit at the South Kirkland Park and Ride at all times of the day including the current residents in low income housing there? Do you understand that if a resident is suffering from addiction of drugs or alcohol that being around other residents that are using is 100% the wrong environment for them to recover? Have you considered where these residents will go during the day if not employed which is not a requirement? Have you from a fiduciary standpoint already estimated what other costs around police, fire, sanitation, municipal court system etc that this will cost the city directly? If you can't answer these questions and more, you must withdraw support until you can confidently answer these questions for yourself and the concerned residents of Kirkland. See attached for full text
- 2/16/2022 17:18 Dear Councilmembers, Thank you for your work assisting King County's Health through Housing Initiative to provide safe stable supportive housing for people experiencing chronic homelessness. Thanks, Susan Vossler

Jennifer Loy

Susan Vossler

- 2/16/2022 17:14 I have lived in Kirkland for 20 years. I have supported the United Methodist Church, on 132nd Ave with their Car & tent camping events, as well as Helens Place & Sophias Way. There was a male squatter, who was kicked out of the United Methodist Church tent camping program, and was sleeping adjacent to my property. The Kirkland Police then removed the individual. These places (i.e., Helens Place and the others mentioned) had been well planned and have demonstrated they can manage these operations with community safety in mind. Will the City Council & Mayor allow a Town meeting on the subject of the La Quinta Inn Homeless Shelter as stated by the City Manager Kurt Triplett to take place so Kirkland residents can voice their opinions as to whether this shelter is well planned? Will the city perform background checks of these intended inhabitants? The Seattle Red Lion Inn shelter which King County purchased has already reported an unmanageable uptick in crime, open air drug use, homeless activity and vagrancy, are we to believe that the County and City have the ability to manage these Eastside shelters for keeping our community safe? I should note that King County voters in the past had overwhelmingly rejected housing funding for large homeless populations, because it was an invitation for 10s of thousands to transit to Washington state and it wasn't fair to Tax local residents for some Socialist dream. We have a local problem with young Homeless individuals, of which 425 for Bellevue SD & LWSD, in years 2020&2021, but King County doesn't allow these people in the new hotel shelters according to King County rules, which are only for Adults. Where do these Adults come from? Are they Legal citizens of the US? Will the Kirkland Police dept. be overwhelm with increase crime because of inability to integrate these unknown adults into our community? Will there be Language barrier issues for the Police and others to manage the La Quinta Inn inhabitants? Mayor Sweet will you limit Kirkland Police in making the community safe just like the Seattle Mayor did? Will Kirkland Government shift Seattle crime to the Eastside allowing people of unknown backgrounds to inhabit Kirkland? Please allow a Town meeting on the subject so Kirkland residents can provide their input on this important issue. Thank you, Dan Harrison Dan Harrison
- 2/16/2022 17:13 Mayor Sweet and City Council We have great concern about the County's proposal for a PSH at the La Quinta Inn less than 100' from schools and we demand that you to pause your approval to the County until a public process that carefully considers all the risks of locating this type of facility close to schools takes place Olesya Shulga
- 2/16/2022 17:11 Dear Councilmembers, Thank you for your work assisting King County's Health through Housing Initiative to provide safe stable supportive housing for people experiencing chronic homelessness. I know there was vocal opposition, so your courage in standing up for the homeless is even more commendable. Thank you, Betty McNiel Betty McNiel
- 2/16/2022 17:11 Dear Councilmembers, I just wanted to thank you for buying the La Quinta property to provide temporary housing for people who are homeless. The first priority should be to provide a safe haven for people, and this will do that! I strongly support this humanitarian action, and appreciate your work on behalf of people going through a variety of difficult situations. Best Regards, Laura Robinson 7704 NE 140th st Kirkland, WA Laura Robinson
- 2/16/2022 17:10 Dear Councilmembers, Thank you for making sure that people experiencing chronic homelessness have places to go on the Eastside. I am a frequent patron of BurgerMaster and I am delighted that this facility will be near a transit center and a great place to grab a burger. Gratefully, Ruth Lipscomb Ruth Lipscomb
- 2/16/2022 15:49 This is a disaster waiting to happen. If this goes through you not only risk children, but the actual homeless you intend to help. They will be even more ostracized because you will have angry citizens protecting their neighborhoods and protesting constantly. You better look at the experiment in Renton before you let this happen. There is no washing your hands of this if it goes through. This deal looks like a backroom deal that we expect from NYC in the 1800's. Lawsuits are already beginning and it will likely get worse. You would have a much better response if this was a rehab center run by a professional private organization. GET IT RIGHT!!!! Shawn Kearney

2/16/2022 15:46

Dear Mayor Sweet, Kirkland Council Members and Kirkland Planning Commission Members I am a Kirkland resident for 20 years, these are my thoughts with you regarding the proposed homeless shelter at the La Quinta Hotel in Kirkland and future homeless shelters in Kirkland. 1. We recognize that the homeless crisis is a problem that we all need to work together to solve and acknowledge that locating a shelter for homeless can be difficult and controversial. 2. We strongly feel that any location must be a safe location for the community and understand that under State law (HB 1220) Cities are required to allow homeless shelters but have the authority and ability to determine "reasonable standards to protect public health and safety"§3. Our children are our most precious resource and it is our obligation and the obligation of the city to ensure their health and safety 4. The City of Kirkland thoughtfully and responsibly in its zoning code stipulates "safe distance requirements"§and buffers between many uses. This takes the form of buffers between homes and between residential and commercial uses and by stipulating safe distance requirements between uses that might have an impact on our children. For example, Adult Entertainment facilities are not allowed within 1,500' of schools and Marijuana retailers are not allowed within 1,000' of child care facilities. 5. King County is currently proposing a shelter location at the La Quinta Hotel that is adjacent to Eastside Preparatory School and very close to Chestnut Montessori School, Yarrow Bay KinderCare and Cedar Crest Academy. No other King County Shelter is that close to a school. 6. We encourage you our city leaders to impose reasonable regulations on any homeless shelter located in Kirkland including a "safe distance"§or buffer from schools and child care facilities of not less than 500' to 1,000' 7. We also encourage you our city leaders to have an open, transparent public dialogue on this subject so that any proposed location can be carefully vetted and all stakeholders have ample opportunity to provide feedback before its approval We want to help the homeless but please keep our Kids Safe! Put a safe buffer between shelters and schools in Kirkland, Sharon Kasel Mother and very involved Kirkland Resident for the two decades

Sharon Kasel

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- Nicolae Mogoreanu

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- 2/16/2022 15:10 ****Please put this email under written public comments for the 2/15/22 City Council Meeting**** Hello Councilmembers, I am a long time Kirkland resident who is supportive of the City purchasing La Quinta Inn as supportive housing for adults experiencing homelessness. I also fully support the Housing First model, and I'm glad to hear the city is looking at implementing these types of policies. The alternative to a lack of supportive housing or services for people experiencing homelessness in our community is that they either travel to another city to seek these supportive services, or to take their chances camping in the woods. Individuals who have substance abuse issues and/or mental health disorders often face the greatest barriers to getting into permanent, stable housing, and are among the most stigmatized. Many facilities have strict, high barrier requirements which tends to exclude these folks. I think it's great that there is a commitment to work with future residents of La Quinta Inn who may be experiencing these issues, to resolve the root cause of any disruptive behaviors that may occur as symptoms of these issues, rather than just outright removing them from the program and the property. From the time I was a teenager, I have known many friends and peers who have struggled with addiction and/or mental health issues. Many fell into homelessness, and some to this day are still struggling. All of them deserve to be housed, and receive the adequate services. Lastly, I strongly oppose extra fencing, policing or surveillance of La Quinta or any such properties, and ask that you oppose these calls. This is basically an apartment complex, not a prison, and such measures violate the cities' commitment to being a welcoming, and inclusive community. Sincerely, Alycia Ramirez Alycia Ramirez

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Monica

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Franky Wang

- 2/16/2022 14:59 Dear Kelli Curtis, While i support and commend the initiatives by King County and by the City of Kirkland to help solve homelessness, I am concerned about school children's safety and oppose using the La Quinta hotel of Kirkland for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH). The location of the La Quinta hotel makes it a poor choice for a PSH for the following reasons: 1. The hotel is within the same block as three schools (Chestnut Montessori, Eastside Preparatory School, and Cedar Crest Academy) with students aged from preschool to 12th grade. The nearest distance from the hotel to a school building is merely 100 feet, literally a stone's throw away. We do not have precedence of this low buffer especially for PSH and even women's shelter (close to LW High school) is atleast a 1000 ft away. 2. In contrast, the hotel is distances away from facilities and services needed by PSH residents. For example, the nearest hospital (Overlake Medical Center) is a 15-minute drive away. To go to the nearest grocery store (QFC at 2636 Bellevue Way NE), it will take an 18 minute walk for a disabled PSH resident who cannot drive. During a Town Hall meeting held on February 9, 2022, King County and Kirkland City officials were unequivocally and unapologetically clear that the safety of school children nearby was not among the criteria when they selected the La Quinta hotel as the site for a new PSH. In other words, the PSH site was chosen without considering the environmental impact, including some of the most vulnerable people, the school children, whose lives will be impacted by their decisions. That is a betrayal of trust by their constituents and is not acceptable. I urge you to pause the purchase of La Quinta hotel, consider impacts on and input from all your constituents before taking the next step. Sincerely, Priya Padmanabhan
- Priya Padmanabhan
- 2/16/2022 10:46 Please do not allow the homeless shelter in Kirkland. It is right beside a school and is the main thoroughfare for bicyclists to enter and exit 520. This is not the type of facility we need in this area. Thank you. Gordon lotzkar
- Gordon Lotzkar
- 2/16/2022 10:38 hi Mayor Sweet and City Council, We have serious questions and concerns about the County's proposal for a PSH at the La Quinta Inn which is feet away (and of course also less than 100') from schools and we demand that you to stop approval to the County until a public process that carefully reviews all the involved risks of locating this type of facility close to schools. It has become clear that the City of Kirkland Mayor and City Council hid the County's plans for a facility at the La Quinta hotel located less than 100' from schools from the Citizens of Kirkland. When this was exposed, they quickly approved it without a public debate or careful deliberate public process. We all want to find solutions for the homeless crisis. Locating a facility next to multiple schools should be something that is seriously considered through a process that allows public input, examines other similar facilities near schools and carefully considers the risks to children before approval. Kirkland did none of these! The children of Kirkland deserve better. Mayor Sweet even stated that this location would create the model to determine the danger of locating a PSH next to schools which is an awfully dangerous experiment to run at the expense and safety of our children. Kirkland City Code allows it to put buffers or safe separations between uses that might have an effect on Children and they should carefully consider that option here. The La Quinta facility has windows less than 100' from school buildings containing classrooms. In 2019, Kirkland approved a facility close to Lake Washington High School and explicitly mentioned a 1,000' buffer. What has changed since? The County has indicated that they will not go ahead with a facility that is not approved by a city and it is therefore the responsibility of our City Council to stop hiding and have an open public process that considers the risks to children before approval. The City Council needs to push the pause button now! Over 3,000 parents, residents, concerned citizens, business owners and stakeholders have signed a petition asking the City of Kirkland for safe distances from schools. We need to pause, think hard as a community and find a real solution that works well for both the homeless people and for our community. Sincerely, Hanchuan Peng
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- 2/16/2022 10:35 Dear Mayor Sweet and City Council, As it unveils in the recent weeks, many community members have expressed great support to the city of Kirkland and King County to build a PSH to help the homeless. There is no doubt we all want to help. So as a citizen and community member of Kirkland, I whole-heartedly support your decision. However we all know good intentions and strong ambitions alone doe not necessarily lead to good results. We need solid plans and thorough studies to make every step we take will not cause any damage to trust of any other citizens, or risk any other group of citizens, especially when we are talking about young future citizens of our city and our state. Therefore I am writing to express my deep, deep concern on the location selection process that county and city is taking for the PSH near several schools with 0 buffer zone. As much as I appreciate some of the benefits of this location to the homeless people, I strongly disagree this is a best suitable location for city of kirkland after studying over 20 hotels and motels in Kirkland. I can name several hotes near totem lake that has vast more benefits to the homeless community without increasing the risk to the minors in three schools near the current PSH site. Mayor Sweet, I attended the town hall event with EPS school and you stated that this location would create the model to determine the danger of locating a PSH next to schools which is an awfully dangerous experiment to run at the expense and safety of our children. Kirkland City Code allows it to put buffers or safe separations between uses that might have an effect on Children and they should carefully consider that option here. The La Quinta facility has windows less than 100' from school buildings containing classrooms. In 2019, Kirkland approved a facility close to Lake Washington High School and explicitly mentioned a 1,000' buffer. What has changed since? The County has indicated that they will not go ahead with a facility that is not approved by a city and it is therefore the responsibility of our City Council to stop hiding and have an open public process that considers the risks to children before approval. The City Council needs to push the pause button now! Over 3,000 parents, residents, concerned citizens, business owners and stakeholders have signed a petition asking the City of Kirkland for safe distances from schools. We need to pause, think hard as a community and find a real solution that works well for both the homeless people and for our community. -CY

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Brian Zhou

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Debbie Brown

- 2/16/2022 10:07 Greetings, Council Members, As a resident in Kirkland, I urge you to reconsider the placement of homeless people in hotel La Quinta Inn. The hotel is right next to a couple of schools and also within 1-mile walking distance to a total of 12 schools including (pre-schools and daycares). This combined with a high percentage of homeless individuals being victims of substance abuse could reflect onto the young children in these areas. A negative influence such as substance abuse could scar a growing child's life in many ways; all of which are negative. Such a placement will potentially have a direct impact on more than 2000 students in these schools. Just a few weeks ago, on Jan 15th 2022, a woman who devoted many of her personal hours in helping the homeless got killed by a homeless person who pushed her onto the subway tracks in the NY city. The homeless man served two prison terms and was also once charged with drug possession. He was dismissed from the trial because of his mental state. Also, just a few days ago, a homeless Seattle man brutally beat a woman with a baseball bat during a random attack as she walked home. "The randomness, the viciousness of it. It's absolutely disturbing that's why we rush filed the case," said the King County Prosecutor's Office, as per KOMO News. How can we ensure such a tragedy will never happen in our community? While homeless people need help and personally I am in support of offering them appropriate help, it must be done in a proper way so that no more hard-working people will be put in danger. It is unfair for the kids, their families and the residents living in the area to live in fear of danger. I am also very confused as to why such a decision is made without informing the general public? Does the council expect concerns from residents in the area if putting the idea on the table? More transparent communication, discussion, and detailed planning including accountability will in fact help the situation. While we want to help the homeless people, we must consider the same for other people; especially the children who attend those schools. Their safety is incredibly important. In short, as a local resident and voter, my family will oppose this arrangement of placing homeless people in the La Quinta Inn. Sincerely, Jeff
- Jefferson Ye
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- 2/16/2022 9:58 Dear Kirkland Council and Mayor , We all want to find solutions for the homeless people, but let's plan ahead instead of making rushed decisions before the need to use the budget. Buying land in an expensive area will serve maybe 100 people. Buying or building in less expensive areas may afford serving 1000 people . Why this need to place the shelter in such area in Kirkland? Do you need the prices for the houses to go down? It will only diminish your income from property taxes. Can the city/ council provide any reports and/or analysis to show that it is not a rushed decision? What happened in other areas where these shelters were created? What happen with the ones that do not follow the rules of the shelter? They are not accepted, and guess where they will go....in a tent on the 520 bike trail...next to the bridge, etc. Who will help the citizens then? As a citizen of Kirkland, who can we reach out if they come to our property? Are the Police going to help if they have mental issues and cannot reason with them? Is the City/Council going to help? What will be my resources ? What is the City/council doing to empower the people housed in these types of buildings? Are they offered jobs so they can be self-reliable? There are job openings everywhere you look. Why are we enabling bad behavior or punish the people that worked hard to be where they are? I wake up every day and go to work so I can pay my bills, mortgage, etc. Also, who gets to be housed in these types of hotels? Are they Kirkland residents that couldn't pay their dues during pandemic, or are they from different states looking for better benefits? Just a worried mom with a family of young kids (5 and 9 years old). Best regards, Simona

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Simona Calin

2/16/2022 9:56

Kirkland City Council hides the County's plans for a permanent supportive housing facility for the homeless from the Citizens of Kirkland. It has become clear that the City of Kirkland Mayor and City Council hid the County's plans for a facility at the La Quinta hotel located less than 100' from schools from the Citizens of Kirkland. When this was exposed, they quickly approved it without a public debate or careful deliberate public process. We all want to find solutions for the homeless crisis. Locating a facility next to multiple schools should be something that is seriously considered through a process that allows public input, examines other similar facilities near schools and carefully considers the risks to children before approval. Kirkland did none of these! The children of Kirkland deserve better. Mayor Sweet even stated that this location would create the model to determine the danger of locating a PSH next to schools which is an awfully dangerous experiment to run at the expense and safety of our children. Kirkland City Code allows it to put buffers or safe separations between uses that might have an effect on Children and they should carefully consider that option here. The La Quinta facility has windows less than 100' from school buildings containing classrooms. In 2019, Kirkland approved a facility close to Lake Washington High School and explicitly mentioned a 1,000' buffer. What has changed since? The County has indicated that they will not go ahead with a facility that is not approved by a city and it is therefore the responsibility of our City Council to stop hiding and have an open public process that considers the risks to children before approval. The City Council needs to push the pause button now! Over 3,000 parents, residents, concerned citizens, business owners and stakeholders have signed a petition asking the City of Kirkland for safe distances from schools. "ç We need to send a message to the Mayor and Kirkland City Council that it is wrong that they hid the County's plans from Kirkland. The City Council should first and foremost protect the safety of its children. Kirkland deserves better. Kirkland deserves transparency. "ç We need to demand that the Kirkland Council pauses their approval to the County. "ç We need to demand that the Kirkland Council initiates a public process that reasonably weighs the risks of locating this facility less than 100' from a school before approval. "ç We need the council to hear your voice Mayor Sweet and City Council "" We have great concern about the County's proposal for a PSH at the La Quinta Inn less than 100' from schools and we demand that you to pause your approval to the County until a public process that carefully considers all the risks of locating this type of facility close to schools takes place

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- 2/15/2022 15:04 Dear Councilmembers, Thank you for your work assisting King County's Health through Housing Initiative to provide safe stable supportive housing for people experiencing chronic homelessness. Thanks, Ruth Lipscomb
- 2/15/2022 14:59 Dear Councilmembers, Thank you for your work assisting King County's Health through Housing Initiative to provide safe stable supportive housing for people experiencing chronic homelessness. Thanks, Gavin Sing

2/15/2022 14:57 Dear Kirkland City Council and Penny Sweet, I have lived in the City of Kirkland for 20 years; I am so sad to see the city I love, and treasure be ruined by the agreement our city council made with King County to turn La Quinta hotel into homeless housing. The citizens of Kirkland did not get notified or a vote in this decision. Allowing the homeless to live right next to Eastside Prep, a Montessori school and daycare center is unthinkable. I attended the protest on February 9th and talked to so many of the protesters who were parents of the students that attend these schools, they were so distressed and many of them have started praying because they see no other way to have their voices heard. We invested so much time and effort into the cross-corridor trail, a safe way for Kirkland residents to get out, exercise and enjoy the great Pacific Northwest, with a homeless hotel nearby the cross-corridor trail will no longer be a safe place to walk alone. I have always felt safe walking in Kirkland this will no longer be the case. Somehow the citizens are going to have to band together to figure out how we feel safe in a city we love. Please stop this madness of turning the La Quinta hotel into homeless housing, you are destroying our city. Alix Despard Kirkland City Council hides the County's plans for a permanent supportive housing facility for the homeless from the Citizens of Kirkland. It has become clear that the City of Kirkland Mayor and City Council hid the County's plans for a facility at the La Quinta hotel located less than 100' from schools from the Citizens of Kirkland. When this was exposed, they quickly approved it without a public debate or careful deliberate public process. We all want to find solutions for the homeless crisis. Locating a facility next to multiple schools should be something that is seriously considered through a process that allows public input, examines other similar facilities near schools and carefully considers the risks to children before approval. Kirkland did none of these! The children of Kirkland deserve better. Mayor Sweet even stated that this location would create the model to determine the danger of locating a PSH next to schools which is an awfully dangerous experiment to run at the expense and safety of our children. Kirkland City Code allows it to put buffers or safe separations between uses that might have an effect on children and they should carefully consider that option here. The La Quinta facility has windows less than 100' from school buildings containing classrooms. In 2019, Kirkland approved a facility close to Lake Washington High School and explicitly mentioned a 1,000' buffer. What has changed since? The County has indicated that they will not go ahead with a facility that is not approved by a city and it is therefore the responsibility of our City Council to stop hiding and have an open public process that considers the risks to children before approval. The City Council needs to push the pause button now! Over 3,000 parents, residents, concerned citizens, business owners and stakeholders have signed a petition asking the City of Kirkland for safe distances from schools. "ç We need to send a message to the Mayor and Kirkland City Council that it is wrong that they hid the County's plans from Kirkland. The City Council should first and foremost protect the safety of its children. Kirkland deserves better. Kirkland deserves transparency. "ç We need to demand that the Kirkland Council pauses their approval to the County. "ç We need to demand that the Kirkland Council initiates a public process that reasonably weighs the risks of locating this facility less than 100' from a school before approval. (1/2)

Alix Despard

- 2/15/2022 14:56 As a member of the Kirkland business community, employing over 100 people in our city, it worries me that the Kirkland City Council's is disregarding community standards in its decision making. Leaders that say, it will be a good experiment to see if this type of facility is dangerous for our children is disturbing and quite honestly not leadership. Please listen to the voices below and relook at your leadership / decision process. Please. Thank you, Tom Barr | President Sono Bello 5250 Carillon Point Kirkland, WA 98033 Direct 425.202.1189 Kirkland City Council hides the County's plans for a permanent supportive housing facility for the homeless from the Citizens of Kirkland. It has become clear that the City of Kirkland Mayor and City Council hid the County's plans for a facility at the La Quinta hotel located less than 100' from schools from the Citizens of Kirkland. When this was exposed, they quickly approved it without a public debate or careful deliberate public process. We all want to find solutions for the homeless crisis. Locating a facility next to multiple schools should be something that is seriously considered through a process that allows public input, examines other similar facilities near schools and carefully considers the risks to children before approval. Kirkland did none of these! The children of Kirkland deserve better. Mayor Sweet even stated that this location would create the model to determine the danger of locating a PSH next to schools which is an awfully dangerous experiment to run at the expense and safety of our children. Kirkland City Code allows it to put buffers or safe separations between uses that might have an effect on Children and they should carefully consider that option here. The La Quinta facility has windows less than 100' from school buildings containing classrooms. In 2019, Kirkland approved a facility close to Lake Washington High School and explicitly mentioned a 1,000' buffer. What has changed since? The County has indicated that they will not go ahead with a facility that is not approved by a city and it is therefore the responsibility of our City Council to stop hiding and have an open public process that considers the risks to children before approval. The City Council needs to push the pause button now! Over 3,000 parents, residents, concerned citizens, business owners and stakeholders have signed a petition asking the City of Kirkland for safe distances from schools. "ç We need to send a message to the Mayor and Kirkland City Council that it is wrong that they hid the County's plans from Kirkland. The City Council should first and foremost protect the safety of its children. Kirkland deserves better. Kirkland deserves transparency. "ç We need to demand that the Kirkland Council pauses their approval to the County. "ç We need to demand that the Kirkland Council initiates a public process that reasonably weighs the risks of locating this facility less than 100' from a school before approval. "ç We need the council to hear your voice Mayor Sweet and City Council "" We have great concern about the County's proposal for a PSH at the La Quinta Inn less than 100' from schools and we demand that you to pause your approval to the County until a public process that carefully considers all the risks of locating this type of facility close to schools takes place
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Thomas Barr

Rachel Doyle

- 2/15/2022 14:49 The fact that this is even being considered leaves me truly wondering how you as a mayor or Council are able to process standard logic or critical thinking, the real question is, can you??!! I have been a resident of Washington for some time and have slowly been watching this great state get inundated with idiotic rules, laws, and regulations over the years that it has become almost unlivable in certain areas, and the City of Seattle is no exception. Now this moronic logic is now trying to work its way across the lake to this part of the city like a cancer that no one is truly trying to eliminate and cure, instead they are giving it food or fuel to grow its dangerous path, and you are the ones helping it. I can tell you this, if you push this through, I will do whatever it takes to make sure that anyone running against you in the coming elections gets my support and money to get you removed from your place as a leader(s). A leader runs with logic, intelligence, and concern, there is NONE OF THIS in this plan to put a in essence rehab center next to a kid's school for God's sake! Also, if anything were to happen to any one of those kids by these unstable patrons that you are looking to house right next to them, you would have a day of reckoning I can promise you and that would be truly unfortunate. So please use your heads and think logically, I am not for not helping those in need, but I am for using common sense. Don't make this mistake. Thank You, John Dyer John Dyer
- 2/15/2022 14:49 Dear Councilmembers, Thank you for your work assisting King County's Health through Housing Initiative to provide safe stable supportive housing for people experiencing chronic homelessness. In addition to helping people experiencing homelessness, the Health Through Housing Initiative improves life for all King County residents, by supporting general public health and by making our downtown areas feel safer. Thanks, Sherry Bupp Sherry Bupp
- 2/15/2022 14:28 Dear Councilmembers, Thank you for your work assisting King County's Health through Housing Initiative to provide safe stable supportive housing for people experiencing chronic homelessness. Thanks, Daniel Weise Kirkland Resident for the past 25 years Daniel Weise
- 2/15/2022 14:27 Dear Councilmembers, Thank you for your work assisting King County's Health through Housing Initiative to provide safe stable supportive housing for people experiencing chronic homelessness. Beverly Marcus Kirkland 98033 Beverly Marcus
- 2/15/2022 14:26 Dear Councilmembers, Thank you for your work assisting King County's Health through Housing Initiative to provide safe stable supportive housing for people experiencing chronic homelessness. Kind regards, Lissa Treadway Lissa Treadway
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- 2/15/2022 14:23 Greeting All, Thank you for your time. In exploring all the information and listening to the meeting last week, the City of Kirkland needs to pause and take a step back with this purchase. Listen and work with all the community members, review city zoning codes and then take the next course of action. Your position is to represent the WHOLE COMMUNITY - this is not representing the community, this appears to be a ONE-SIDED process. This sale should not proceed without all the proper due diligence, especially since this involves the SAFETY OF CHILDREN. This SHOULD NOT be a rushed event. This is putting the safety of 100's and 100's of children at risk. These kids should be able to go to school and feel safe without added security measures. I believe introducing additional RISK to the CHILDREN CONCERNING THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE is not what any community wants. These children are 6 months old infants, toddlers, kindergarteners, middle school students and high school kids in the close proximity to the La Quinta Inn (the proposed homeless shelter). As a reminder, they are vulnerable minors; and we, as well as the City Council who represents the people here, have constitutional liability to safeguard them: - Yarrow Bay KinderCare: Ages from 6 weeks to 5 years - Chestnut Montessori School: Early childhood programs ages 2-6 - Cedar Crest Academy: 112 students Pre-K-kindergarten - Eastside Preparatory School: Over 500 kids in grades 5-12 Addressing the homeless crisis is important but it shouldn't add Safety concerns to our young children. I hope you can understand and appreciate our concerns. PUT YOURSELF IN OUR SHOES, would you want a homeless shelter having less than 100' from your children, your grandkids, your nieces and nephews, and/or family members school? People you love and hold Dear? Wouldn't you want a buffer zone? Send a survey out to the whole county - ask them how they would feel if a homeless shelter was placed 100' feet from their school? PLEASE DO NOT SACRIFICE OUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY WITH A HASTE DECISION!! Zoning YBD3 has no current regulations/exceptions in Kirkland for homeless housing. What regulations are you using to categorize this proposal? Is the County planning on making the zoning code usage change the purchase? This site should not be an experiment. Kirkland City Code allows it to put buffers or safe separation between uses that might have an effect on Children and they should carefully consider that upon here. The La Quinta facility has windows less than 100' from school buildings containing classrooms. In 2019, Kirkland approved a facility close to Lake Washington High School and explicitly mentioned a 1,000' buffer. What has changed since? The County has indicated that they will not go ahead with a facility that is not approved by a city and it is therefore the responsibility of our City Council to stop hiding and have an open public process that considers the risks to children before approval. The City Council needs to push the pause button NOW! PLEASE LISTEN TO THE COMMUNITY AND YOUR CONSTITUENCIES! I URGE YOU TO PAUSE THE PURCHASE OF LA QUINTA INN NOW, AND WORK TOGETHER WITH US! Sincerely, Emma J.
- 2/15/2022 14:21 Mayor Sweet and City Council "" We have great concern about the County's proposal for a PSH at the La Quinta Inn less than 100' from schools and we demand that you to pause your approval to the County until a public process that carefully considers all the risks of locating this type of facility close to schools takes place Please keep our community and kids safe and not take this irresponsible step forward. Thanks, Adil (a 6th grader)

Emma J

Adil Alam

2/15/2022 14:13 Dear Mayor Sweet, City Council, and King County council members, Thank you in advance for your time and patience for reading my email and trying to empathize with me. I am writing to express concerns about school children's safety and opposition to using the La Quinta hotel of Kirkland for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH). Me and my family are regular volunteers at homeless shelters, we serve food to the Bellevue Men's Shelter, at New Bethlehem Day Center and provide packaged PBJ sandwiches to the homeless that are out on the streets in Seattle. However, at my trips to these shelters, I have seen people smoking, doing drugs and having some mental issues and have several times have had to watch my back as I park my car or walk in the parking lot. I am telling you this to show that we see the way these people live and are committed to help them be safe and have a home and food everyday. I am however absolutely not ready to trade the safety of my kids and 100s of other kids for doing so. It is a fact that many of these people are mentally unstable and are drug addicts. All it needs is 1 unstable person to attack our kids on or near school grounds. Why do we want to put our young generation at risk? Why? What do we want to prove to anyone? That we care? I am sure we can find other ways to care without trading our kids safety. I have a 10 year old daughter going to Eastside Prep. She is a happy go lucky, cheerful kid, happy to go to her classes, walk around campus and live her youth as she is supposed to. Should I now tell her to carry pepper spray and watch over her shoulder each time she goes to school? She is 10 and she does not need this burden on her shoulder. It is our - parents, school, city adults - responsibility to keep her safe. How will I face her and tell her I can not guarantee her safety? I can assure you, with this initiative, you can not say the same. Do you really want all this on your conscience? Why? Do you know that the rooms in La Quinta can see everything happening inside the classroom? What if a sexual predator stalks the kids and watches their routine? I shudder to think of the consequences. What if a drug addict waits at the corner for kids and does drug trading? Why would you want to risk exposing young kids to people with drug issues? Why? What if someone sees a kid with a laptop and smashes their head to steal a laptop? Is it worth the risk? You have the power Mayor and Council members to listen to your heart, to listen to the people who are imploring you to PAUSE this initiative. We love our kids and we want them to be safe. That's all. We have absolutely nothing against the homeless, and would love to help them and give them a life, but please please please do not ask us to sacrifice our kids safety for that. I would urge you, even if you feel 1% of what I am saying may have some value in it, to please press pause on this initiative. Please don't trade kids safety for homeless safety, work with us to keep everyone safe. Regards A mom

Deepa Doshi

- 2/15/2022 14:09 Dear Mayor Sweet and City Council, We have great concerns about the County's proposal for a PSH at the La Quinta Inn less than 100' from schools and we demand that you to pause your approval to the County until a public process that carefully considers all the risks of locating this type of facility close to schools takes place. It has become clear that the City of Kirkland Mayor and City Council hid the County's plans for a facility at the La Quinta hotel located less than 100' from schools from the Citizens of Kirkland. When this was exposed, they quickly approved it without a public debate or careful deliberate public process. We all want to find solutions for the homeless crisis. Locating a facility next to multiple schools should be something that is seriously considered through a process that allows public input, examines other similar facilities near schools and carefully considers the risks to children before approval. Kirkland did none of these! The children of Kirkland deserve better. Mayor Sweet even stated that this location would create the model to determine the danger of locating a PSH next to schools which is an awfully dangerous experiment to run at the expense and safety of our children. Kirkland City Code allows it to put buffers or safe separations between uses that might have an effect on Children and they should carefully consider that option here. The La Quinta facility has windows less than 100' from school buildings containing classrooms. In 2019, Kirkland approved a facility close to Lake Washington High School and explicitly mentioned a 1,000' buffer. What has changed since? The County has indicated that they will not go ahead with a facility that is not approved by a city and it is therefore the responsibility of our City Council to stop hiding and have an open public process that considers the risks to children before approval. The City Council needs to push the pause button now! Over 3,000 parents, residents, concerned citizens, business owners and stakeholders have signed a petition asking the City of Kirkland for safe distances from schools. We need to pause, think hard as a community and find a real solution that works well for both the homeless people and for our community. Sincerely, Chengyang
- Chengyang Li
- 2/15/2022 14:00 Hello, I'm writing to express my support for hosting supportive housing at the La Quinta Hotel. I'm a 41-year Kirkland resident and active in my community. I frequently travel to downtown Seattle and witness firsthand the horrific scene on Third Avenue between Pike and Union. I've travelled to many third-world countries. Nothing I've seen in the most abject cities can compare to the human degradation on this Seattle block. I'd be proud for Kirkland to be a part of alleviating this human suffering. In my view, such housing--residents of which are bound to comply with City-imposed conditions of conduct-- is an asset to our City and the school communities nearby. I see schools' proximity as an opportunity for students to learn, possibly volunteer, and be exposed to societal problems and even to take part in meaningful interaction and community service. And I do not see danger posed to students if La Quinta occupants are held to compliance with rules. I do want to emphasize the importance of monitoring and enforcing these rules in the interests of buying in Kirkland's acceptance, tolerance, and even welcoming of these new residents of our community. As for stated fears that our sheltered youth will be exposed to drugs by "derelicts", I currently observe an active and public after-school drug scene in my affluent neighborhood. Kids are getting these substances already. Please do not bow to demands that barriers be erected by the City or County to segregate La Quinta residents from the rest of the community. These people are not animals or sub-human. Barriers only send that message. Betsy Lewis
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- 2/15/2022 13:58 Mayor Sweet and City Council We have great concerns about the County's proposal for a PSH at the La Quinta Inn less than 100' from schools and we demand that you to pause your approval to the County until a public process that carefully considers all the risks of locating this type of facility close to schools takes place. It has become clear that the City of Kirkland Mayor and City Council hid the County's plans for a facility at the La Quinta hotel located less than 100' from schools from the Citizens of Kirkland. When this was exposed, they quickly approved it without a public debate or careful deliberate public process. We all want to find solutions for the homeless crisis. Locating a facility next to multiple schools should be something that is seriously considered through a process that allows public input, examines other similar facilities near schools and carefully considers the risks to children before approval. Kirkland did none of these! The children of Kirkland deserve better. Mayor Sweet even stated that this location would create the model to determine the danger of locating a PSH next to schools which is an awfully dangerous experiment to run at the expense and safety of our children. Kirkland City Code allows it to put buffers or safe separations between uses that might have an effect on Children and they should carefully consider that option here. The La Quinta facility has windows less than 100' from school buildings containing classrooms. In 2019, Kirkland approved a facility close to Lake Washington High School and explicitly mentioned a 1,000' buffer. What has changed since? The County has indicated that they will not go ahead with a facility that is not approved by a city and it is therefore the responsibility of our City Council to stop hiding and have an open public process that considers the risks to children before approval. The City Council needs to push the pause button now! Over 3,000 parents, residents, concerned citizens, business owners and stakeholders have signed a petition asking the City of Kirkland for safe distances from schools. We need to pause, think hard as a community and find a real solution that works well for both the homeless people and for our community. Sincerely, Dongling Xu
- 2/15/2022 13:56 Mayor Sweet and City Council, We are residents of Kirkland since 2007, and proud to settle up with family and kids here. Our children were in Cedar Crest academy in Kirkland, and they are applying for EPS in the coming year. Hope you can understand why we have great concern about the County's proposal for a PSH at the La Quinta Inn less than 100' from schools! Without proper regulation and risk management planned, placing low-barrier PSH welcoming drug influenced and mentally unstable homeless to the area is posing danger directly to the community, and especially to vulnerable children. You were voted to represent Kirkland residents, nothing should come higher for you than safety and property of your own citizens. I agree homeless situation is pressing and need action, but not at price of our children. We demand that you to pause your approval to the County until a public process that carefully considers all the risks of locating this type of facility close to schools takes place. Sincerely, Yalan
- 2/15/2022 13:13 Dear City Council Member, I am a concerned citizen living on Lake Washington Blvd NE, just down the road from La Quinta Inn. I've heard about the city's plans to sell the property to the county for use as a homeless shelter, and I am begging you to reconsider. I grew up in this neighborhood, and now I am raising my own child here. This has been a safe area for children and turning this hotel into a homeless shelter is bound to lead to more drugs, violence, and crime in our neighborhood. The people of Kirkland have a right to speak up about this matter. It is not just about real estate, this is a matter of community, safety, and the future of our city. Please reconsider your decision and allow the people to have a voice. We care about the homeless in our community, but there is a way to offer help for them without putting our children at risk. Sincerely, Kirsten Del Degan

- 2/15/2022 13:12 Mayor Sweet, I understand that the Kirkland City Council is endorsing the purchase of the La Quinta Inn and turning it into a hotel for the homeless. I am very concerned, as the hotel is within walking distance to my home. I do a lot of walking in my area and the thought of having that many homeless people close to my home would make me feel unsafe. The hotel has 120 hotel rooms, that is a lot homeless mingling around the area. How can the Council approve a Homeless Hotel that is right next to two schools, with ten more schools within a one mile radius? I understand that approximately 2,000 students attend these schools. The children that attend these schools, as well as their families, could be in danger and exposed to a lot of ugly behavior. No one wants their child to be afraid to go to school. There are also businesses around the hotel that could lose business because of their proximity to the hotel. My son and his family live in Ballard. They have been exposed to all the homeless in the parks and around their place of residence. My grandkids have seen a lot of things that a 6 year old and 11 year old should never have to see. They are afraid to live in their neighborhood. They are moving! I don't want that to happen in our neighborhoods!! I love where live and I feel safe in my neighborhood. I want it to stay that way! I do believe we need to provide shelter for the homeless, but not in this location!! Judy Williams
- 2/15/2022 13:11 Mr. Nixon, As a Kirkland resident, I am writing again to ask you to stop the City's approval process for King County's purchase of the La Quinta facility as a low-barrier, adult only PSH. I fully support "" both as a taxpayer and in terms of personal views "" the Washington State, King County and City of Kirkland initiatives to address homelessness, including Health through Housing. However, the location of the La Quinta facility as a low-barrier, adult-only PSH, with minimal checks, might only try to address one problem (homelessness), while creating significant additional ones, especially in terms of impact to our children. I trust that the City, with community input, can find the right balance in defining regulations for this type of facilities, that reasonably balance children's interests as well. The La Quinta hotel is on the same block with multiple schools (Chestnut Montessori, Eastside Preparatory School, Cedar Crest Academy), with kids aged 4-5 through 12th grade. Closest school structure is 70-100 ft away from the La Quinta building. This is significantly less than the buffer (distance) for the previously approved shelter located about 1,000 ft from the closest Lake Washington High School building (LWHS). In addition, the LWSD location houses children and families (primarily women). Separately, other than proximity to a transit center, the La Quinta location is really a poor choice in terms of facilities and services that would help the PSH community. No hospital within walking distance, or on a direct transit connection. The lack of a real buffer makes is close to impossible to allow emergency services to intervene, should there be any issue. There's enough evidence by now that PSH location do lead to an increase in crime in the immediate vicinity. The City Council cannot allow this in the immediate proximity to multiple schools, and the 100-500ft buffer to multiple schools makes it impossible for emergency services to intervene in time. Safety of our school children has to be a critical factor in selecting PSH locations. While the City has not initially considered this when working with the County on identifying locations, that has to be done now. Ms. Nixon, I'm urging you to vote for pausing the current process, and allowing for a proper review or current regulations and zoning, consult with the community and define how and where we can add PSH centers in Kirkland, with kids safety as a primary factor. Thank you, Catalin Olteanu 812 14th Ave W, Kirkland, WA 98033 425-749-2975

- 2/15/2022 8:12 Dear City Leaders, My family joins the growing number of concerned citizens following the City Manager's statement on La Quinta Hotel being considered as a permanent supportive housing site. Additionally, as indicated in Mayor Sweet's urgent letter to Executive Constantine, "I (King) County is in final stages of the acquisition process and will be announcing the purchase soon." From the above-mentioned correspondences, it appears that the City leaders and King County are rushing to close the deal without informing the impacted local communities (residences, schools and businesses) until only recently. The proposed site is within 1.2 miles radius of 12 schools and daycares such as Chestnut Montessori and Yarrow Bay KinderCare just across the street. We implore our City leaders to impose a safe distance buffer from schools and childcare facilities of not less than 500' to 1,000' from the site. Will the City notify the parents of all these children if any sex offenders checked into the facility? Additionally, it is quite alarming that the City Manager's statement mentioned "If the County proceeds, La Quinta will be providing homes. And like other private residences in our community, substance use that is legal in anyone's home would be legal here." Furthermore, it states that "permanent supportive housing" is an intervention combines affordable housing assistance with voluntary support services to address the needs of chronically homeless people. If treatment services are indeed voluntary, it will only offer a temporary band-aid solution to the chronically homeless and recurring symptoms of substance abuse, mental illness, sexual deviancy, etc. Without requiring on-site treatment services, tenants will be setup for failure and thus imposing risks to themselves and local communities. In order to be truly effective, King County must create a facility that will address the underlying causes of homelessness. It is a recipe for failure if we expect them to "get clean" in a home that allows substance use. Moving forward, it is imperative that our City Leaders engage with the local Kirkland communities via an open, transparent and public dialogue on the selection of the facility, the selection of Health Through Housing administrators, and the process for upfront and ongoing vetting of tenants : before, during and after the decisions are made. Respectfully, Wati G. Kirkland Resident Wati G
- 2/14/2022 16:39 Mayor Sweet and City Council We have great concerns about the County's proposal for a PSH at the La Quinta Inn less than 100' from schools and we demand that you to pause your approval to the County until a public process that carefully considers all the risks of locating this type of facility close to schools takes place. It has become clear that the City of Kirkland Mayor and City Council hid the County's plans for a facility at the La Quinta hotel located less than 100' from schools from the Citizens of Kirkland. When this was exposed, they quickly approved it without a public debate or careful deliberate public process. We all want to find solutions for the homeless crisis. Locating a facility next to multiple schools should be something that is seriously considered through a process that allows public input, examines other similar facilities near schools and carefully considers the risks to children before approval. Kirkland did none of these! The children of Kirkland deserve better. Mayor Sweet even stated that this location would create the model to determine the danger of locating a PSH next to schools which is an awfully dangerous experiment to run at the expense and safety of our children. Kirkland City Code allows it to put buffers or safe separations between uses that might have an effect on Children and they should carefully consider that option here. The La Quinta facility has windows less than 100' from school buildings containing classrooms. In 2019, Kirkland approved a facility close to Lake Washington High School and explicitly mentioned a 1,000' buffer. What has changed since? The County has indicated that they will not go ahead with a facility that is not approved by a city and it is therefore the responsibility of our City Council to stop hiding and have an open public process that considers the risks to children before approval. The City Council needs to push the pause button now! Over 3,000 parents, residents, concerned citizens, business owners and stakeholders have signed a petition asking the City of Kirkland for safe distances from schools. We need to pause, think hard as a community and find a real solution that works well for both the homeless people and for our community. Sincerely, Junbiao Tang Junbiao Tang

- 2/14/2022 16:38 Dear Mayor Sweet and the Council members, I just moved to the beautiful Kirkland neighborhood this year, and my daughter is currently at EPS. We are super disappointed to hear about the La Quinta hotel project. Kirkland City Council hides the County's plans for a permanent supportive housing facility for the homeless from the Citizens of Kirkland. It has become clear that the City of Kirkland Mayor and City Council hid the County's plans for a facility at the La Quinta hotel located less than 100' from schools from the Citizens of Kirkland. When this was exposed, they quickly approved it without a public debate or careful deliberate public process. We all want to find solutions for the homeless crisis. Locating a facility next to multiple schools should be something that is seriously considered through a process that allows public input, examines other similar facilities near schools and carefully considers the risks to children before approval. Kirkland did none of these! The children of Kirkland deserve better. Mayor Sweet even stated that this location would create the model to determine the danger of locating a PSH next to schools which is an awfully dangerous experiment to run at the expense and safety of our children. Kirkland City Code allows it to put buffers or safe separations between uses that might have an effect on Children and they should carefully consider that option here. The La Quinta facility has windows less than 100' from school buildings containing classrooms. In 2019, Kirkland approved a facility close to Lake Washington High School and explicitly mentioned a 1,000' buffer. What has changed since? The County has indicated that they will not go ahead with a facility that is not approved by a city and it is therefore the responsibility of our City Council to stop hiding and have an open public process that considers the risks to children before approval. The City Council needs to push the pause button now! Over 3,000 parents, residents, concerned citizens, business owners and stakeholders have signed a petition asking the City of Kirkland for safe distances from schools. We need to pause, think hard as a community and find a real solution that works well for both the homeless people and for our community! Regards, Jessie
- Jessie Zhang
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- Jingjing Ye

- 2/14/2022 16:34 I am not normally politically active, but should this go through with the current lack of transparency you can rest assured that I will do my very best as a citizen of Kirkland to keep Mayor Sweet and any supporting city councilpersons from getting elected again. I am sure there are MANY others like me who will come out of the woodwork to vote you all out of office should such an experiment be foisted upon the public without giving the public awareness and ample opportunity to express our opinions. The King county FAQ on this type of development is extremely vague and does little to assuage my concerns about putting such an unrestricted facility in Kirkland. It is unacceptable to make a decision like this for Kirkland without properly involving the affected citizens. Please reconsider. Bryan Langley Kirkland City Council hides the County's plans for a permanent supportive housing facility for the homeless from the Citizens of Kirkland. It has become clear that the City of Kirkland Mayor and City Council hid the County's plans for a facility at the La Quinta hotel located less than 100' from schools from the Citizens of Kirkland. When this was exposed, they quickly approved it without a public debate or careful deliberate public process. We all want to find solutions for the homeless crisis. Locating a facility next to multiple schools should be something that is seriously considered through a process that allows public input, examines other similar facilities near schools and carefully considers the risks to children before approval. Kirkland did none of these! The children of Kirkland deserve better. Mayor Sweet even stated that this location would create the model to determine the danger of locating a PSH next to schools which is an awfully dangerous experiment to run at the expense and safety of our children. Kirkland City Code allows it to put buffers or safe separations between uses that might have an effect on Children and they should carefully consider that option here. The La Quinta facility has windows less than 100' from school buildings containing classrooms. In 2019, Kirkland approved a facility close to Lake Washington High School and explicitly mentioned a 1,000' buffer. What has changed since? The County has indicated that they will not go ahead with a facility that is not approved by a city and it is therefore the responsibility of our City Council to stop hiding and have an open public process that considers the risks to children before approval. The City Council needs to push the pause button now! Over 3,000 parents, residents, concerned citizens, business owners and stakeholders have signed a petition asking the City of Kirkland for safe distances from schools. "We need to send a message to the Mayor and Kirkland City Council that it is wrong that they hid the County's plans from Kirkland. The City Council should first and foremost protect the safety of its children. Kirkland deserves better. Kirkland deserves transparency. We need to demand that the Kirkland Council pauses their approval to the County. We need to demand that the Kirkland Council initiates a public process that reasonably weighs the risks of locating this facility less than 100' from a school before approval. We need the council to hear your voice Mayor Sweet and City Council "" We have great concern about the County's proposal for a PSH at the La Quinta Inn less than 100' from schools and we demand that you to pause your approval to the County until a public process that carefully considers all the risks of locating this type of facility close to schools takes place
- 2/14/2022 16:26 Dear Mayor Sweet and Kirkland City Council members: As a parent of school-aged students, I am concerned about the homeless crisis in our region. I also have great concerns about the County's proposal for a PSH at the La Quinta Inn less than 100' from a school and in close proximity with other schools. Over 3,000 parents, residents, concerned citizens, business owners, and other stakeholders have signed a petition asking the City of Kirkland for safe distances from schools. " Mayor and Kirkland City Council need to hear our voice. It is wrong to have hidden the County's plans from Kirkland. The City Council should first and foremost protect the safety of its children. Kirkland deserves better. Kirkland deserves transparency. " We demand that the Kirkland Council initiate a public process to assess the unique risks prior to an approval of locating this facility, which is less than 100' from one school and in close proximity with the other two schools and one daycare. Sincerely, Joan Zhong-Brisbois

- 2/14/2022 16:20 I would like to express my concerns regarding the recent news about the King County's intention to buy La Quinta Hotel located in Kirkland next to Hwy 520 and convert it to a housing facility for homeless and a drug injection site. I support County's measures to help the homeless but not at the expense of safety to our family. Sites should be created in locations distant from schools and residential neighborhoods. The fact that this facility is close to a school, preschool and multiple residences, exposes children and families to unnecessary dangers. I do not support this purchase and think it is misuse of my hard earned tax dollars because this will directly endanger my family's safety. I hope my concern me are heard and alternative site is chosen for this purpose. Dr Sujata Agnani NE 43rd street Kirkland WA
Sujata Agnani
- 2/14/2022 16:16 Hello, I would like to express my concerns regarding the recent news about the King County's intention to buy La Quinta Hotel located in Kirkland next to Hwy 520 and convert it to a housing facility for homeless and a drug injection site. This is extremely disturbing news and being a close neighbor I believe it will expose working families to extreme dangerous situations. I support County's measures to help the homeless but not at the expense of safety to our family. Sites should be created in locations distant from schools and residential neighborhoods. The fact that this facility is close to a school, preschool and multiple residences is definitely worrisome. I do not support this purchase because this will directly endanger my family's safety. Thank you Dr Rohit Gupta NE 43rd street Kirkland WA
Rohit Gupta
- 2/14/2022 16:10 Mayor Sweet, Kirkland City Council hides the County's plans for a permanent supportive housing facility for the homeless from the Citizens of Kirkland. It has become clear that the City of Kirkland Mayor and City Council hid the County's plans for a facility at the La Quinta hotel located less than 100' from schools from the Citizens of Kirkland. When this was exposed, they quickly approved it without a public debate or careful deliberate public process. We all want to find solutions for the homeless crisis. Locating a facility next to multiple schools should be something that is seriously considered through a process that allows public input, examines other similar facilities near schools and carefully considers the risks to children before approval. Kirkland did none of these! The children of Kirkland deserve better. Mayor Sweet even stated that this location would create the model to determine the danger of locating a PSH next to schools which is an awfully dangerous experiment to run at the expense and safety of our children. Kirkland City Code allows it to put buffers or safe separations between uses that might have an effect on Children and they should carefully consider that option here. The La Quinta facility has windows less than 100' from school buildings containing classrooms. In 2019, Kirkland approved a facility close to Lake Washington High School and explicitly mentioned a 1,000' buffer. What has changed since? The County has indicated that they will not go ahead with a facility that is not approved by a city and it is therefore the responsibility of our City Council to stop hiding and have an open public process that considers the risks to children before approval. The City Council needs to push the pause button now! Over 3,000 parents, residents, concerned citizens, business owners and stakeholders have signed a petition asking the City of Kirkland for safe distances from schools. "ç We need to send a message to the Mayor and Kirkland City Council that it is wrong that they hid the County's plans from Kirkland. The City Council should first and foremost protect the safety of its children. Kirkland deserves better. Kirkland deserves transparency. "ç We need to demand that the Kirkland Council pauses their approval to the County. "ç We need to demand that the Kirkland Council initiates a public process that reasonably weighs the risks of locating this facility less than 100' from a school before approval. "ç We need the council to hear your voice Mayor Sweet and City Council "" We have great concern about the County's proposal for a PSH at the La Quinta Inn less than 100' from schools and we demand that you to pause your approval to the County until a public process that carefully considers all the risks of locating this type of facility close to schools takes place -- Haleh Clapp Luxury Broker 310-430-8672
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- 2/14/2022 16:09 Mayor Sweet and City Council "" I am concerned about the County's proposal for a public shelter housing facility at the La Quinta Inn. I support helping the homeless, however, I do not support this location for this PSH. The proposed PSH is nearby Eastside Preparatory School, Chestnut Montessori School, Yarrow Bay Kinder Care, Defensive Driving School, Cedar Crest Academy "" in other words, nearby a number of organizations with sub- populations of under 16 year olds. I was surprised to learn of this proposal, as I was not aware of any public discussion available for Kirkland citizens to provide their input on this important matter. As I said, I support helping the homeless, but there should be a more thoughtful discussion of where the best location would be for this PSH facility. Offhand, I would think that a PSH near Hopelink (also in Kirkland) might be more beneficial as they could help provide food assistance, job retraining, and connect them to other social services for further support. This is just one idea. A more comprehensive, inclusive, and transparent discussion from the community could yield more ideas. As I can't support this proposal, I would ask that you pause your approval to the County until a more public discussion could take place, one that could also weigh out the benefits and risks of locating this type of facility more carefully. Regards, Susan Shin Robinson Susan Robinson
- 2/14/2022 16:07 Mayor Sweet and City Council "" We have great concern about the County's proposal for a PSH at the La Quinta Inn less than 100' from schools and we demand that you pause your approval to the County until a public process that carefully considers all the risks of locating this type of facility close to schools takes place. Amy and Larry Slate Amy Slate
- 2/14/2022 16:06 Dear Kirkland city council members, I am a parent of an EPS student. I am deeply concerned about the plan to set up a permanent shelter at La Quinta hotel, which is next to the EPS store. There is an online petition and over 3000 people have signed. As the representatives elected by the city residents, have you guys ever considered or even looked at this? <https://www.change.org/p/kirkland-wa-city-council-keep-kirkland-children-safe-support-the-homeless-put-a-buffer-between-shelters-and-schools> I also attended the town hall meeting hosted by EPS on 2/9. I am extremely disappointed by some of the council members' misleading statements. Listed below. 1. The shelter near Lake Washington High School you guys kept referring during the call is for women and kids only. This is absolutely a big difference between that one and this proposed permanent shelter in La Quinta hotel, which is for adults. You can not use that as an example to justify this shelter. They are completely not on the same risk level. 2. In 2019, Kirkland approved that specific facility close to Lake Washington High School and explicitly mentioned a 1,000' buffer. Why did this time you guys completely ignore that requirement? 3. Council member Kelli Curtis stated during the town hall meeting, and I quote 'I live one mile away from that location and I am not worried'. Yes exactly! one mile away!!! If EPS is a mile away from La Quinta hotel, I am not worried either. The fact is they are next door and only 20 feet away makes me extremely concerned. Besides EPS, there are some other day care centers as well. 4. King county is spending our taxpayer money. Shouldn't they listen to the taxpayer's opinion? They failed to get the other shelter operational in Redmond and Bellevue. Why do they keep buying new properties? You need to learn how to walk before you can run. I hope you guys will openly and carefully reconsider this proposal and put a pause on it. thanks, Xuefeng Xuefeng Bai
- 2/14/2022 16:05 Mayor Sweet and City Council "" We have great concern about the County's proposal for a PSH at the La Quinta Inn less than 100' from schools and we demand that you to pause your approval to the County until a public process that carefully considers all the risks of locating this type of facility close to schools takes place. Sincerely, Sharon Sangha Sharon Sangha
- 2/14/2022 16:03 Thank you for your work assisting King County's Health through Housing Initiative to provide safe stable supportive housing for people experiencing chronic homelessness. You are on the right side of this issue. Regards, Louise Pathe Kirkland, 98033 Louise Pathe

- 2/14/2022 15:57 Hello Councilmembers, I am writing to express my utmost support for King County's potential acquisition of the La Quinta Inn within your jurisdiction for the purposes of the Health Through Housing program. Permanent supportive housing is a proven way to help people transition out of homelessness with the services that they need to live healthy and happy lives. It is unfortunate that there are members of our community are relying on fearmongering, hyperbole, and oftentimes outright lies to paint a faulty picture of what this facility would represent. Their NIMBYism and attempted portrayal of the people this facility would help as inherently dangerous, harmful, or not belonging to the community around the facility reveal that they are not sincerely interested in solving the issue of homelessness in our community. I ask that Council make absolutely no concessions to these groups, who do not have the best interests of those most vulnerable in our community at heart. I sincerely thank Councilmembers for their unanimous support in the potential purchase of this facility by King County, and I urge Councilmembers to remain steadfast in their support going forward. The community does stand with you on this important issue. Best, Chris Randels Resident of a city that did not participate in the Health through Housing Program (Bellevue) Chris Randels
- 2/14/2022 10:08 PLEASE PROTECT OUR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS! Dear Mrs. Curtis, I am writing to express concerns about school children's safety and opposition to using the La Quinta hotel of Kirkland for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH). Although I support and commend the initiatives by King County and by the City of Kirkland to help solve homelessness, including Health through Housing, the location of the La Quinta hotel makes it a poor choice for a PSH for the following reasons: 1. The hotel is within the same block as three schools (Chestnut Montessori, Eastside Preparatory School, and Cedar Crest Academy) with students aged from preschool to 12th grade. The nearest distance from the hotel to a school building is merely 100 feet, literally a stone's throw away. 2. In contrast, the hotel is distances away from facilities and services needed by PSH residents. For example, the nearest hospital (Overlake Medical Center) is a 15-minute drive away. To go to the nearest grocery store (QFC at 2636 Bellevue Way NE), it will take an 18 minute walk for a disabled PSH resident who cannot drive. During a Town Hall meeting held on February 9, 2022, King County and Kirkland City officials were unequivocally and unapologetically clear that the safety of school children nearby was not among the criteria when they selected the La Quinta hotel as the site for a new PSH. In other words, the PSH site was chosen without considering all constituents, including some of the most vulnerable people, the school children, whose lives will be impacted by their decisions. That is a betrayal of trust by their constituents and is not acceptable. I urge you to pause the purchase of La Quinta hotel, consider impacts on and input from all your constituents before taking the next step. Sincerely, Selcin Turkarslan Resident of Seattle Selcin Turkarslan

2/14/2022 9:21

Dear Mayor and City Council: I am writing out of serious concern for children's safety and in opposition to using the La Quinta hotel of Kirkland for Permanent Supportive Housing ("PSH"). I cannot imagine a worse location for such a facility due to the location of three schools in close proximity. The location also would not serve the health needs of the intended residents. The location plainly makes no sense and it would be a terrible mistake. Please pause this action to give the decision the due consideration it deserves. We all must protect children. I have heard the voices of students and they are shocked and scared. I cannot comprehend that the schools and children were not given any consideration in this process. Please know that I and my family support and commend the initiatives by King County and by the City of Kirkland to help solve homelessness, including the Health Through Housing program. We have volunteered extensively for Mary's Place "" we are compassionate and care deeply. However, housing PSH residents at the location of the La Quinta makes it a poor choice for several reasons: 1. The hotel is within the same block as three schools, Eastside Preparatory School, Chestnut Montessori, and Cedar Crest Academy, with students aged from preschool through 12th grade. The nearest distance from La Quinta to a school building is 100 feet "" a stone's throw away. By definition, PSH residents have faced barriers to housing due to their criminal records and behavior. This is obviously an extremely high risk population when it comes to crime and behavior. The recent news headlines regarding the assault of an Amazon employee by a Plymouth Housing resident with a baseball bat highlights this fact. 2. The location is not close to services needed by PSH residents. For example, there are no healthcare facilities nearby. During a Town Hall meeting on February 9, 2022, King County and Kirkland City officials admitted that the safety of school children nearby was not a factor when they selected the La Quinta hotel as a site. This is unconscionable and unacceptable. Also during the Town Hall meeting, King County and Kirkland officials pointed to a women and children's shelter in Kirkland as an example of a similar facility near a school. This is not an apt comparison. The location at the La Quinta would be for adults only, and mostly men, which is a much higher risk population. The proposed location would also be significantly closer to the three schools than the other location is. I urge you all to pause this process and propose a different site in Kirkland to King County that would not put children at great risk of harm. The County said they will follow your lead. There is no need to rush this through, particularly as the County has had difficulty filling a PSH facility in Redmond and finding an acceptable operator for it. Please put children's safety first. We can work on solving homelessness together while keeping children safe. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Diana Danzberger Eastside Prep Parent Bellevue, WA

Diana
Danzberger

- 2/14/2022 9:17 Dear Ms. Curtis, My name is Lee and I am a parent of a middle school student at EPS. My son and I are both very supportive in public service and in solving the homeless problem in King county. In the past years, we have been volunteering in various community services including homeless food distributions and park cleanups. Regarding the recent proposal of Kirkland city and King county turning the Kirkland La Quinta Inn into a Permanent Supportive Housing, I would like to express my deep concern of this proposal. Especially the proposal suggested this site will be a low barrier Adult site with no background checks or restriction on drug uses. I attended the town hall meeting with the city and county council members on Wednesday evening but don't feel my concerns were addressed. Specifically I have the following questions: 1. What will the city do to control the usage of drugs at this facility? This hotel is right next to the EPS school ground, how will you prevent drug dealers from showing up at the site and targeting young children at school? How do you prevent needles and drugs being thrown into the campus and being picked up by our kids? 2. Why was the school safety and school proximity not a concern when it came to the site choice? 3. At the townhall meeting, when Mayor Sweet mentioned there were no priori models or experiences we can learn from, there are actually plenty of bad lessons in the past. Especially quoting this one about a facility next to a Seattle elementary school: Low Income Housing Institute put a "Community house" near our elementary school in Seattle. The people running it said it was for "homeless seniors and those with compromised health conditions". Well some of the residents put up tents behind the school and started doing drugs in them. A dealer started visiting every day and then a bunch of people started living at the school. You wouldn't believe how bad it got. Ms. Curtis, we need your help to put a pause on the purchase of La Quinta Inn and make sure there is a safety buffer / drug free zone established between the schools and the facility. Many thanks, Lee
- 2/14/2022 9:16 Dear Ms. Curtis, My name is Jeremy, and I am a student at Eastside Prep School in Kirkland. Recently, I heard about the news to purchase the La Quinta hotel that is adjacent to my school and the proposal of turning it into a Permanent Supportive Housing. While almost all my fellow students, myself included, recognize that homelessness is a major problem and housing is needed for them, I am deeply concerned about the safety of our students, teachers, and the community in general. If there are no background checks or drug use restrictions in this facility, how can you ensure safety to the surrounding schools and our community? Schools like mine and Chestnut Montessori, as well as the nearby preschools like KinderCare and Cedar Crest are mere minutes from the proposed facility. Students attending these nearby schools age from 3 to 18 years old. How will you prevent your kids being exposed to drugs and violence if the facility allows people with drug addiction or mental health issues. As a result, the routines of many of my classmates will be impacted and have to change. Some of my fellow students normally take public transit or ride bikes, and many families will have to resort to driving their kids due to weariness about safety. Short walks during school hours will not be safe any more. The proposition will significantly hinder the community's everyday tasks. We all recognize homelessness is a major issue and needs to be solved. I watch the news and do social studies, I know there are homeless people who are interested in getting a job and need a shelter to help get out of the current situation. We should set up supportive housing to help these people. However, for people who have drug addiction problems or with mental illness, they need special treatment and special facilities to provide medicines to help them recover. Putting them around schools is not a good idea. If we can properly support homeless people with different needs and at the same time make sure of the school safety, I believe that the homeless problem will gradually improve. Thanks, Jeremy, an EPS student

Leigh Hwa

Jeremy Chen

2/14/2022 9:08

Dear Ms. Curtis, I am writing to express concerns about school children's safety and opposition to using the La Quinta hotel of Kirkland for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH). Although I support and commend the initiatives by King County and by the City of Kirkland to help solve homelessness, including Health through Housing, the location of the La Quinta hotel makes it a poor choice for a PSH for the following reasons: 1. 2. The hotel 3. is within the same block as three schools (Chestnut Montessori, Eastside Preparatory School, and Cedar Crest Academy) with students aged from preschool to 12th grade. The nearest distance from the hotel to a school building is merely 100 feet, literally a 4. stone's throw away. 5. 6. 7. In contrast, 8. the hotel is distances away from facilities and services needed by PSH residents. For example, the nearest hospital (Overlake Medical Center) is a 15-minute drive away. To go to the nearest grocery store (QFC at 2636 Bellevue Way NE), it will take an 18 minute 9. walk for a disabled PSH resident who cannot drive. 10. During a Town Hall meeting held on February 9, 2022, King County and Kirkland City officials were unequivocally and unapologetically clear that the safety of school children nearby was not among the criteria when they selected the La Quinta hotel as the site for a new PSH. In other words, the PSH site was chosen without considering all constituents, including some of the most vulnerable people, the school children, whose lives will be impacted by their decisions. That is a betrayal of trust by their constituents and is not acceptable. Ms. Curtis, I urge you to pause the purchase of La Quinta hotel, consider impacts on and input from all your constituents before taking the next step. Sincerely, Suwei Chen
Bellevue resident, Parent, Private Citizen

Suwei Chen

2/14/2022 8:51

(1/2) Good afternoon Mayor Sweet, Council members Mr. Black and Ms. Kelli Curtis, City Manager, Kurt Triplett and and Mr. Leo Flor from King County. My name is Maggie Chan. I had worked in the social services field for more than 10 years. I was a field social worker/case manager both in Canada and in the United States. A part of my job was to coordinate services and to manage a building with a housing organization in Seattle. I did intake and case management and assessments on clients and residents and screened them for their mental and medical eligibility to receive certain services. My family and I are also regular donor to a local non-profit organization which provide meals and shelter to the homeless population in Seattle for more than a decade. First of all, I want to say that we all agree that homelessness is an issue that we, as a society, has the responsibility to tackle and solve with appropriate solutions. However, having a PSH in this particular location which has zero buffer to a preschool and a middle/high school is not only problematic but also morally and ethically wrong! It is like putting a mine field next to all these vulnerable children and nobody knows when a bomb would go off. According to the official description of the PSH admission practices, they are "designed to use a lower barriers to entry than would be typical for other subsidized or unsubsidized rental housing especially related to rental history, criminal history"; "Everyone agrees that children's safety is a top priority to the society and that is why we have school zone speed limit, and other distance restrictions on liquor and marijuana stores etc. I want to ask Mayor Sweet and Mr. Flor from King County : 1. Why would City of Kirkland and King County put a facility which sets a lower admission bar to its residents who have a criminal history background in the midst of a few hundred children with no distance in between if children's safety is your (and everyone's) #1 priority? Please remember this specific location is not "near" a school, it is in the school's backyard with no distance in between. My second question is directed to Ms. Kelli Curtis : 2. When you accused us, EPS parents, of trying to "bubble-wrap" our children during our town hall meeting last week, are you saying that "Child Protective Services" and "school speed zone" are unnecessary as well? Are you saying that the government is also "bubble-wrapping" the children? How could you demonize such a fundamental and universal value that children are worth protecting? Keep our children and schools safe should be everyone's number one priority as a society, as elected government officials and as parents. Very disappointingly, it is clearly not yours by how you spoke last week. My third question is directed to Mr. Leo Flor from King County : 3. You mentioned that a part of your job is to assess "foreseeable risk" [to the neighborhood or surrounding areas] and mitigate when necessary. But when you put a facility that is literally in an arm's length to a preschool and a middle/high school, a child would have been harmed before you have time to start your car engine. Why did you not see the "foreseeable" risk when there is no buffer and no distance between residents who have criminal and mental health history and a few hundred vulnerable children who go to school there everyday ? During my professional life as a social worker, we had training about risk and crisis management. One of the key components of risk/crisis management is TIME. Hence, we have the phrase "buy more time" You even admitted during the meeting that there would be risks (by putting a PSH in this specific location), then my fourth question to you is that :

Maggie Chan

- 2/14/2022 8:37 Dear Councilmember Curtis, As a very very concerned Kirkland resident, I respectfully ask you to read the following petition that's been quickly spread and circulated on multiple media platforms, to many communities, neighborhoods, and residents in Kirkland, for a week already and will for the coming weeks and months ahead. Say NO to an awfully DANGEROUS experiment to run at the expense and safety of our CHILDREN... Kirkland City Council hides the County's plans for a permanent supportive housing facility for the homeless from the Citizens of Kirkland. It has become clear that the City of Kirkland Mayor and City Council hid the County's plans for a facility at the La Quinta hotel located less than 100' from schools from the Citizens of Kirkland. When this was exposed, they quickly approved it without a public debate or careful deliberate public process. We all want to find solutions for the homeless crisis. Locating a facility next to multiple schools should be something that is seriously considered through a process that allows public input, examines other similar facilities near schools and carefully considers the risks to children before approval. Kirkland did none of these! The children of Kirkland deserve better. Mayor Sweet even stated that this location would create the model to determine the danger of locating a PSH next to schools which is an awfully dangerous experiment to run at the expense and safety of our children. Kirkland City Code allows it to put buffers or safe separations between uses that might have an effect on Children and they should carefully consider that option here. The La Quinta facility has windows less than 100' from school buildings containing classrooms. In 2019, Kirkland approved a facility close to Lake Washington High School and explicitly mentioned a 1,000' buffer. What has changed since? The County has indicated that they will not go ahead with a facility that is not approved by a city and it is therefore the responsibility of our City Council to stop hiding and have an open public process that considers the risks to children before approval. The City Council needs to push the pause button now! Over 3,000 parents, residents, concerned citizens, business owners and stakeholders have signed a petition asking the City of Kirkland for safe distances from schools. Steven Fan A very very concerned Kirkland resident
- Steven Fan
- 2/14/2022 8:34 Mayor Sweet and City Council, We have great concern about the County's proposal for a PSH at the La Quinta Inn less than 100' from schools and we demand that you pause your approval to the County until a public process that carefully considers all the risks of locating this type of facility close to schools takes place Thanks, Wendy Wang
- Wendy Wang
- 2/14/2022 8:31 Dear Kelli Curtis, Mayor Sweet and City Council "" We have great concern about the County's proposal for a PSH at the La Quinta Inn less than 100' from schools and we demand that you to pause your approval to the County until a public process that carefully considers all the risks of locating this type of facility close to schools takes place Concerned Citizen, Jiaming Wang
- Jiaming Wang

2/14/2022 8:24 Dear Kirkland Council Member Black, We have read about the county's plan to purchase the La Quinta on Northup Way and convert it into a facility to house the homeless. While we applaud and support the motivation, we believe this will be another failed attempt at solving the homeless situation in King County and will simply move the problem to a location and community not set up to manage the challenges that will come with this location. We are absolutely opposed to the purchase of this property by the county for the proposed purpose and ask that the appropriate studies are done, community engagement is done appropriately for such a material undertaking, and that there is a comprehensive plan to provide the full complement of resources required to make this solution work should the plan move forward. We have worked to build and fund effective homeless shelters in other communities so our understanding of them is first hand. We have put our money where our mouth is. Putting the homeless up in a second-hand economy hotel in a suburban location lacks most of the capabilities required to have a structural solve for homeless people. Solving homelessness needs an understanding of who they are and what they need. Homelessness needs to be solved with a holistic infrastructure of solutions built around the composition of the homeless population and what is required to help them function in society. A good homeless facility offers some of the following in our experience, most of which are not adequately addressed by this plan: "ç Access to social services and often veteran's services "ç Access to public transportation "ç Availability of entry level jobs such as in stadiums, hospitality or foodservice "ç Access to healthcare and mental health facilities "ç Access to first responders, particularly police and emergency medical facility and an increase in staffing to deal with the increased load the homeless facility will bring "ç Job counseling services and access to computers and aid in job applications. "ç Facilities and counseling to deal with drug and alcohol addiction problems "ç Correct solutions for the mentally ill. We also ask why this location is right other than the county found a second hand hotel they can purchase: "ç A facility like this will put increased demands on our first responders as will be frequent emergency responses required for healthcare emergencies and disturbances. In my experience, an increase in crime and first responder demand comes with any large homeless facility. We are already understaffed in the city's public safety department""how will we fund and acquire the resources that will put on these departments? "ç A facility like this will put homeless on the streets near and around the facility. It is utterly ridiculous to suggest otherwise based on my experience. We will bring people into our community with mental illness and drug addiction so we need a plan to manage these beyond naïve assurances this won't be a problem. What other kinds of community resources do we have to address these needs? "ç Why would we locate a homeless facility directly across from a child daycare facility across the street and in the midst of many of our community schools? This is a poor location but any standard we can imagine. We are totally in favor of using public resources to solve homelessness in King County. This proposed solution is not going to solve homelessness but rather just move the problems from one part of the county to another. We need a plan to put holistic infrastructure in our greater community to solve homelessness, not another misguided waste of public resources where only a fraction of the solution required is in place, meanwhile importing new problems into a community that lacks many of the capabilities required to support the solution. (1/2)

Thomas
Handley

2/14/2022 8:13

Dear Mayor Sweet and Councilmember Black: I'm a Kirkland resident. I live in the Everest Park neighborhood. My children are in the 10th grade at Eastside Prep and have attended the school since 5th grade. In fact, we moved from Seattle to Kirkland in large part so the kids could attend this stellar school. I appreciated that you met with the parents of Eastside Prep on Wednesday. I did not ask any questions since I wanted to actually listen to what the city and county representatives had to say rather than just make assumptions. I also wanted to do some research to make an informed decision on where I stand on the matter. I have severe concerns about the safety of my and all of the children who attend the surrounding schools "" there are four within walking distance. From what I've heard (and hopefully this is not the case), no criminal background checks will be required for potential residents. Leo said they would be screened; however, this is different than prohibiting people with criminal and recidivist criminal records from living near the school. Statements were made in comparing the proposed facility to the one at Lake Washington High; however, this site differs in that it's across the street (not adjoining), and it's designated for women and children "" and entirely different population than what was described during the meeting. I'm at a loss for why this was the ""best' site for the facility given the sharing of boundaries with EPS, the lack of a nearby grocery store, pharmacy, and medical services. I'm frankly terrified about the changes being rushed through without fully vetting the program and process. As a Kirkland resident, I wonder what else is planned if this site was approved for this use given the unprecedented nearness of schools. I don't expect and answer from you given how many emails and calls you must be receiving; however, I had to let you know, as a Kirkland resident, how unhappy I am by what is occurring and the lack of consideration for very young children. EPS starts in 5th grade but the preschools have even younger children in their care. Finally, a comment was mentioned about the low housing site across the street and not having any problems. This isn't actually true. There is a resident there who is known to bus drivers and people who catch the bus at the park and ride. She has asked my daughter and her friends very inappropriate questions, and verbally attacked my husband when he was sitting in his car waiting for school dismissal. We did not report this because she is mentally challenged and we feel she did not cross the line for criminal behavior. That said, just because you don't hear reports of these events doesn't mean that they do not occur. I moved to Kirkland from Seattle in part because I wanted my children to live in a safe environment. Now it feels as though what caused me to move from Seattle is happening in our city and that is terrifying. Thank you for your time. Donna

Donna Payne

2/13/2022 20:36

One of the most effective solutions to end chronic homelessness is remarkably simple: provide housing. I support this initiative to help end chronic homelessness. I imagine most of the complaints for this program go something like this: "I support doing something, but not in this specific location that I find objectionable." We need to recognize our responsibility and duty to act to provide housing -- those who object are morally culpable in contributing to the suffering of others. What is the purpose of a community? In my opinion, communities help elevate citizens and provide opportunities for all to flourish. If someone has a problem with it, they should bid on the hotel themselves -- until then, let's continue to use the commons for the common good. My wife and I live a mile and a half away from La Quinta and we both work in Kirkland. Thank you for your support of this project. Eric Erfanian

- 2/11/2022 16:10 Dear council members, This is a follow up of my previous email with service request ID 17218. First of all, I want to thank you for your quick response. However, I must say the response is very disappointing. I know you have received a huge volume of inquiries regarding the La Quinta Plan. Please allow me to be very direct in this matter and simply list my concerns and questions below: "ç Transparency: Given the fact that the plan will be funded by tax dollars, why the City has NOT seeked for local residents' feedback or disclosed the plan in the early stage? "ç Location: There are 12 schools/daycare centers within 1.2 miles of the hotel, it is very difficult to understand why La Quinta is the only choice? "ç Children: Based on what evidence/investigation/research that makes you think the children in the surrounding schools will continue to be safe or feel safe once your plan is finalized? If your child is attending one of the nearby schools, will you feel safe? If anything happens to our next generation, who will be responsible? Will any decision makers feel bad that they choose La Quinta? "ç Local Impact: We all know Seattle has faced challenges (maybe already failed) with the homeless problems. We also know Renton's Red Lion Hotel plan has just failed a few months ago. What makes you think your plan will succeed? If it fails, have you considered the negative impacts to the City of Kirkland and the local community? If it fails, what mitigation plan do you have to restore things back to normal? "ç Safety: In your email, you mention there will be 24/7 staffing and support to the hotel residents. I want to ask: have you planned anything or will you provide support for the local residents to ensure their lives will not be anything different? "ç Feedback: In your email, you mention the City will be looking for our feedback every step of the way. Here are the two feedback you might have already heard. I think the message from the locals is very clear if not loud enough. o There are already ~2,000 people signed this petition (Keep Kirkland Children Safe & Support Homeless. Put a buffer between Shelters and Schools: https://www.change.org/p/kirkland-wa-city-council-keep-kirkland-children-safe-support-the-homeless-put-a-buffer-between-shelters-and-schools?recruiter=1252103361&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=psf_combo_share_initial&utm_term=psf_combo_share_initial&recruited_by_id=2f8c8d20-8834-11ec-b395-0f0c8a24becb&share_bandit_exp=initial-32291028-en-US) o There will be a protest against the plan on 2022-02-09 from 12 PM to 1 PM in the front of La Quinta Hotel. As lawful residents, we feel responsible that our tax dollars can be and should be used to help people in need. But please reconsider location. Sincerely Fan Wang, a resident of YarrowRidge Community
- 2/11/2022 15:40 Hello I am against allowing the Laquinta Hotel to become a homeless shelter for King County. There are a lot of reasons but the main reason is King County Government can't be trusted. They have a long history of making laws that turn out to be horrible for the law abiding citizen, making it easy for squatters to terrorize neighborhoods . The have also "lied" to the cities of king county, for example the Houton transfer station (back in 2001). Thanks Jeff Lipp
- 2/11/2022 15:38 Dear Council Members, I fully support the Council's plans to purchase La Quinta Inn to provide housing. Homelessness does not mean lawlessness. Respectfully, Claudia Jensen 1120 2nd St Kirkland
- 2/11/2022 15:35 Hi, all. As a parent and healthcare provider, I think that most of the parents who are afraid have a fear of the unknown that, unfortunately, wasn't allayed by the lack of planning/contract/plan of action moving forward. No one wants to be "the example" in the area for this translates to the community as "Guinea pig" and doesn't do much to answer unanswered questions relating to safety and security. I've found this PSH housing contract from a PSH that is up and running in Omaha, NE and I would like for all of you to please read the contract and consider making some of their bullet points, rules, and regulations the same for the La Quinta property going forward. Sincerely, Jennifer Heuberger
- 2/11/2022 13:11 Hi, council! I hope you saw this news article about the protests at the La Quinta today. I was proud that so many Kirklanders showed up to stand up for our homeless neighbors and make it clear that we welcome this supportive housing in our community. <https://komonews.com/news/local/tensions-flare-at-dueling-rallies-in-kirkland-over-homeless-shelter-plan -MJ>

Fan Wang

Jeffrey Lipp

Claudia Jensen

Jennifer Heuberger

Marjorie Carlson

- 2/10/2022 16:15 Feb 10, 2022 Dear Rep. Springer, Our church community wants to express our support for the purchase of the La Quinta Inn on Northup, in Kirkland, for the Health Through Housing program. Northlake is located in Houghton, Kirkland, only 2.5 miles north of this site. Our values include honoring the worth and dignity of all people without regard to their personal history or their social situation. Housing people and providing much needed services are a demonstration of how they are valued. Over ten years ago our church committed ourselves to addressing the issue of housing and homelessness on the Eastside of Seattle, and we are grateful that there is an opportunity to do this in our own community. Each month we give the first \$1000 of our Sunday collections to a group addressing homelessness, and we are active in community dinners. We also hosted the Eastside Emergency Family Shelter for a month before the NBDC was created. We want to let you know that we endorse this initiative, believing this is good for the whole community as we become part of the work making the world more tolerant and safe for all. Sincerely, C .N . Reid-McKee Rev. C. Nancy Reid-McKee, Minister Ellie Peterson, President of the Board Nancy Reid-McKee
- 2/10/2022 16:04 Dear Kirkland City Council Members, I am writing to thank you for supporting King County's plan to convert the La Quinta Inn to a homeless shelter. Everyone deserves a safe place to live and I am proud of our city for endorsing this project. Thank you, Bradley Clem 1120 2nd Street Kirkland, WA 98033 Bradley Clem
- 2/10/2022 16:02 I am emailing the City Council to express my support for the purchase of La Quinta Inn for use as supportive housing by King County's Health through Housing initiative. As a Kirkland resident, I am aware of the lack of affordable housing in Kirkland and the Eastside coupled with the homeless crisis in King County. Our community lacks the vital link of supportive housing, and the purchase of La Quinta helps to address this shortfall. As parent of students at Eastside Preparatory School for the last 12 years, I am also very aware of the proximity of the location to the schools in the area. Rather than seeing this as a detriment to student safety, I see this as an opportunity for the students to continue to develop and learn in-line with the core mission of the school: We inspire students to create a better world through Critical Thinking, Responsible Action, Compassionate Leadership, and Wise Innovation. Kind Regards, Kathy Kearny Katherine Kearny
- 2/10/2022 15:57 Hello, I am writing to commend and support the city council for their energy behind the planned acquisition of the La Quinta Inn in Kirkland for supportive housing. As a Kirkland resident in the 98034 area code, I believe in compassionate approaches to helping our neighbors that need these kinds of services and assistance, and although I know there have been concerns raised about community safety, I would urge the council to look closely at the validity of those concerns and focus on how this acquisition can help the members of our community that need it. This acquisition can reflect a city policy of compassion and care rather than exclusion, and I would be proud to live in a community that takes such a step. Thank you for your time, Arthur Brown Art Brown

- 2/10/2022 9:51 Dear Mss. and Sirs; There are lots of other concerns that I am sure you have heard and I am sure you don't have the time to read a full blown dissertation on all of them so I will keep it brief. I am for helping those who through no fault of their own find themselves homeless. I know that being homeless does not mean unemployed. I am a member of Holy Family Church and was a part of getting Helens Place established. As you know, Helen's Place which started as The Bethlehem Project is for helping people transition from being homeless to being in their own self supported "home". I believe this project has been successful because all the people and organizations involved were involved from the beginning and were able to set standards and guidelines that everybody felt would protect the families being helped and the surrounding neighbors and community. The problem I see with King Counties plan to turn the La Quinta Inn into a homeless shelter is that our community has had no notification or input until it is almost a done deal. At this time, it appears that King County plans on making the purchase and THEN asking for our input, BUT, the best we can hope for is to hope we can have some say into operational rules and conditions. I would hope that if our City cannot get the rules and conditions we know work based on past experience that we could kill the project. One of the biggest concerns for most of us in the area, (I live less than a mile away) is the 12 schools and day care centers within 1.3 miles of proposed housing. Will pedophiles and/or registered sexual offenders be excluded? Even those with past sexual complaints w/o convections? How are they going to keep homeless that were granted residency but violated rules and were evicted from just living on the street or in the woods close by? Dennis L. Glines
- DENNIS GLINES
- 2/10/2022 8:29 You are stating in your newsletter the following: "King County is considering La Quinta, as it is the only hotel in Kirkland that meets King County's criteria." Please state what those criteria are please as that is unclear. Sincerely, Maja Persson
- Maja Persson
- 2/10/2022 8:27 Dear City Council Member, I am a concerned citizen living on Lake Washington Blvd NE, just down the road from La Quinta Inn. I've heard about the city's plans to sell the property to the county for use as a homeless shelter, and I am begging you to reconsider. I grew up in this neighborhood, and now I am raising my own child here. This has been a safe area for children and turning this hotel into a homeless shelter is bound to lead to more drugs, violence, and crime in our neighborhood. The people of Kirkland have a right to speak up about this matter. It is not just about real estate, this is a matter of community, safety, and the future of our city. Please reconsider your decision and allow the people to have a voice. We care about the homeless in our community, but there is a way to offer help for them without putting our children at risk. Sincerely, Kirsten Del Degan
- Kirsten Del Degan

2/10/2022 8:23

To Council Members and Mayor, Below is a letter sent to the City Manager. I believe you as council members should read this as well. The weight and consequences of this action will be on your shoulders as well. When crime increases and home values decline. Children are assailed or worse, you will need to explain why you supported this. If what you read below, you believe isn't going to happen. All you have to do is watch the news article about the woman who was struck from behind with a baseball bat. The perpetrator was a resident of the near by transitional housing Project. To Kurt Triplett City Manager of Kirkland, City of Kirkland, and City Council, Where to begin. It is very unfortunate that City officials, County Officials are so completely naïve or just lack the intelligence to realize that there is no single action that is going to solve the homeless problem. The proposed solution of buying hotels to give the less fortunate a place to live is not only senseless it is in fact not a solution but a perpetuation of the problem. Let me start with the first fact: Chronically Homeless. Which is the term used by King County Officials as the criteria for the individuals that will be housed in these future domiciles. By definition alone This premise is doomed to fail. ("Chronic": continuing or occurring again and again for a long time. B : being such habitually). These individuals have made a choice that this is the life they want to live. Either do to drug or alcohol addiction, or severe mental illness. (Clearly any sane person would not choose to live this way). Again. Look up the definition of Sane. That definition is the simplest of terms that defines the large majority of homeless. So, if you have looked that definition up it would be impossible to believe that by giving these individuals a place to live. Is again, singularly not the solution to their homelessness. These people need to be cared for on a continuous and ongoing basis. The care provided by an accredited facility. Not some bleeding-heart individual that is basically sucking on the tit of the tax payers hard earned money. I'm pretty sure that the supervision our county officials (as described in their directives), as a condition of these housing facilities, are not going to be volunteers. Even scarier if they are volunteers what qualifies them to counsel these addicted or mentally challenged individuals. Now let's address the addicted tenants of these facilities. So do the people behind this incredibly ridicules solution believe that by merely supplying a place to sleep at night. That these individuals will miraculously be cured of their long-time addictions. (Again, I refer to the definition of chronic) that is being used as the criteria of these shelters' inhabitants. So, I ask. Is the county going to provide money to obtain the drugs while they are kicking the habit or just provide the drugs? If you provide the drugs or alcohol isn't this just perpetuating their addiction or worse adding just another drug dealer in our community? If neither of these options. Where does any intelligent individual think the money to feed their habits is going to come from. The same place, they have been acquiring the funds all along. The great news for these individuals is the County and City officials are providing them with wonderfully fertile new grounds. Our neighborhoods, local businesses, the park and ride just blocks away with over 200 vehicles unattended. Are our elected officials that naïve to believe that they can guaranty that out of 121 residents? That even a small percentage will not resort to some sort of criminal activity in order to feed their addiction?? Or are they just plain stupid. Lastly. I want to know how any individual that thinks this is a good idea. Is going to live with themselves when a student or child, that is within a stones throw of this facility gets raped or attacked ...see attached for full email...

Ric Ferrera

- 2/9/2022 16:17 Mayor Sweet, My neighborhood is in an uproar about an impending action by the king county council, supported by the kirkland city council, that has had minimal to no neighborhood input. Specifically the proposal to turn the La Quinta Inn in Kirkland into a homeless residence, importing homeless populations from Seattle, and possibly encouraging open drug use within the facility is not in the best interest of the members of your constituency. The Health through Housing initiative in our neighborhood has been done covertly and quietly to ram an extremely problematic population into an otherwise safe and good place to live. We all live on the Eastside, particularly Kirkland for a reason: "ç My children in Kirkland are able to play in the front yard. My friends in Seattle do not let their children play in the front yard. "ç We can walk around parks in Kirkland without fear of needle sticks. In Seattle no way do you walk around without looking where you are stepping. "ç We can leave our cars parked on the street. In Seattle smashed windows are common. "ç We enjoy walking in the neighborhood on safe clean sidewalks. In Seattle, human refuse gets particularly bad on summer days, and sometimes get hit in the head with baseball bats. "ç My kids don't have to see open drug deals occurring at intersections. In Seattle, these are not prosecuted and go on in plain sight. How does forcing this type of population on our neighborhood benefit anyone. What will happen to police and fire response times? What will happen to crime rates? What is going to happen to our tax rate to support this proposition. Is the intention to spread the failures of the city of Seattle to us, and have us pay for it? How are you going to keep the Cross Kirkland Corridor safe? I want to humanely support the homeless in our community if we can, but this is not intended to help our homeless population, but instead to import mentally ill/drug addicts from other parts of the state. I would like a response. Thank you, Sunny Malik
- 2/9/2022 15:14 Dear Mayor Sweet and Kirkland City Councilmembers, As a faith community in Kirkland, we wish to share with you our support of the county's proposed purchase of La Quinta Inn as part of the Health Through Housing initiative. The attached letter explains in more detail why we believe this project is good for those experiencing homelessness and for the community as a whole. We have actively supported a variety of approaches to ending homelessness and will continue to do so. The depth of this crisis, however, cannot be solved without cooperative work at every level. We have shared with the county our urging that they move forward with this project and with sustained outreach to the city and residents of Kirkland. Sincerely, Pastor Katy McCallum Sachse (she/her) Holy Spirit Lutheran Church 10021 NE 124th St + Kirkland, WA 98034 www.hsickirkland.org compassionate + challenging + inclusive
- 2/9/2022 15:10 Hello, It was quite frustrating to hear about the sale for a homeless shelter that would allow safe drug use. King County and Seattle have helped create the homeless drug problem we have now. We have seen the numbers grow for years and nothing was done. We have invited homeless from all over the country and let them pretty much do what they want. Instead of getting help to those who need it, jailing those who do the wrong thing and sending people back to where they came from. Now it is expanding out of Seattle and King County needs Kirkland to help by putting up a shelter next to 3 schools and a Burgermaster. I need to go back and rewatch the council meeting - unfortunately I work a fair amount and have not had time to do so. But recall some young gal talking about drug use will happen and there is drug use in houses next to you we can't do anything about. Very true. And if you don't get your act together and get help, you end up losing that house. Then you end up homeless and if you are addicted, you will do just about anything to get your fix. I see that with my commute to Seattle and have talked to many, many people who are hard working folks who have been on the receiving end of the negative "compassionate approach to dealing with the homeless. I wish I could understand what is happening. Dean

Sunny Malik

Katy McCallum
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- 2/9/2022 12:42 Dear county council members, I am a resident of the Houghton community. I would like to share the following thoughts with you regarding the recent announcement of the King County Health Through Housing program's plan to purchase the La Quinta Hotel in Kirkland. I strongly believe in helping the ones most in need in our community, including those who experience homelessness, and I understand that people have different opinions on how we should solve the homeless problem and decisions can be controversial. However, I do think the following should adhere to regardless of which path we take: The decision-making body has to maintain transparency with the community, including timely communications and two-way dialogues. This is paramount in building trust between the government and the community. The program sponsor and the city should establish plans and standards to ensure the public health and safety of the community. With the La Quinta deal, the city and county kept the plan from the public until days before the closing date, leaving essentially no time for community feedback and engagement. This is a serious trust destroyer, and made constituents and local taxpayers question whether the city and county still have their best interests in mind. The location of this site is adjacent to three schools and within walking distance to many more. We need to put in as much effort as we can to ensure we are protecting our children, who are our most precious and most vulnerable. As I read through the statement and FAQs on the city website, I did not find any information on the details of screenings and background checks to be put in place for the prospective site residents. We all know a significant percentage of the chronic homeless population suffers from substance abuse and mental illness. The tenants are not bound to stay inside or drug free. Burger master next door will be become a hang out. We will all be sorry for this community changing issue being quietly implemented by a few without a majority of input. We are not the place to clean up Seattle's long time neglected problem. Without proper treatment, the homeless pose significant risks and negative impacts on nearby students, and the broader community. As much as I am empathetic to these homeless individuals' situation, recent news and statistics near similar housing sites such as Queen Anne and Renton (Renton officials call for July 9 closure of downtown homeless shelter | Renton Reporter) point to deteriorating safety and very negative impact to the local community. For Kirkland, it will be too late when the same outcome repeats it here. We are asking for more transparency in decision-making processes like this, and better location selection criteria (such as minimum distance from schools and childcare), together with well-defined site regulations. Please hear your community's concerns. Sincerely, Joan Kuo
- 2/9/2022 10:10 City Council, After last week's attack in Seattle, I ask that you reconsider allowing King County to place permanent supportive housing in Kirkland. Someone housed in permanent supportive housing hit a lady in the back of the head with a baseball bat in this attack. This is exactly the kind of facility that is being planned to be placed near our schools in Kirkland: <https://mynorthwest.com/3340830/rantz-police-video-shows-homeless-man-hitting-woman-head-with-bat/> I just moved to Kirkland this summer, to escape Seattle. My child's elementary school had been overrun by homeless drug addicts. King County needle "exchange" brought needles to our school. You could hear rapes if you were on the playgorund at our school in the middle of the day. There were many violent assaults, break-ins at our school, and shelter in place protocols used. All King County would do was bring more needles to enable this problem. There is not much accountability or oversight within the King County government. They do not care what happens to our children or the rest of Kirkland. Please do not turn Kirkland into Seattle. Please do not allow King County to export Seattle's crisis to Kirkland. Thank you, Ryle Goodrich

- 2/9/2022 9:59 Dear Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Councilmembers, I was dismayed to find a flyer on my front door last week pointing out the planned sale of La Quinta hotel to King County to supply permanent housing for people experiencing homelessness. Dismayed because it was an obvious attempt to scare people by alleging untruths. The headline at the top was "NO Drug Injection Site Near SCHOOLS" yet the La Quinta site won't have any injection sites. The next line was about sex offenders, yet they are already within our community and the proposed housing site won't change that reality. The flyer talks about 911 call volumes going up after the Renton Red Lion hotel was used to house people without homes, but additional calls doesn't mean that there were any crimes taking place, just that the community worried about them. My son went to EPS and I'm not bothered by its proximity to La Quinta. In fact, there is the potential for a good relationship between the two entities. The school has no students below 5th grade, and hopefully some awareness of people who are less privileged will increase empathy in these students. The tone of the entire flyer is Be Scared, Be Scared, They are coming to Our Towns. Yet people without homes are living here already and some of them may have lost their housing due to the skyrocketing rental and real estate in our neighborhoods. I value a city that can help to provide housing and services for some of these people. Thank you for being supportive of King County's purchase of La Quinta for permanent housing with wraparound services. Sincerely, Sarah Richards, Kirkland resident Sarah Richards
- 2/9/2022 9:56 Proposed Homeless Shelter at the La Quinta Hotel in Kirkland Dear Mayor Sweet, Kirkland Council Members and Kirkland Planning Commission Members We are Kirkland residents, business owners, workers, teachers, parents of children attending schools in Kirkland and stakeholders. We would like to share the following thoughts with you regarding the proposed homeless shelter at the La Quinta Hotel in Kirkland and future homeless shelters in Kirkland. We recognize that the homeless crisis is a problem that we all need to work together to solve and acknowledge that locating a shelter for homeless can be difficult and controversial. We strongly feel that any location must be a safe location for the community and understand that under State law (HB 1220) Cities are required to allow homeless shelters but have the authority and ability to determine "reasonable standards to protect public health and safety" Our children are our most precious resource and it is our first obligation and the obligation of the city to ensure their health and safety The City of Kirkland thoughtfully and responsibly in its zoning code stipulates "safe distance requirements" and buffers between many uses. This takes the form of buffers between homes and between residential and commercial uses and by stipulating safe distance requirements between uses that might have an impact on our children. For example, Adult Entertainment facilities are not allowed within 1,500' of schools and Marijuana retailers are not allowed within 1,000' of child care facilities. King County is currently proposing a shelter location at the La Quinta Hotel that is adjacent to Eastside Preparatory School and very close to Chestnut Montessori School, Yarrow Bay KinderCare and Cedar Crest Academy. No other King County Shelter is that close to a school. We encourage you our city leaders to impose reasonable regulations on any homeless shelter located in Kirkland including a "safe distance" or buffer from schools and child care facilities of not less than 500' to 1,000' We also encourage you our city leaders to have an open, transparent public dialogue on this subject so that any proposed location can be carefully vetted and all stakeholders have ample opportunity to provide feedback before its approval. We want to help the homeless but not at the cost of our Kids Safety! Please put a safe buffer between shelters and schools in Kirkland Regards, Alex Chen Alex Chen

2/9/2022 9:49

Dear Mayor Sweet and Deputy Mayor Arnold, As you go forward with the King County proposal to house people in the La Quinta (or any motel) in Kirkland, I would like to offer a couple items for your consideration. A hotel/motel room is not a home. Having a safe place to sleep and a private bathroom will certainly improve life for the people who have been living outdoors, but I think a home should be more than that. To me, there is nothing more soul sucking than sitting alone in a motel room. I would like to suggest that one of the requirements the City makes is that the motel have a library. Reading saves lives. It inspires and elevates the soul. I imagine many of these people have not had access to books and literature for a long time. I can't imagine a home without a library. To that end, many of in Kirkland have extra books we could donate. It wouldn't be a cost, just a room set aside for the books and a few chairs or sofas. I also believe that people need meaningful work. To that end, I would like to suggest that the City requires there to be a garden or nursery where people can grow and harvest plants. Working in the soil gives people something to do during the day and a sense of community and accomplishment. Working the soil nourishes the soul. Again, all this needs is some space set aside in the parking lot (I don't imagine there will be many cars at the site), a fence surround, and bags of soil. You already have a Master Gardener on the Council, so maybe Kelli could give advice on that. Nothing would be mandatory, but imagine a few people would really enjoy growing and tending plants. I don't know if each room has a microwave, but it would be nice if the lobby had a toaster and microwave so people could prepare a simple meal. And a laundromat is essential. With these comments, I am not saying I think this is a good idea, but if people are going to live in a motel, it would nice if we could make it feel more like a home. All best, Betsy Pringle 5821 109th Ave NE Kirkland, WA 98033

Betsy Pringle

- 2/9/2022 9:20 Dear Mr. Lopez, It was recently brought to our attention that King County is in the process of attempting to purchase the La Quinta hotel in Kirkland as part of the County's Health Through Housing Initiative. We are current residents in Houghton and are very concerned about the safety impact that this purchase will have on the area, for the families and children living nearby and attending one of the many schools in very close proximity to the hotel. Not only are there many schools within walking distance to the hotel, but also many students who wait outside the Burgermaster (next door) every morning to catch the school shuttle to some of the Seattle based private schools. Our daughter attends Seattle Prep and that is one of their eastside pickup locations M-F at 7:15 am. I regularly see other school buses there in the mornings as well. We recognize that there is a terrible homeless problem in the state of Washington and understand that there needs to be a system in place to provide safe housing for those in need. However, placing transitional housing for individuals in need of substance/ mental health help in an area very close to children, is a very reckless way to accomplish this. As a family who has experienced the loss of two family members and a very close friend, who were murdered by individuals with mental health/ substance issues, we know too well how being at the wrong place at the wrong time can devastate a family in an instant. These were two separate crimes (our family members were murdered here in Washington, and our friend was murdered in Massachusetts) and all three were going about their normal lives with no knowledge that a predator lie in wait to harm them. They were crimes of opportunity that would have been avoided had the system done their job effectively. One lost life is one too many, and placing such a high risk facility in an area that has historically been a safe place to live is a recipe for disaster! There has to be a better alternative that is not in the epicenter of our children's schools! This transaction has been kept very quiet, however those in the community that have become aware of it strongly oppose the purchase. Now that it is becoming more public through word of mouth, others will be contacting you to voice their concerns as well. I have worked in downtown Seattle off and on for the last 25+ years and deal with the homeless crisis on a daily basis. I have seen individuals walking down the street covered in blood, have been accosted many times and trapped in my car unable to move, while someone suffering from a mental episode refused to move out of the way. All very frightening incidents to have experienced. The thought of intentionally bringing this type of added risk and potential trauma into our safe community, near our schools" seems like an irresponsible solution to the problem. Looking forward to your response. Sincerely, Anjel and David Chamberland (206)235-2399
- Dave Chamberland
- 2/9/2022 9:03 Dear Councilmembers, I'm a Kirkland resident writing to thank you for taking direct action to address homelessness by purchasing the La Quinta Inn for permanent supportive housing. Affordable housing is the most immediate need for the health and safety of our neighbors experiencing houselessness. Please continue to take action that that supports the most vulnerable members of our community. Thank you, Elizabeth Standal
- Elizabeth Standal

- 2/9/2022 8:36 I'm sure you have seen this but wanted to make sure. Putting a homeless shelter at the La Quinta would permanently change the character of our larger neighborhood and we are vehemently opposed as I'm sure you are. Steve and Doreen Begin forwarded message: Date: February 8, 2022 at 11:13:22 AM PST Subject: Petition & Rally: Say NO so low barrier permanent housing in Kirkland Send the City of Kirkland & King County a Message. We support humanely helping the homeless but keep our children and community safe. Sign this petition, send comments to King County. Your voice deserves to be heard. <https://chnng.it/T7xjZcfZ> Rally tomorrow in front of La Quinta Inn from 12-1 organized by Safe Eastside: <https://safeeastside.com/2022/02/06/protest-and-say-no-to-la-quinta-inn-kirkland-deal> Hi Friends, Neighbors and Kirkland Stakeholders: Are you aware that the City of Kirkland City Council approved a King County Low Barrier Homeless Shelter at the La Quinta Hotel in Kirkland directly adjacent to schools serving hundreds of kids, businesses, parks, trails and residential communities without notice? We need your help to send a message to the city & county that while we all want to help the homeless crisis in a humane way, we also need to keep our children and neighborhoods safe by putting a buffer between low barrier homeless permanent housing, children, workers and residents in Kirkland and the surrounding community. ***This shelter would allow those with mental illness, criminal records, drug and alcohol addictions, that they have not been able to move off encampments, mostly in Seattle or out of cars, after multiple attempts, to continue to use or remain untreated in their government apartment. Rehabilitative services would be offered but, not required.*** Recently, a low barrier housing resident stabbed his case worker to death and assaulted many other counselors when he thought he might be evicted after 8 years. Another low barrier housing resident randomly hit a female Amazon employee in the head with a baseball bat in Belltown for no apparent reason in the middle of the day. See the Seattle Times for both stories I reference. Left untreated, this population of people present a clear and present danger to the community. We believe to be successful, humane and safe, free housing must be accompanied by treatment. This is very, very time sensitive since the County is about to purchase the La Quinta Hotel. Please forward this petition to as many people you can, your neighborhood groups, your co-workers, on social media and other Kirkland groups and ask them to send this message to the city and county. ***Please also take the time to contact King County who is funding these low barrier hotel purchases and site selection with our tax dollars but, not our input.*** This is a county wide initiative bound to come to your Eastside community without warning soon. Padilla Ocampo, Michael Health Through Housing ; Knight, Calli <CKnight@kingcounty.gov, Dow Constantine kcexec@kingcounty.gov, County Council Representative from Bellevue claudia.balducci@kingcounty.gov Subject: Health Through Housing location in Kirkland I hope to see many of you at the rally tomorrow.
- Steve Winslow
- 2/8/2022 14:39 Dear Kirkland City Council, Thank you for partnering with King County to welcome the purchase of La Quinta Inn to create badly-needed, long-term supportive housing in our area! This type of housing is so much better and more appropriate than just more emergency overnight shelters would be. Sincerely, Jennie Jaeger Kirkland resident
- Jennie Jaeger

- 2/8/2022 14:37 I'm a Kirkland resident living here for 20+ years. I'm writing to represent many of my neighbors after talking to them today. It is a shocking sad sad news that you are helping homeless people in this stupid way!! We have been helping low income people, homeless people, pay taxes, donations and donations, but we are very disappointed that our tax money is not wisely used in this way! - The land is very valuable there but will not be if the deal is done. The surrounding area property values will be all down! And then what? Your tax income revenue will be much LESS! - Drug Injection site near so many schools? None of your own kids are in the schools? Do you really care about us residents? I thought the Kirkland government is better than Seattle and any of the other cities - Is the Seattle Disaster not enough of a bad example??? - Helping those homeless people is NOT just endlessly giving and giving them to improve their living condition but they need to overcome mental health issues and addictions! Find what really causes them to be homeless! I remember a few years ago, I was with my colleagues preparing donations and asked some of the low income families what they would like for Christmas gifts. A few asked for fancy stuff, such as a wii..... so speechless! - Don't start in the Eastside this so-called homeless rescue like in Seattle! HB1220 requires cities to allow homeless shelters but also grants cities "the limited ability to impose reasonable regulations regarding spacing, occupancy, and intensity of use standards for homeless shelters to protect public health and safety" I voted for you all but this is Not what I expected. - Kirkland is the most beautiful, clean and safe place to live. You have no right to ruin the image, ruin our life here and never make this unwise decision again! Tell King county that we don't have the pleasure to share crimes and drug addicts. If they can't solve the problem, resign! We are going to protect our clean and healthy land with all efforts we can!!!! I and my neighbors will be looking forward to hearing from you! Susan from Center Kirkland!
- Susan
- 2/8/2022 14:34 Mother of 2 in Houghton urging you to reconsider use of La Quinta Inn for housing homeless. This site should not be purchased and converted without public input. More than 2000 young children are within 1 mile of where you plan to house drug addicts and sex offenders. Placing a homeless hotel next to schools is beyond irresponsible. 911 calls went up after the Renton Red Lion hotel was converted into a homeless hotel. You were elected to protect our community, not destroy it. And to listen to your constituents. If you won't actively fight placing drug injection sites next to our children's schools, at a minimum, let the community be part of the decision. Larkin Family (2 kids under 4)
- Brett Larkin
- 2/8/2022 14:33 Hello, Haven't you done enough to ruin Kirkland with your approval of greedy development and the proposed changes to the area around 85th? Now you are supporting the purchase by King County of a hotel in the neighborhood of schools, neighborhoods and - in an expensive area. HAVE SOME COMMON SENSE! I have lived in Kirkland off and on since 1977 and you all - if you have been on the City Council for long - have RUINED Kirkland. Mayor Penny Sweet has done nothing to stop relentless development. I often drive between my home in the Highlands and my Mom's house on 7th - about a mile. Because everyone is trying to avoid the traffic lights on 85th there is constant speeding and failure to yield at Stop Signs on that one-mile route. What is going to happen when your plan to quadruple the population around 85th takes effect? Maybe Mayor Sweet does not care because she is old and can retire somewhere that is quiet, but the rest of us would like to have some semblance of the charming town that we once had. Supporting the purchase of a hotel for the homeless is not going to help - it is not safe and is not the solution - it is going to be a pull factor for the homeless to come to Kirkland. Just great. Maybe think of something other than the almighty dollar - and stop with your fake neoliberal support of the homeless. If you really wanted to help the poor - you wouldn't have turned affordable housing over to developers. Now there is very little affordable in Kirkland. I own a house and even though it is now probably worth close to \$2 million, I can't move anywhere else in Kirkland to avoid the 85th street debacle because you have allowed rampant development. Again, this feels like greed. Joan Lindell Olsen
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- 2/8/2022 14:28 I am really confused and disturbed about the La Quinta Hotel. Is the City of Kirkland buying this property or City of Bellevue? How can this be. It does not belong so close to schools and an office building . There have been several negative comments about what has taken place at other converted hotels. Until this program can put in place in Kirkland/Bellevue there needs to be better planning. Please do not let this sale go through. There needs to be more transparency because it appears that the County and Cities are trying to rush this sale through without enough input from the citizens that have voted you to represent us. Sandy Campbell Sandra Campbell
- 2/8/2022 14:20 Dear county council members (and Bellevue and Kirkland leaders), I am a resident of the Bellevue/Houghton community and a parent of two small toddlers. I would like to share the following concerns with you regarding the recent announcement of the King County Health Through Housing program's plan to purchase the La Quinta Hotel in Kirkland. I do believe in helping the ones most in need in our community, including those who experience homelessness, and I understand that people have different opinions on how we should solve the homeless problem and decisions can be controversial. However, I do think the following should adhere to regardless of which path we take: The decision-making body has to maintain transparency with the community, including timely communications and two-way dialogues. This is paramount in building trust between the government and the community. The program sponsor and the city should establish plans and standards to ensure the public health and safety of the community. With the La Quinta deal, the city and county kept the plan from the public until days before the closing date, leaving essentially no time for community feedback and engagement. This is a serious trust destroyer, and made constituents and local taxpayers question whether the city and county still have their best interests in mind. The location of this site is adjacent to three schools and within walking distance to many more. In fact, this homeless housing would be right down the street from my two toddler boys daycare, Bright Horizons West Campus, which is not even included on the list of schools in close proximity. We need to put in as much effort as we can to ensure we are protecting our children, who are our most precious and most vulnerable. As I read through the statement and FAQs on the city website, I did not find any information on the details of screenings and background checks to be put in place for the prospective site residents. We all know a significant percentage of the chronic homeless population suffers from substance abuse and mental illness. Without proper treatment, I am afraid they pose significant risks and negative impacts on nearby students, and the broader community. As much as I am empathetic to these homeless individuals' situation, recent news and statistics near similar housing sites such as Queen Anne and Renton point to deteriorating safety and very negative impact to the local community. For Kirkland, it will be too late when the same outcome repeats itself here. We are asking for more transparency in decision-making processes like this, and better location selection criteria (such as minimum distance from schools and childcare), together with well-defined site regulations. Please hear your community's concerns and reconsider this location for the homeless housing project. I hope that we have nothing to fear, but heaven forbid anything happens to the children in this area. Elected officials choosing to move forward with this project given the known proximity to hundreds of children seems negligent and cause for legal concern should any violence and/or criminal activity follow. To have our own city officials knowingly placing so many children at risk honestly puts into question whether our children's best interests were even a consideration. Thank you for reading through my concerns. Please reach out with any questions or comments. Best, Alix Ciovacco Alexandra Ciovacco

2/8/2022 14:17

Hello Kirkland City Council Members: I'm not sure what role the council has in these decisions but I wanted to write in with my support of finding housing solutions and share my dismay in how the issues are being talked about amongst neighbors on social media and the local news, particularly around the term "buffering". The concept of "buffering" I think is pretty horrendous when referring to human beings. In the Kiro 7 news piece, the term buffer or lack of buffer was mentioned a few times. I think this term is dehumanizing and feeds into the belief that low-income housing or homeless shelters should be out of sight/out of mind. I've also seen a petition circulating amongst neighbors stating that the housing project threatens their children's safety due to a lack of buffer. The idea of buffering or isolating the newly-housed only exacerbates the belief that there is a relationship between being a criminal and relying on public services. And it makes the struggle to escape poverty and homelessness more difficult. Greater access to opportunities such as local schools, public transportation, shopping and other social services and activities makes it more likely that a person or a family will be able to overcome their circumstances. I don't live right there (I live a mile up) nor do I have a child at Eastside Prep (my child's school is a mile away) but if I did, I certainly wouldn't be concerned. I would be very excited at the possibility of providing shelter and stability to people who aren't currently experiencing that. I hope you will consider the idea that the concepts/terminology of buffering are not acceptable, especially if you believe in preserving the dignity of human beings. And will do what is in your power to support this project moving forward. Thanks for all you do for our city! Sincerely, Laila Saliba Kirkland resident

Laila Saliba

2/8/2022 14:15

Hi there - first off, I wanted to thank you for the work you do for the community. I love this part of the world and community, and I am grateful to folks like yourselves who put that love into action and service the community that we call home. I imagine this role often only hears from people when there are gripes, which I confess is sort of the rest of this email, but I wanted to lead with a thank you, because I am grateful for the doers in our community...namely, you. That said, you are surely aware that many in the community have views, thoughts, concerns, support, etc., that they'd like to be voiced regarding the recent announcement of the pending La Quinta purchase. Below is a letter our community composed with some key messages I support. The primary point, from my observation of the community discourse, is around transparency. Valid or not, I think the community feels there is no transparency, which I think in large part has fueled a knee-jerk reaction of distrust, fear, and resistance. In my view, taking strides to open transparency and provide a venue for community voices to be heard, would go a long way to restoring some lost trust and get us to a point of productive discourse rather than reactionary, fear driven barking. Thank you for your attention and consideration. ***** Dear county council members, I am a resident of the Houghton community. I would like to share the following thoughts with you regarding the recent announcement of the King County Health Through Housing program's plan to purchase the La Quinta Hotel in Kirkland. I strongly believe in helping the ones most in need in our community, including those who experience homelessness, and I understand that people have different opinions on how we should solve the homeless problem and decisions can be controversial. However, I do think the following should adhere to regardless of which path we take: The decision-making body has to maintain transparency with the community, including timely communications and two-way dialogues. This is paramount in building trust between the government and the community. The program sponsor and the city should establish plans and standards to ensure the public health and safety of the community. With the La Quinta deal, the city and county seemingly kept the plan from the public until days before the closing date, leaving essentially no time for community feedback and engagement. This is a serious trust destroyer, and made constituents and local taxpayers question whether the city and county still have their best interests in mind. The location of this site is adjacent to three schools and within walking distance to many more. We need to put in as much effort as we can to ensure we are protecting our children, who are our most precious and most vulnerable. The community craves information on the details of screenings and background checks to be put in place for the prospective site residents. Many fear a significant percentage of the chronic homeless population suffers from substance abuse and mental illness. Without proper treatment, people fear this poses significant risks and negative impacts on nearby students, and the broader community. Many point to recent news and statistics near seemingly similar housing sites such as Queen Anne and Renton (Renton officials call for July 9 closure of downtown homeless shelter | Renton Reporter), and cite them as examples of deteriorating safety and negative impacts to the local community. They fear that for Kirkland, it may be too late when the same outcome repeats it here. We are asking for more transparency in decision-making processes like this, and better location selection criteria (such as minimum distance from schools and childcare), together with well-defined site regulations. Please hear your community's concerns. -- Matt Tookey LinkedIn Profile

Matt Tookey

2/8/2022 14:06

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Jane Ci

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Simi Talkar

2/8/2022 13:50

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Al Amirzehni

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2/8/2022 13:47

Dear Mayor Sweet, Kirkland Council Members and Kirkland Planning Commission Members In just 24 Hours over 1,200 people have signed the petition asking you to insure a safe buffer and spacing between Homeless Shelters and Schools in Kirkland of 500' to 1,000'. You can see the number of people that have signed and the petition at the following link: <https://chng.it/T7xjZcfZ> This is a huge public reaction. Kirkland wants to see safe distances between Shelters and Schools. You have a responsibility to protect the children of Kirkland HB 1220 gives you the right to demand safe spacing for shelters from the County. It says "Reasonable occupancy, SPACING and intensity of use requirements may be imposed by ordinance on permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, indoor emergency housing and indoor emergency shelters to protect public health and safety" (1220 text below) What is more important than the health and safety of our children. Don't let the County build a shelter adjacent to schools. You have the right and frankly the obligation to the Children of Kirkland to tell the County that they must provide reasonable safe SPACING between any shelter and a school. You require safe spacing in your zoning code between other uses that might be a problem for kids this should be no different. Don't let the County's interest supersede your responsibility to your Kirkland constituents and their families. Mike Raskin Texts of the section of HB 1220, the petition are below HB 1220 PETITION ON CHANGE.ORG Hi Friends, Neighbors and Kirkland Stakeholders You might not be aware that the City of Kirkland is about to approve a King County Homeless Shelter at the La Quinta Hotel in Kirkland directly adjacent and close to schools serving hundreds of kids. We need your help to send a message to the City that while we all want to help the homeless crisis we also need to keep our children safe by putting a safe buffer between homeless shelters and schools in Kirkland. For your convenience we have drafted a message to the City of Kirkland Council and Planning Commission, Mayor Sweet and Kirkland Council Members asking them to insure that any shelter located in Kirkland is safe for our kids. Please read this on-line petition to the City of Kirkland since it will provide you with valuable insights into what is happening and sign the petition to send a message to Kirkland. This is very, very time sensitive since the County is about to purchase the La Quinta Hotel. Please forward this to as many people you can, your neighborhood groups, your co-workers, on social media and other Kirkland groups and ask them to send this message to the City. Send the City of Kirkland a Message. We support the Homeless but Keep Our Children Safe. Sign this petition and forward to all of your friends. Your voice deserves to be heard. <https://chng.it/T7xjZcfZ> Thanks for Keeping our Children Safe TEXT OF LETTER TO COUNCIL Proposed Homeless Shelter at the La Quinta Hotel in Kirkland Dear Mayor Sweet, Kirkland Council Members and Kirkland Planning Commission Members We are Kirkland residents, business owners, workers, teachers, parents of children attending schools in Kirkland and stakeholders. We would like to share the following thoughts with you regarding the proposed homeless shelter at the La Quinta Hotel in Kirkland and future homeless shelters in Kirkland. "ç We recognize that the homeless crisis is a problem that we all need to work together to solve and acknowledge that locating a shelter for homeless can be difficult and controversial. "ç We strongly feel that any location must be a safe location for the community and understand that under State law (HB 1220) Cities are required to allow homeless shelters but have the authority and ability to determine "reasonable standards to protect public health and safety" see attached for full email

Mike Raskin

2/8/2022 13:39

Dear county council members, I am a resident of the YarrowRidge community. I would like to share the following thoughts with you regarding the recent announcement of the King County Health Through Housing program's plan to purchase the La Quinta Hotel in Kirkland. I strongly believe in helping the ones most in need in our community, including those who experience homelessness, and I understand that people have different opinions on how we should solve the homeless problem and decisions can be controversial. However, I do think the following should adhere to regardless of which path we take: The decision-making body has to maintain transparency with the community, including timely communications and two-way dialogues. This is paramount in building trust between the government and the community. The program sponsor and the city should establish plans and standards to ensure the public health and safety of the community. With the La Quinta deal, the city and county kept the plan from the public until days before the closing date, leaving essentially no time for community feedback and engagement. This is a serious trust destroyer, and made constituents and local taxpayers question whether the city and county still have their best interests in mind. The location of this site is adjacent to three schools and within walking distance to many more. We need to put in as much effort as we can to ensure we are protecting our children, who are our most precious and most vulnerable. As I read through the statement and FAQs on the city website, I did not find any information on the details of screenings and background checks to be put in place for the prospective site residents. We all know a significant percentage of the chronic homeless population suffers from substance abuse and mental illness. Without proper treatment, I am afraid they pose significant risks and negative impacts on nearby students, and the broader community. As much as I am empathetic to these homeless individuals' situation, recent news and statistics near similar housing sites such as Queen Anne and Renton (Renton officials call for July 9 closure of downtown homeless shelter | Renton Reporter) point to deteriorating safety and very negative impact to the local community. For Kirkland, it will be too late when the same outcome repeats it here. We are asking for more transparency in decision-making processes like this, and better location selection criteria (such as minimum distance from schools and childcare), together with well-defined site regulations. Please hear your community's concerns. Sincerely Hua Xiao

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2/8/2022 13:37

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- Susan Hathaway
- 2/8/2022 13:24 Four years ago we managed to escape Seattle as it has fallen to overwhelming violence and decay and come to the East Side. We are currently Seattle Refugees living downtown Bellevue. The selling of the La Quinta Hotel will have a disproportionate impact on the well being of Asian American residents. Violet crime follows homeless encampments, and Asian Women are the number 1 target. Allowing this to go through is inviting violent crime to our family friend neighborhood. We already avoid traveling into Seattle because of how bad it has gotten there. With this encampment that will enable King County to store some of their violet offenders down the street from schools housing their favorite target: Asian Families. This will for sure impact us more than you, as my family of color pays the price for your exhibition of faux caring.
- Brad Ballinger

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- 2/8/2022 12:00 Dear Mayor Sweet and Kirkland city council members, Recently I heard the news about the La Quinta Hotel purchase plan and I would like to share some thoughts. As a Kirkland resident and part of the community, I truly believe in helping the homeless by providing them with a warm home, fresh water, showers and providing social service to help them get out of their situation. However, I was surprised that the news came with very short notice. As I read through the statement and FAQs on the city website, I did not find any information on the details on: 1. What's the location selection criteria? The location of this site is adjacent to two schools and within walking distance to many more. How do we make sure the kids are safe? They are the most vulnerable group. 2. Who is going to live in the hotel, do we have a screening process in place? 3. Do we have detailed auditing on the post-decision that's been made? There are reported increased crime around such homeless housing. How do we prevent that? To back my 3rd question, here are some related news article: Violent crime doubles near Queen Anne homeless shelter that was formerly a hotel https://komonews.com/news/local/violent-crime-doubles-near-queen-anne-homeless-shelter?fbclid=IwAR1ziA0LudvHe86bzbM0FgIR_ymIOI9-zzIb_I-kBL7uvjNncknqHSaPs-E Only one month after the shelter's opening, Renton Police Department has seen a 79% increase in emergency calls for violence, drugs and other inappropriate behaviors from the shelter's location. <https://www.rentonreporter.com/news/renton-officials-call-for-july-9-closure-of-downtown-homeless-shelter/> Nevertheless, as a taxpayer, we need least transparency to understand how these decisions are being made, supporting data and concrete plans. Looking forward to your reply! Thanks, Mia

- 2/8/2022 11:57 To: City Manager Kurt Triplett, Mayor Sweet and the Kirkland City Council From: Bruce Mowat Wendy Mowat French Nancy Mowat Susan Mowat Berkman Re: La Quinta Inn & Suites Proposed Sale and Conversion to a Health Through Housing Facility It has come to our attention King County via the Health Through Housing "HTH" initiative has entered into a partnership with the Kirkland City Council for the purchase of the LaQuinta Inn & Suites at 10530 Northup Way adjacent to our property at 10606 Northup Way. The actions of the King County Department of Community and Human Services under the auspices of King County Executive Dow Constantine and Director Leo Flor mirror those contested recently with the purchase of the Redmond Silver Cloud Inn. A lack of transparency, disclosure and community input prior to targeting these sites for lower-barrier homeless housing is of great community concern. The county and local authorities are claiming these "private" purchases do not need to be announced prior to acquiring a permit nor is public input solicited. However, property acquisition by the King County HTH initiative is financed with public funds. For this reason and those stated below, we are opposed to the acquisition of La Quinta Inn and Suites for conversion to a HTH site. We join fellow property owners, businesses, residents, school administrators and families challenging the use of the LaQuinta Inn & Suites property for HTH purposes. Among our many concerns are: "¢ HTH facilities allow "harm reduction" drug and alcohol use on the premise, - behaviors, which can invite consumption and/or trafficking on neighboring properties. "¢ Children and young adults attending day care and schools are located in close proximity. There appears to be no restrictions on coming and going from HTH housing, therefore, safety is a common concern. "¢ The property is located at the "gateway" directly into downtown Kirkland along Lake Washington Boulevard lined with business offices, private residences, waterfront parks and beaches. "¢ The remote site lacks public services for occupants within walking distance, such as grocery stores. "¢ Loitering on private property and in lakefront public parks presents an enforcement issue for property owners, Law Enforcement and the general public. "¢ The HTH initiative, unlike transitional housing programs, provides long-term residency with limited exit goals and incentives leading toward wellness and exiting HTH. "¢ The percentage of Eastside homeless versus homeless imported from outside the Kirkland area has not been quantified by HTH or the City Council. "¢ Supporters of SafeEastside (safeeastside.com) spent months rightfully requesting transparency from Redmond city authorities regarding the undisclosed purchase of the Silver Cloud Inn as well as pushing to expand the language of the governing ordinance. It appears a similar course lacking transparency and community input is being taken by King County and Kirkland officials. Therefore, without scheduled, widely publicized hearings calling for public input, we stand opposed to the Health Through Housing acquisition of the Kirkland La Quinta Inn & Suites on Northup Way. Respectfully, Bruce Mowat, Wendy Mowat French, Nancy Mowat, Susan Mowat Berkman Nancy Mowat
- 2/8/2022 11:55 I would like to voice my concerns with converting La Quinta hotel in Kirkland into a homeless shelter. The primary concern with with the proximity of the location to schools. It is well known that homeless population has been disproportionately affected by mental health and substance abuse issues and proximity to schools increases the risk of interactions between kids and mentally ill or mentally unstable people. These interactions jeopardize kids and are likely to result in lawsuits in the future. Second concern is about cost-effectiveness of the solution. The amounts paid per units of other hotel acquisitions run in hundreds of thousands per unit. Given Kirkland real estate prices, this acquisition is likely to be even more expensive in terms of per unit price. I think it is financially irresponsible to waste such amounts of money given that the total number of acquired units is a drop in the bucket of our homeless problems. This money could be much better spent by building new shelters in areas with cheaper real estate and providing help to the homeless population in terms of services. Sincerely, Eugene Chudin Eugene Chudin

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- 2/8/2022 11:51 I am astounded that I just found out about your plan to establish a homeless center at the local Laquinto hotel without any comment from the people of Kirkland. This email is to advise you that I , along with all of my neighbors, are vehemently opposed to this plan primarily because it is located in a residential area and within a short distance from a child care facility. While it might somehow seem to help the homeless it also will be an enabler for those with drug and alcohol addiction. I guaranty that your support of this plan will be a major issue in the next election . Please re-consider your support for this. There must be a better plan or location available. Thank you, Wayne S. Jensen(10520 N.E. 52nd Street) Telephone 425 822-5096 (email wayjojen@ frontier .com) Wayne Jensen

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Carlos Gonzalez
- 2/8/2022 11:45 Good morning I live just under a quarter mile from the La Quinta. I'm dealing with drug related crime near and at my greater Seattle stores on a weekly basis, and now the neighborhood where I live is being threatened. I can tell you horror stories of drugs, violence, death, and abuse going on daily on Northlake Way where our store and offices are. I can also tell you about the crime that was immediately present when housing with similar entry requirements was allowed near Greenlake where my children live, and how that crime disappeared when it was shut down. I don't want to see that happen in a heretofore safe neighborhood. I could see a shelter where drugs, alcohol, and weapons are not tolerated having a positive impact, but allowing drugs with treatment available is unquestionably an invitation for property crime. I understand that this could be finalized very soon and that there's no plan to invite public comment. This is a gross dereliction of your duties as our elected representatives. Warm Regards, Mike Dunn
4120 Lk Wash Blve NE 206-419-2680 cell cc: my neighbors, Houghton Community Council <https://komonews.com/news/local/king-co-kirkland-in-discussions-to-use-la-quinta-inn-for-housing-homeless> View our Northlake Neighborhood blog if you need more evidence. Home - Common Sense Seattle

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- Wen Wang
- Claire Pastor
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- 2/8/2022 8:25 We support the purchase and use of the La Quinta Inn in Kirkland for meeting housing needs. Nancy and Matt Bernard 13523 131st PL NE Kirkland, WA 98034 Nancy Bernard
- 2/8/2022 8:23 Dear City Council: We strongly urge you to oppose the La Quinta King County purchase. This location is not appropriate for many reasons. As a resident of Houghton that lives not far from the La Quinta I am concerned for the safety of the neighborhoods and the adjacent pre-schools and schools. The kind of housing that this purchase supports is not appropriate for this location for a number of reasons. The residents of these communities pose a health and safety threat to the immediate vicinity they are located in. We are fully supportive of affordable housing or low income family housing and think projects such as New Bethlehem are a great addition to the community. New Bethlehem supports homeless families trying to get back on their feet and they have shown great success. Programs that allow drug and alcohol use and have low standards for entry are a lot different and are concerning. We strongly urge you to oppose this location. Thanks, Kim and Mark Faust Kim Faust
- 2/8/2022 8:15 Proposed Homeless Shelter at the La Quinta Hotel in Kirkland Dear Mayor Sweet, Kirkland Council Members and Kirkland Planning Commission Members We are Kirkland residents, business owners, workers, teachers, parents of children attending schools in Kirkland and stakeholders. We would like to share the following thoughts with you regarding the proposed homeless shelter at the La Quinta Hotel in Kirkland and future homeless shelters in Kirkland. "ç We recognize that the homeless crisis is a problem that we all need to work together to solve and acknowledge that locating a shelter for homeless can be difficult and controversial. "ç We strongly feel that any location must be a safe location for the community and understand that under State law (HB 1220) Cities are required to allow homeless shelters but have the authority and ability to determine "reasonable standards to protect public health and safety"ç Our children are our most precious resource and it is our first obligation and the obligation of the city to ensure their health and safety "ç The City of Kirkland thoughtfully and responsibly in its zoning code stipulates "safe distance requirements"ç and buffers between many uses. This takes the form of buffers between homes and between residential and commercial uses and by stipulating safe distance requirements between uses that might have an impact on our children. For example, Adult Entertainment facilities are not allowed within 1,500' of schools and Marijuana retailers are not allowed within 1,000' of child care facilities. "ç King County is currently proposing a shelter location at the La Quinta Hotel that is adjacent to Eastside Preparatory School and very close to Chestnut Montessori School, Yarrow Bay KinderCare and Cedar Crest Academy. No other King County Shelter is that close to a school. "ç We encourage you our city leaders to impose reasonable regulations on any homeless shelter located in Kirkland including a "safe distance"çr buffer from schools and child care facilities of not less than 500' to 1,000' "ç We also encourage you our city leaders to have an open, transparent public dialogue on this subject so that any proposed location can be carefully vetted and all stakeholders have ample opportunity to provide feedback before its approval. We want to help the homeless but not at the cost of our Kids Safety! Put a safe buffer between shelters and schools in Kirkland Kirkland kids need your help now before it is too late. Please send this message to the City of Kirkland Council and Planning Commission, Mayor Sweet and Council Members listed below and forward to as many people as you can as well as your neighborhood groups and sites asking them to do the same. Just copy this message into an email and send it to the following Kirkland Leaders (copy emails). Your voice deserves to be heard. CityCouncil@kirklandwa.gov PlanningCommissioners@kirklandwa.gov psweet@kirklandwa.gov jarnold@kirklandwa.gov; nblack@kirklandwa.gov; kcurtis@kirklandwa.gov; afalcone@kirklandwa.gov; tnixon@kirklandwa.gov; jpascal@kirklandwa.gov; abolen@kirklandwa.gov Katharine Holdsworth

- 2/7/2022 16:58 Dear council members and mayor of Kirland, My name is Chris Zou and I have been a resident in Kirkland since 2012. I recently heard the La Quinta Inn acquisition plan , and I am shocked that King county wants to bring drug users and sex offenders to our neibougherhood. The hotel is just next to many schools. Do you have kids? Can you image your kids in a school that is next to durg users and sex offernders? Please stop this. Please do NOT turn Kirkland into sxxx hole like the city of Seattle. Look at the recent election in Seattle, Gonzalez lost to Harrell, Thomas-Kennedy lost to Davison, Nelson lost to Oliver. People had enough of this. Thanks, Chris Chris Zou
- 2/7/2022 16:54 Proposed Homeless Shelter at the La Quinta Hotel in Kirkland Dear Mayor Sweet, Kirkland Council Members and Kirkland Planning Commission Members We are Kirkland residents, business owners, workers, teachers, parents of children attending schools in Kirkland and stakeholders. We would like to share the following thoughts with you regarding the proposed homeless shelter at the La Quinta Hotel in Kirkland and future homeless shelters in Kirkland. "ç We recognize that the homeless crisis is a problem that we all need to work together to solve and acknowledge that locating a shelter for homeless can be difficult and controversial. "ç We strongly feel that any location must be a safe location for the community and understand that under State law (HB 1220) Cities are required to allow homeless shelters but have the authority and ability to determine "reasonable standards to protect public health and safety"ç Our children are our most precious resource and it is our first obligation and the obligation of the city to ensure their health and safety "ç The City of Kirkland thoughtfully and responsibly in its zoning code stipulates "safe distance requirements"ç and buffers between many uses. This takes the form of buffers between homes and between residential and commercial uses and by stipulating safe distance requirements between uses that might have an impact on our children. For example, Adult Entertainment facilities are not allowed within 1,500' of schools and Marijuana retailers are not allowed within 1,000' of child care facilities. "ç King County is currently proposing a shelter location at the La Quinta Hotel that is adjacent to Eastside Preparatory School and very close to Chestnut Montessori School, Yarrow Bay KinderCare and Cedar Crest Academy. No other King County Shelter is that close to a school. "ç We encourage you our city leaders to impose reasonable regulations on any homeless shelter located in Kirkland including a "safe distance"çr buffer from schools and child care facilities of not less than 500' to 1,000' "ç We also encourage you our city leaders to have an open, transparent public dialogue on this subject so that any proposed location can be carefully vetted and all stakeholders have ample opportunity to provide feedback before its approval. We want to help the homeless but not at the cost of our Kids Safety! Put a safe buffer between shelters and schools in Kirkland Mike Raskin Mike Raskin
- 2/7/2022 16:51 Hi City Council, As one of your constituents, I want to share my opinion that I am against the sale of the La Quinta hotel in Kirkland to be made into a homeless shelter. I think the risk to the safety of our community is too great. With shelters come drugs, weapons, criminals, sex trafficking, prostitution, and more. There is ample evidence of nefarious behavior within and surrounding these types of shelters. Including the burning down of tiny home villages by its occupants and the massive spike in crime surrounding the Renton hotel used for sheltering homeless. The massive problem faced in Seattle is one that Seattle created by neglecting to prosecute crimes and give criminals more freedoms than law abiding citizens. Bringing criminals to Kirkland is just Seattle passing the buck to us. It is not okay. As a mother, I want to feel safe walking with my daughter, feel safe walking alone in the woods... neither of those things are options in Seattle with the on-going rash of crimes by opiod addicted criminals and those with untreated mental illness. Let Seattle solve the problem it created and let Kirkland stay the safe, vibrant, healthy city that we have all worked so hard to create. Please do not support the purchase of the La Quinta (or any other hotel). Megan Tomlin 520 6th Ave #2004 Kirkland Megan Tomlin

- 2/7/2022 16:49 Dear Mayor Sweet, Kirkland Council Members and Kirkland Planning Commission Members We are Kirkland residents, business owners, workers, teachers, parents of children attending schools in Kirkland and stakeholders. We would like to share the following thoughts with you regarding the proposed homeless shelter at the La Quinta Hotel in Kirkland and future homeless shelters in Kirkland. We recognize that the homeless crisis is a problem that we all need to work together to solve and acknowledge that locating a shelter for the homeless can be difficult and controversial. We strongly feel that any location must be a safe location for the community and understand that under State law (HB 1220) Cities are required to allow homeless shelters but have the authority and ability to determine "reasonable standards to protect public health and safety" Our children are our most precious resource and it is our first obligation and the obligation of the city to ensure their health and safety The City of Kirkland thoughtfully and responsibly in its zoning code stipulates "safe distance requirements" and buffers between many uses. This takes the form of buffers between homes and between residential and commercial uses and by stipulating safe distance requirements between uses that might have an impact on our children. For example, Adult Entertainment facilities are not allowed within 1,500' of schools and Marijuana retailers are not allowed within 1,000' of child care facilities. King County is currently proposing a shelter location at the La Quinta Hotel that is adjacent to Eastside Preparatory School and very close to Chestnut Montessori School, Yarrow Bay KinderCare and Cedar Crest Academy. No other King County Shelter is that close to a school. We encourage you our city leaders to impose reasonable regulations on any homeless shelter located in Kirkland including a "safe distance" or buffer from schools and child care facilities of not less than 500' to 1,000' We also encourage you, our city leaders, to have an open, transparent public dialogue on this subject so that any proposed location can be carefully vetted and all stakeholders have ample opportunity to provide feedback before its approval. We want to help the homeless but not at the cost of our Kids Safety! Put a safe buffer between shelters and schools in Kirkland! -- Chunke Yang Sammamish, WA
- 2/7/2022 16:41 Dear Councilman Black et al., I did send my questions and comments to the email addresses you offered. The email reply was a standard, auto reply and did not answer my questions below directly. We are all parents or grandparents, teachers, or mentors: you, me, and everyone at some points of our lives. None of the communications from the City mentions explicitly about possible impacts on our kids--- the hundreds of students who are enrolled in nearby schools and daycares. We do not need to go far to see evidence of potential risks. We do not need statistics (although we have plenty if the City or County needs any), the story below is just one example. <https://komonews.com/news/local/violent-crime-doubles-near-queen-anne-homeless-shelter> We do support our tax dollars to support the homeless, but not in this way, not potentially putting kids' safety and social-emotional health at risk. Actually, we cannot tolerate any, not even a single one possible risk when it comes to kids--who really are the most vulnerable ones who can't even make decisions or vote by themselves (2 years old we are talking about). They trust us to make decisions for them. We cannot let them bear the risk while we, adults, cannot solve the problem and play the games of politics. We CAN Do BETTER than this. I am writing this email with tears in my eyes and please you all, thinking about these hundreds of children. Best, Min

Chunke Yang

Min Sun

- 2/7/2022 16:33 Mayor Sweet and the Kirkland City Council: I hope this email finds you well. This is Emily, a parent of a student in a school nearby La Quinta at Kirkland. I feel very much concerned about the ongoing plan to convert La Quinta into Permanent Supportive Housing. May I ask you to consider these concerns when making decisions, or pass up these concerns to King county on related matters if anything is beyond your control? 1. Impact and risks to vulnerable students. Four schools are within walking distance from La Quinta: Chestnut Montessori School, Cedar Crest Academy and Yarrow Bay Kinder Care all have very young children; Eastside Preparatory School has an open campus and is easily accessible from La Quinta. According to a research publication from NIH, "PSH predominantly serves individuals with serious mental illness and substance abuse problems." We help people but NOT at the risk of impacting vulnerable students. I strongly oppose building a PSH so close to schools. I am curious how would you feel if you have any young children or grandchildren who are in a school so close to a PSH? We are not opposing out of fear, but stats show a high correlation between increased crime in communities and nearby PSH (or homeless shelter). 2. Please LISTEN to community concerns and take responsible actions. All we received are short notices on an almost done deal. Could you please listen to community feedbacks and consider them before making the decision? Your decision making process is not transparent. Our voices are not heard. 3. Please share safety evaluations that you have done for the PSH decision and all the detailed effective safety measures you will implement to protect nearby communities. 4. Please provide solutions to cure the root cause for homeless instead. We help people who are in need, but not through offering free everything. Creating more and more PSHs won't solve the root cause and will only attract more homeless people from all over the places to come. Please offer job training and help homeless people regain their independence and dignity. Aren't we teaching our kids to be responsible for their own choices? Voters trusted you to protect the residents and communities and use tax payer's money appropriately. Some news FYI: July 9th, 2021 "" RentonReporter : "In the span of a month since the shelter's opening, the Renton Police Department has seen a 79% increase in calls from the shelter's location" AUGUST 25, 2021 "" Komonews Kirkland principal pleads with city after knife-wielding man causes scare at school AUGUST 24, 2021 "" Komonews Uptown Espresso cites homelessness, crime for Queen Anne closure February 3, 2022 "" Komonews Violent crime doubles near Queen Anne homeless shelter February 1, 2022 "" The Post Millennial EXCLUSIVE: County officials to buy latest ""homeless hotel' without informing neighbors NOVEMBER 9, 2021 "" Komonews King County Council to mull plan to require public say before buying hotels for homeless AUGUST 6, 2021 "" Lars Larson Show Linda Yang "" Should SEA run a hotel for homeless & mentally ill drug addicts in a residential area? DECEMBER 13, 2020 "" Komonews The Fight for the Soul of Seattle | A KOMO News Documentary MARCH 19, 2019 "" Komonews Seattle is Dying | A KOMO News Documentary Best Regards, Emily
- 2/7/2022 16:29 Dear Council Members: Your support of King County's plan to purchase a hotel in Kirkland to serve as a homeless shelter is a huge mistake. As a worker in downtown Seattle, I see firsthand all of the crime, drug use and garbage that goes along with enabling homeless people to live in your area. A 120 bed homeless shelter at the former La Quinta Inn would serve as a foothold for bringing Seattle's problems into Kirkland. It's a fact that if you enable homeless people, most of whom are drug addicts, you will attract more of them to come. Along with it comes drug use, property crime, assaults, rapes, murders, etc. The Council needs to keep Kirkland safe so it can continue to be one of the best cities in the State. Thank you, Mark Nakatsu 109 2nd St S, #432 Kirkland, WA 98033

Emily Han

Mark Nakatsu

- 2/7/2022 16:27 Dear elected official, Trully, We've voted for you and believed that you would be able to help make Kirkland safe, a better choice, and to build a family home. With our 4 children, one of them a girl with down syndrome, we considered Kirkland as our loved home and a great place for our future, now we are shocked? Hearing the news about King county considering purchasing the La Quinta hotel not far from our house: for housing the homeless, but it's where our children always walked safely and biked around the area all the time? What are we supposed to do, move out?, which we've already started planning as soon as we've heard the news. We would like to start by addressing you to prove your leadership first, please. wishing you and your families all the best, Bander, Patricia , Azo, Lai, Wyle and Lana Bander Harbi
- 2/7/2022 16:25 Dear Kirkland City Council members, I am writing to express my opposition to the King County Health Through Housing project in Kirkland. The County has a poor track record for keeping these residents accountable. They are called "low barrier" facilities for a reason. The folks who live in them around the region are not willing to change their lifestyle enough to follow rules that might limit their behavior in any way. Yes, I realize there are always exceptions, and some people might be helped out of the "unhomed" community and rejoin community as a whole. Just don't count on King County to actually enforce unacceptable behavior. They could care less about Kirkland. They just want to offload some of their problems onto the Eastside. Other County Health Through Housing projects around the region have not turned out well for the communities in which they are located. Street crime and illegal drug use increase. How do you suppose these folks get money to buy drugs and alcohol? Answer: Government handouts as well as theft and prostitution. Communities like Bellevue, Redmond and Kirkland will undoubtedly see increased demand for law enforcement and fire services. Our EMTs are already burdened with "overdose" calls. People end up in a homeless situation for a number of reasons, but what keeps them there are addiction and mental health issues. Placing them in comfortable shelters such as converted hotels, with limited accountability, will not accomplish the desired end...that of helping them live self-supporting and productive lives. Many need mental health treatment, and many others are just freeloaders. Please think about Kirkland first and how you can help our residents. Don't let the County export Seattle's problems to the Eastside. Roger Ewald 8511 NE 142nd St. Kirkland, WA Roger Ewald
- 2/7/2022 16:23 Hello, I support the supportive housing facility being planned by King County in the former La Quinta Hotel. I believe this kind of facility to reduce the homeless population in our area,. My husband and I frequently discuss how to reduce homelessness and we agree supportive housing like this is an important tool. I think the city needs to educate our citizens more about what supportive housing is and how it is beneficial and how it is different from a shelter. There is a lot of misunderstanding seen on forums like FB Be Neighborly Kirkland Group. I personally thing is a great thing and there is a lot of nimbyism seen in the FB group. Thank-you, Margaret M Luke-Jones Margaret Luke-Jones
- 2/7/2022 16:13 I am a Kirkland resident, I've lived on the east side since 2005. I just had a canvasser for safeeastside.com come to my house arguing against the KC use of the La Quinta Inn location for housing homeless adults, and I want to counter them. I don't want to be a not-in-my-backyard person. I want us to take care of everyone. Thank you for your work and support towards this effort by KC. I have three young children and want them to see us supporting ALL of our community, especially those struggling with drug abuse and addiction. I also want to support any effort for identifying and locating Safe Injection Sites, as we know this has proven to be one way to combat the opioid epidemic plaguing our country. We need these to be a tool in our toolkit to stop people from dying. We also shouldn't restrict where these locations can be. We need these to be a gateway for other services that can eventually help people off of drug addiction and homelessness. Thank you, -Jason Hewitt 10716 NE 58th St Kirkland, WA Jason Hewitt
- 2/7/2022 15:59 Hello Mayor Sweet, I am contacting you to voice my strong objection to the proposal to use the current La Quinta Inn as a homeless shelter. I sympathize with the plight of the un housed, but this location makes no sense. It is adjacent to a number of schools and is basically the "front door" to our city when arriving from the south. This is a bad plan. Thank you, Josh Bowser 206-910-9785 Joshua Bowser

- 2/7/2022 15:31 Good afternoon: Please see the attached letter of today's date from Michael Rosenberger. This letter is being sent via email only. Carol Hudson | Legal Assistant to: Michael Rosenberger Greg D. Pendleton Brendan Winslow-Nason John D. Cadagan Gordon Tilden Thomas & Cordell LLP One Union Square 600 University Street, Suite 2915 Seattle, Washington 98101 t: 206.467.6477 d: 206.805.6617 w: gordontilden.com
- 2/7/2022 15:22 Hello, I am a resident of South Kirkland with my wife and children, age 1 and 4. I just wanted to communicate to you as a council member of our local government, that In no uncertain terms I object to the Kirkland City Government supporting the County placing a homeless supportive housing site at La Quinta. The site is directly adjacent to multiple schools and our son attends preschool in the area. We came to the area to have a safe, clean area for our children, with a different standard than cities like Seattle. I can cite dozens of examples of local governments launching homeless services sites, offering emphatic assurances to residents about their operations, only to see them break every. single. promise. Renton and Ballard are prime local examples of broken government promises about crime and quality of life. I don't question the intent and merit of such services, but they must be placed appropriately. It's obvious supportive housing involves people with lifelong psychological or physical disabilities and/or substance abuse problems. The residents are not committed to the site, and will eventually spill out into the area threatening the numerous environmental & transportation resources that the community and our children rely on. These types of sites should absolutely not be adjacent to multiple schools/daycares. This *the* most important issue to myself and my wife and we will follow up with my vote and campaign support if our views are not represented in the outcomes in Kirkland. Thanks for hearing us out. Regards, Jake Larkin Jake Larkin
- 2/7/2022 15:21 Hi, I'm writing to voice my strong concerns on turning La Quinta Inn to a homeless housing facility. The location is close to many schools including young kids from infants, toddlers, children to teenagers, which are our most vulnerable population. In addition, the facility poses a great risk to the safety of the neighborhood in general, and it is not helping our local community with the majority of the tenants coming from other areas. I am all for helping the homeless individuals to thrive and live in better conditions. However, I'm not convinced at all that providing housing mindlessly is the best solution or solve the fundamental problem at all. 1. There are at least 4 schools within 5 minutes walk of the La Quinta inn, in addition to so many more schools within a mile. These schools host young kids which are defenseless by themselves and also teenagers who are at a tender age that are vulnerable to temptations. The schools are not ready and the city has not provided a clear plan to protect our most vulnerable generation. Both my own children attended CCA from age 3-5. I can't imagine putting them at a great risk like this. 2. There has been enough precedence of other homeless housing hotels (Inn at Queen Anne, Red Lion hotel at Renton and many more) have increased the crime rate in the neighborhood, It is disruptive to local business such as coffee shops, schools, grocery stores. Kirkland has been such a great community, which is attracting more business owners, and younger families to move in. I can't imagine how such change would be devastating to the city in general. 3. With less than 10% of the homeless residents are actually from Kirkland, the housing is obviously not helping our local community. But our community does need help! With one out of 15.4 residences lives in poverty. What we can do help them. Isn't it the city's responsibility to help it's local residence? Yes, the homeless problem is such a disastrous problem in Seattle. The problem is that do we want to make all nearby cities suffer from such disaster or do we want to help the Seattle's problem in a more fundamental way? Would the housing solve the homeless problem? or was it drug use or job opportunity or health conditions? There are more people including myself willing to help. But we need to see our tax money and our voted officials are working towards the fundamental problem, Overall, there is too much risk on converting the La Quinta inn to a homeless shelter. I would suggest more public hearing and choose another location wisely. A concerned citizen who lives nearby and having children attending schools near the hotel, Sincerely Cindy Zhang Cindy Zhang

- 2/7/2022 15:17 Dear Mayor Sweet, Kirkland Council Members and Kirkland Planning Commission Members We are Kirkland residents, business owners, workers, teachers, parents of children attending schools in Kirkland and stakeholders. We would like to share the following thoughts with you regarding the proposed homeless shelter at the La Quinta Hotel in Kirkland and future homeless shelters in Kirkland. "ç We recognize that the homeless crisis is a problem that we all need to work together to solve and acknowledge that locating a shelter for homeless can be difficult and controversial. "ç We strongly feel that any location must be a safe location for the community and understand that under State law (HB 1220) Cities are required to allow homeless shelters but have the authority and ability to determine "reasonable standards to protect public health and safety"ç Our children are our most precious resource and it is our first obligation and the obligation of the city to ensure their health and safety "ç The City of Kirkland thoughtfully and responsibly in its zoning code stipulates "safe distance requirements"ç and buffers between many uses. This takes the form of buffers between homes and between residential and commercial uses and by stipulating safe distance requirements between uses that might have an impact on our children. For example, Adult Entertainment facilities are not allowed within 1,500' of schools and Marijuana retailers are not allowed within 1,000' of child care facilities. "ç King County is currently proposing a shelter location at the La Quinta Hotel that is adjacent to Eastside Preparatory School and very close to Chestnut Montessori School, Yarrow Bay KinderCare and Cedar Crest Academy. No other King County Shelter is that close to a school. "ç We encourage you our city leaders to impose reasonable regulations on any homeless shelter located in Kirkland including a "safe distance"ç or buffer from schools and child care facilities of not less than 500' to 1,000' "ç We also encourage you our city leaders to have an open, transparent public dialogue on this subject so that any proposed location can be carefully vetted and all stakeholders have ample opportunity to provide feedback before its approval. We want to help the homeless but not at the cost of our Kids Safety! Put a safe buffer between shelters and schools in Kirkland Thank you, Mariana Keller Mariana Keller
- 2/7/2022 13:04 Hello, I'm writing to express, first my shock and my outrage when I learned of King county's plan to purchase the La Quinta Inn for homeless housing. What disappointed and frankly infuriated me was the Kirkland mayor's and city council's apparent complicity in this secretive plan. It is obvious you didn't want to even hear, much less consider your constituents thoughts on this poorly conceived plan. My concerns are of two types; 1. Consequences of this plan -Increased crime: It is well documented that these sorts of facilities result in increased serious safety issues with neighbors: schools, daycare, nearby restaurants and retail. -Reduced property values: I point out that my reduced valuation will result in reduced revenues to the City. - 2 The deceptive process -Mayor Sweet's office as well as Mr Triplett's office recently issued statements of support. Making it apparent that they consider this a done deal and explicitly stating that constituent's were kept in the dark. This is intolerable. Please block this purchase. The La Quinta Inn location is certainly not zoned for transient housing, -James Song Kirkland WA James Song

- 2/7/2022 11:41 Dear Councilor Neal Black, As a mother and elementary school teacher I am very concerned about the proposal to convert the La Quinta Inn to a homeless housing complex. Our 18mo daughter goes to a daycare within walking distance (1 mile) of the La Quinta Inn and we have already encountered mentally ill, homeless people several times on the Cross-Kirkland Corridor trail by our home. In the last year, I met armed police twice while walking with my daughter on the trail and was told to immediately return home. Another time I was walking on the trail with my infant when I encountered a couple running away from a mentally ill person near the Google campus who was yelling and chasing them. I know that such encounters will only increase with an influx of people prone to mental illness and drug abuse. Our family moved to the Houghton neighborhood to get away from the frequent crime (including multiple break-ins to our condo building) and rampant homelessness we experienced living in the Capitol Hill neighborhood. King County needs to focus on increasing services and housing in downtown areas, such as Bellevue or Seattle, that have more services available to homeless individuals and a larger police presence. Housing homeless people in a neighborhood with lots of families, children, and schools/daycare centers, but no mental health services or jobs, is both reckless and senseless. I am well aware of the homelessness crisis in our region and sympathetic to the struggles that homeless individuals face. I worked for many years in Title 1 Seattle Public Schools with homeless children and families. I also know that these hotels do not cater to families nor provide the necessary services to support homeless individuals battling drug addiction and mental illness. We are guaranteed to see increased crime and homelessness outside of the hotel and in the surrounding neighborhood. Schools and daycare centers already have to contend with an increased risk of gun violence generally, and do not deserve to carry the burden of increased lockdowns due to the presence of dangerous individuals. I know first-hand how terrifying it is to have to usher twenty 6 and 7-year-olds into a corner of the class while I frantically lock the door and lower the shades due to an active shooter nearby. I do not support making this an increased reality for our children or teachers. The public deserves input on this important issue. We need to carefully consider where homeless housing should be located! Sincerely, Amanda Vaish, Kirkland Resident
- 2/7/2022 9:40 Dear Mr. Curtis, As an immediate resident living a few blocks away from the Kirkland La Quinta hotel and a mother of two young children who will be attending the school within walking distance to the La Quinta hotel, I'm writing this email to express my deep concerns and frustrations for the plan to turn La Quinta hotel into a homeless site (official announcement). While I'm fully supportive of helping the homeless in our community, numerous facts in Seattle, Renton, Bellevue, and other cities have approved that there are tremendous increases in crimes after homeless sites/shelters are established in residential/neighborhood areas. As La Quinta is located immediately adjacent to FOUR schools at which students are aged from young toddler to highschoolers, who are the most vulnerable and easy target population of our society, it is an absolutely unacceptable plan to build a permanent homeless site at this location. Our family and communities are deeply frustrated and concerned about the lack of transparency and public outreach of this plan. Given it is such a vulnerable area with kids and family around, I would hope our city would strongly rescind the decision on this location. We need a drug free and crime free community in that particular area. Doing this near the schools is not acceptable! Thank you for your consideration, Sincerely, Zun

Amanda Vaish

Zun Wang

- 2/7/2022 9:07 I am going to summarize what I suspect is the overwhelming sentiment amongst homeowners, renters and citizens who live in and around south kirkland. This proposed sale of the La quinta for the purpose of housing the homeless cannot move forward and as our leadership in kirkland needs to stand up for its stakeholders and community who will deal with this for many years to come. I have both 8 yr old & 10 year boys who like to ride their bikes and frequent the hiking trails. I used to run a retail business in the International District and I have seen what the impact of these centers and how they spread crime, insecurity and vagrancy around the neighborhood where they reside. My name is Chris Steward an my wife Yen Lam Steward and I have been living @ 4647 110th Ave Ne Kirkland for over a decade. Our community is a perfect mix of new families & veteran families alike and I would like to think there is a better way then to place a homeless shelter/housing right near some schools, a major walking thorough fair & close to the phyliss needy children's park. Please take a stand against this on our behalf. From a concerned citizen. Regards, Chris Steward Christopher Steward
- 2/4/2022 11:10 I believe homelessness is more than just housing. Unless we can provide full services for addiction, mental health, medical attention, education, job training and so on our efforts are futile. It needs to be a community of services more than likely from donated land, materials and labor. It is so fragmented now that nothing is getting accomplished. Aside from a constructively functioning community, we need to support our law and police force. We need tough laws and tough follow through so that these laws work. All of society is living a hell hole in the present situation. You cannot hide the homeless in a La Quinta Hotel, they will defecate all over the walls. It won't work. Sincerely, Wanda Selg-Gonzales I want Washington State to be a model of accomplishment in this HUGE PROBLEM. Wanda Self-Gonzales
- 2/4/2022 9:00 Hi there, we would like to speak to our council member Neil Black asap regarding the handling of Homeless shelter at La Quinta Inn by the City Council. As a long time resident of this area and actively participating in the local elections, we believe the voice of the residents and constituents needs to be heard before making such decision. Even a small permit takes month to get as per the process and this decision and the way it was done has totally disappointed us. In a democracy this is not expected. Please let us know when we can connect with him, Thanks, Omer Tareen & Faria Khalid Omer Tareen

2/4/2022 8:54

We recently received the news on the potential purchase of La Quinta Inn (10530 Northup Way) to convert it to permanent supportive housing. We are writing to provide some comments regarding this proposal. Addressing the homeless issue is important and everyone should help where it is needed. We have donated to various not-for-profit organizations to help those that are in need. However, we have concerns about this proposal and have some questions about how the process was handled. 1. It is unclear how this site was selected given its close proximity to many early education daycares and schools, with hundreds of children attending these. There was no communication and transparency around the site evaluation and selection process. The residents in the area and the parents of the children/students are given a very short notice to voice their concerns and to share their inputs, especially given the deal would close within the next couple of days or within weeks. The channel of engagement is also limited to Zoom and only 3 individuals on each side are given the opportunity to speak. Honestly we didn't find out about this news until a couple hours before the town hall meeting. 2. There is a lack of information to help the residents and parents understand how this site would be operated. It was designed to be a low barrier housing facility. Given its location to the school, how was such a decision made and what is the barrier? What is the timeline for starting service, should the purchase go through? Who will be the provider, what is their track record? The primary focus for this housing is adults, why wouldn't we focus on families with children? How would they handle incidents, especially given the police force is already stretched so thin? What are the mitigation plans should anything happen within the housing or surrounding areas? Has there been any impact studies, and what is the data if so? We will need more information transparency. We should really conduct a comprehensive impact study, giving the close proximity to the schools, and the safety and wellbeing of the children who are enrolled nearby. We are talking about 7 schools and 2 daycares. Every decision that has a direct impact on the children should be studied and evaluated more rigorously. In addition, according to Senate Bill 5882 (<https://lawfilesexext.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2019-20/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5882.pdf?q=20220202141221>), "(1) No city or town may authorize or through inaction allow for the siting or establishment of a sanctioned or unsanctioned homeless encampment of any kind including, but not limited to, outdoor encampments, temporary small homes on-site, tiny homes sheltering homeless persons, vehicle resident safe parking, or care or feeding areas for homeless person, within one thousand feet of a public or private school, or an early learning facility". It is clear that there are valid concerns with this proposal. It is essentially right in the back of Eastside preparatory school. Here are the information of the schools and daycares: 1 Eastside Preparatory School (RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET) 0.01 Mile 2 Chestnut Montessori School 0.1 Mile 3 Cedar Crest Academy Kirkland Campus 0.3 Mile 4 Yarrow Bay KinderCare 0.3 Mile 5 Bright Horizons West Campus 0.6 Mile 6 Bellevue Montessori School 1 Mile 7 International Montessori Academy 1 Mile 8 Cedar Crest Academy Bellewood Campus 1.2 Miles 9 Kids Klub Bellevue 1.2 Miles We would greatly appreciate it if you could 1) share more information on the selection process and how the site intends to operate, as well as contingency plans for various scenarios, 2) do a more comprehensive re-evaluation on site impact, 3) broaden the community outreach and public engagement to hear both sides of the stories. We all have children or grandchildren, their safety and wellbeing should be THE top priority when making such decisions. Thank you so much for reading our

Rena Wei

- 2/4/2022 8:50 Dear City Council, I'm writing to express my deep concerns (also my neighbors') regarding the supportive house. I really thought kirkland city council should reject this proposal as this is not representing nearby community interest and voice. A few concerns: 1) too many schools within 0.5 miles of the site. How do you make sure the safety of school? 2) We all know crime increases after such facility operates per Seattle and Renton's experience. How do you prevent that from happening? When crime happened, will King county or Kirkland be final responsible for such crime. Especially these property crimes, police typically does not have time to chase down. 3) damage to Kirkland long term safety and reputation. When crime rate increases because of this site, house will lose value and Kirkland will lose lots of property tax which could have helped more people. 4) the site is on very expensive area of Kirkland, is it the right way to use tax money. Regarding the criteria of hotel(that is only hotel option per the criteria), for other hotels,why it's ok for normal guest to stay with paying the room fee but not ok for homeless people for free? Is it really valid to setup such high bar criteria? After all the biggest problem is stabilizing homeless people, you don't necessarily to give them a palace as it's not a cost effective way. All the money comes from hardworking tax payer. They should be used very carefully. 5) why is the site only requiring 15% local homeless people to stay? Why not prioritizing local homeless people? 6) this site does not have grocery store nearby. And what's even worse is that grocery store in west Kirkland is very expensive and may not fit their needs. Last but not least, many Seattle residents apparently are tired crimes by homeless and moving to the eastside. And their mayor election results show clearly what ordinary people want. I think if the site is going to take effect, same thing may happen in Kirkland too. We should not repeat Seattle's bad story in Kirkland. I really hope Kirkland to ban this proposal and any other similar proposals, especially in west Kirkland where even normal hardworking people cannot afford. It's not fair for them to stay far away while homeless people pay nothing but enjoying one of the best communities in Washington. Sincerely, A 10+ year resident of Kirkland
- Qi Xu
- 2/4/2022 8:48 As a resident and business owner in the neighborhood, I resent the rush to purchase and repurpose La Quinta Inn without transparency and the input of the community. Similar programs have resulted in increased crime in their localities. A more rural setting near a bus line would make more sense. The only way I could begin to support this, is if it were reserved solely for single mothers with their young children with no substance abuse or criminal history. I trust those in power will do the right thing for Kirkland residents as well as those experiencing homelessness. Teresa Bikhazi Sent from my iPhone
- Teresa Bikhazi

2/4/2022 8:46

Dear Council Members, My family and I are shocked about the news that you picked La Quinta Inn as the location for Permanent Supportive Housing(PSH). We agree that homeless people need to be helped. We also would not stop you from providing services to them under the condition that it does not hurt the majority's interest and put people at risk. Now, with the shocking news, we hope to figure out why you make this unbelievable choice of location for this PSH. Please address the following questions: 1. Why do you put a high risk population so close to vulnerable people like students? La Quinta Inn is close to so many schools, which have over 800 kids spending their daily life in that area. We all know homeless people with mental health and drug abuse issues are the predominant group for this PSH. This is obviously a high risk population. So, please explain why you can help them ONLY by putting kids' lives at risk. Why do you only protect homeless people but ignore kids' need for protection? Why is there no other alternative to make our kids safe and help homeless people as well? What if in the future, kids get hurt by a homeless person with mental health from this PSH, who will take the legal responsibility? 2. Why can't people who live close to La Quinta Inn decide on whether they are willing to accept this PSH or not? In the zoom meeting, I was shocked that someone who lives far away from La Quinta Inn got a chance to support this PSH but so many people who live close by don't have a word. If the majority of the population who live close by the La Quinta Inn are willing to accept this PSH, then you have adequate justification for this activity. But why don't you let people vote before you make your decision? 3. Money vs kids' lives and security? On your website, you mentioned that La Quinta Inn is the only hotel that satisfies the requirement for being a PSH. I am curious that King county has the money to purchase such an expensive hotel at that golden location, but Why don't they have the money to turn another relatively cheap hotel into a PSH? Maybe turning another cheaper hotel into a PSH still requires extra funding. But when you compare that extra funding to kids' lives and security, why do you or the king county pick money? And the money is from us, who pay property tax to support your work. And you use that to risk our kids' lives. I hope the Council can think about the questions asked above and convince us properly on why we need to support this PSH while risking our kids' lives. Thanks for your help and service! Best regards, Jing Yu

Jing Yu

2/4/2022 8:42

Hi Council, I am a resident in Kirkland. I have read the article that Kirkland council is supportive of the purchase of the La Quinta hotel for permanent housing. I would like to get more details on what are the type of people we expect in the housing. <https://www.kirklandwa.gov/Government/City-Managers-Office/King-Countys-Health-Through-Housing-Initiative-in-Kirkland> How will the City and County ensure safety for the community? There is a screening and referral process for permanent supportive housing. It is important to note that the individuals that would be moving into this housing site, were the County to move forward with it, are all enrolled in the Homeless Management Information System. The City's understanding is that no one who "walks up" would get assigned a room "" this would no longer be a hotel, and there would be no walk-ins. Were this site secured, the City would provide the same public safety response to this neighborhood, building, and residents as it provides to the entire community. People are always encouraged to call 911 or the non-emergency public safety number at 425-577-5656 should they see something unsafe. The current FAQ detail is not sufficient to me. The location is close to school and the kids can be potential vulnerable victims. I need to see more details of who would be living there. Would there be screening on the drug abuse usage, criminal record, sex offender, etc? Please add the answers to the FAQ and I hope to see responsible answers. I do not want to see the neighbourhood around the school to degrade and place an influence on the children who are the most vulnerable growing up. Ho

Gordon Fu

- 2/4/2022 8:40 To whom it may concern - As an immediate resident living 3 blocks away from the La Quinta hotel and a father of two young children who will be attending one of the four schools within walking distance to La Quinta hotel, I'm writing this email to express my deep concern and frustration for the plan to turn La Quinta hotel into a homeless site. Numerous facts in Seattle, Renton, Bellevue, and other cities have approved that there are tremendous increases in crimes after homeless sites/shelters are established in residential/neighborhood areas. As La Quinta is located immediately adjacent to FOUR schools at which students aged from young toddler to highschoolers, who are the most vulnerable and easy target population of our society, it is an absolutely unacceptable plan to build a permanent homeless site there. Our family and communities are deeply frustrated and concerned about the lack of transparency and public outreach of this plan. We strongly urge you to suspend the La Quinta purchase progress until the thorough public outreach and impact study have been conducted. Sincerely, A concerning Houghton community member and a father of two young children Haijun Zhu
- 2/4/2022 8:38 Council members, just a note to thank you for your work in providing shelter to the homeless at the LaQuinta Inn. Urge you to stay the course and continue to make this happen. I would much rather have homeless folk in secure supportive housing with a chance to move forward to a more stable life than camping out in parks and other public spaces. . You have addressed many of the issues by implementation of screening, no unlawful activities being permitted and expulsion for those not following rules. I have full confidence that any issues that might arise will be addressed in a thoughtful, meaningful manner. Thank you for caring for those most vulnerable among us. Mary Alyce Burleigh maryburl@comcast.net Mary Alyce Burleigh
- 2/3/2022 12:53 Dear Council members, I was alerted yesterday to plans that the county is contemplating the purchase of the La Quinta to be used as a 121 unit homeless shelter. (King Co., Kirkland, in discussions to use La Quinta Inn for housing homeless) King Co., Kirkland, in discussions to u... I am strongly opposed of turning Kirkland into a hellhole like Seattle. Previous attempts to run such a place like the one in Renton (Red Lion Inn) have led to a drastic increase in crime. I don't think the students and parents at the nearby schools (Eastside Prep, Montessori) cherish the idea of discarded needles and thrash. It doesn't take much to imagine that if the hotel actually puts alcohol and drug restrictions in place that at least a portion of the residents will find its way over to Kirkland Cross Corridor Trail where they are out of sight. I do understand that many people struggle and need assistance. The problem at this junction is that Seattle policies have led to homeless tourism from out of state as they are free to roam. While I could be aboard with a significantly smaller operation where the vast majority of residents actually lived in Kirkland (or at least on the Eastside) I am strongly opposed to this project. It is bad enough to pay the amount of property taxes that I currently pay despite not seeing much in return of it (the condition of 68th Street is really bad. Are there any plans to resurface the street and fix the potholes?). The last thing I want is to face the prospect of discarded needles, burglaries, and worse. That's not why I chose to live in Kirkland. I like to know from you what your position on this matter is and how you intend to fight those plans. Kind regards, Dietmar Schimmel Dietmar Schimmel

- 2/3/2022 12:53 Good Morning: I just became aware of the County's actions leading to purchase of the La Quinta Inn from the City Manager's statement posted in "This Week in Kirkland". He states that the County is conducting due diligence on the purchase and that the purchase could be completed within days. This raises a number of critical questions: 1. Where is the public process? I am unaware of any effort by the County to contact Kirkland residents about this purchase. And, what about a process conducted by the City? The statement mentions Community Engagement during the operation of the facility but that's a bit late. 2. Does the City's zoning allow this type of use for the La Quinta Inn? If not, then there should be a public process to enable that through re-zoning. IF so, it should be clearly documented. 3. What are the assurances that the County has the capability of operating this type of facility? The City should require a detailed operating and maintenance plan from the County. This involves more than just housing people, it involves maintenance and upkeep of the facility, both internally and externally. 4. What would be the financial impact on the City? The first impact would be removing this property from the property tax roles. Another would be loss of taxes resulting from the normal operation of a hotel. And there may be others, which should be analyzed and addressed. I certainly support programs to address the homeless situation which are carefully thought out, effectively managed, and produce results. The possible acquisition of the La Quinta Inn should be required to meet these broad criteria. Thank you for your efforts on the Council. Richard Sandaas 12453 Holmes Point Drive
- Richard Sandaas
- 2/3/2022 12:52 Officer: I am a resident in Bellevue, I got news King County buy La Quinta hotel as a shelter. I have some questions. How was this location selected? This hotel is walking distance to a good number of schools, including Eastside Preparatory School, Chestnut Montessori School, Yarrow Bay KinderCare, Cedar Crest Academy. The kids attending those schools are from 3 to 18. What were the criteria leading to the decision of a location that is so close to schools? Why is it OK to be so close to schools? What safety plan will be implemented to ensure the safety of the surrounding neighborhoods, especially for the kids? As we know from previous experiences, some of those shelters may lead to more criminal activities, drug usage, and so on? If we were to open this shelter, how preventative control will be in place to help mitigate the risk and protect the children in daycare and schools that are as close to a block or two away? Are people allowed to take legal drugs like marijuana in the La Quinta hotel room? I have two kids, I'm worried about these issues. Thanks, Cloud Zhang
- Cloud Zhang
- 2/3/2022 12:51 Hello, I'm a Kirkland resident and recently heard about converting La Quinta to a shelter, I really have concerns on that. 1. Is La Quinta really a good choice as a shelter? It's pretty close to several schools, so I really have concerns about the safety of our kids. Any public disclosure on the process of deciding the site? 2. Any plans on ensuring the safety not only of the schools but also the communities around La Quinta? It is not heard of the rising drug usage/crime along with a shelter site. Yours sincerely, A parent that cares about our kids and city
- Fuquan Wang
- 2/3/2022 12:51 Hi Kirkland Council and Mayor Sweet, Let me get it straight. I was shocked to hear you guys are going to use La Quinta Inn as a homeless shelter. You guys kept us all in the dark and made such a rush decision. We also feel that as nearby residents, constituents voting for these council members, and property owners pay a heck of a lot in taxes, we deserve to be heard and protected. The decision making should not be made like under the table dark trade. There are 7-8 schools and daycares very close to La Quinta, thousands of students will be impacted by this no-brainer decision. Protection of the vulnerable is part of your job, however not only the homeless are vulnerable, SO DO YOUNG KIDS! Please make some common sense decisions as a great leader. Not just look at one point but ignore all others. Please stop or postpone the deal of purchasing La Quinta Inn. Thanks, Gao
- Gao Yu

2/3/2022 11:27

Dear Kelli Curtis, I'm writing to provide comments on the following proposal of building a Permanent Supportive Housing from the La Quinta Inn (located at 10530 Northup Way), as stated below. While addressing the homeless issue is important, I have three specific questions and comments about this particular proposal and would urge the Council members to consider before making a final decision. First, Please do engage deeply and broadly with community residents and business owners for a longer period of time before going through the purchase. (1) Too short a notice and time frame to allow public engagement: As a resident of the Houghton community, I just came across this news yesterday and the rumor is that the purchase will close in a few days or weeks. Is that true? Many many local residents have not even heard about this proposal at all. More time needs to allow meaningful public conversations about this. (2) The channel of engagement is so limited so far. Many local residents and community members, particularly seniors or individuals with limited digital access, do not even know or are not able to attend Zoom meetings or email their comments. Having diverse outreach strategies, not solely relying on digital platforms, will be crucial for equity and inclusion purposes. (3) Lack of information to allow us as residents to understand and weigh the pros and cons of this proposal. For example, how did the County select the site? Who was involved in making the deal? What are the comparable alternative sites? Any social and economic impact studies has the County or City done? What are exactly the programs that will be provided in this Supportive Housing facility? Information transparency, rather than close-door deals and decision-making, is the cornerstone of our democracy. Second, a comprehensive impact study is crucial, particularly considering the safety and wellbeing of the children who are enrolled in nearby schools. The La Quinta Inn site is located just too close to not just one, but four schools and daycares with young children. Every decision that has direct and immediate impacts on kids will need extra care and more rigorous study of possible impacts on the kids and families. Please see this Bill linked below. As it stated, "(1) No city or town may authorize or through inaction allow for the siting or establishment of a sanctioned or unsanctioned homeless encampment of any kind including, but not limited to, outdoor encampments, temporary small homes on-site, tiny homes sheltering homeless persons, vehicle resident safe parking, or care or feeding areas for homeless persons, within one thousand feet of a public or private school, or an early learning facility. " This proposal is a clear violation of this Bill. <https://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2019-20/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5882.pdf?q=20220202141221> Rigorous research studies in education and economics have established compelling evidence on how schools' neighborhood contexts may have long-term effects on young children's physical and social emotional wellbeing. Therefore, this is not a light, easy decision that we can make in a rush. 1 Eastside Preparatory School (RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET) 0.01 Mile 2 Chestnut Montessori School 0.1 Mile 3 Cedar Crest Academy Kirkland Campus 0.3 Mile 4 Yarrow Bay KinderCare 0.3 Mile 5 Bright Horizons West Campus 0.6 Mile 6 Bellevue Montessori School 1 Mile 7 International Montessori Academy 1 Mile 8 Cedar Crest Academy Bellewood Campus 1.2 Miles 9 Kids Klub Bellevue 1.2 Miles Third, evaluating the impact for tax revenue and the City's longer-term economic health. Would this program result in long-term and substantial reduction in the city's local tax revenue, including both property, business, and sales tax? As you are all well aware, the Houghton area is the neighborhood that generates major tax revenue for the City. If this site (see attached for full text)

Kate zhang

2/3/2022 10:47

Dear Kirkland City Council members: I am writing to express my strong concern and dismay over the proposed purchase of La Quinta hotel on Northup Way for the purpose of housing the unhoused. As you know, La Quinta is just feet from FOUR schools and daycares. They are: Eastside Preparatory School -- Over 500 kids in grades 5-12. Chestnut Montessori School -- kids ages 3-12. Yarrow Bay KinderCare -- Ages 6 weeks to 5 years. Cedar Crest Academy -- 112 students Pre-K- Kindergarten. My child currently attends Eastside Prep which is so close to La Quinta we can see what they're serving for breakfast when we drop her off in the morning. Our concerns are that this proposal may result in possibly more crime in the area, possibly drug use, possibly open alcohol use, possibly people with mental health issues, and possibly dangerous situations. While not certainties of course, is not a wild leap of the imagination to say that all of these possibilities are and have been associated with the Eastside population experiencing homelessness. While of course we want safety and housing for this group, I have to question the wisdom of locating the facility at the La Quinta, in the middle of hundreds of young kids who will be in the area all day nearly every week. This would undeniably be putting every one of these kids in danger every day they go off to school. I also wonder: --was there no public discussion or debate? --Was there any discussion about the La Quinta proposal with the 4 area schools and nearby residents? Eastside Prep seemed to be caught off guard about this as of Jan. 31. I can assure you that I am representative of the parents of Eastside Prep parent body in strongly opposing the use of La Quinta for a homeless shelter or facility. Thank you, Michelle Bowers Eastside Prep parent 760/579-2668 "ç "ç "ç "ç

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2/3/2022 10:46

Mayor Sweet and the Kirkland City Council: I'm writing to you as a parent of kids that attend Cedar Crest Academy in Kirkland, and as a Houghton community member who has worked/lived in the Kirkland/Bellevue areas for years . I recently heard the news that the City of Kirkland has chosen the La Quinta Inn (located at 10530 Northup Way attached) as a future homeless shelter as part of the "Health through Housing" initiative that has support from you and the City Council in a letter to King County Executive Dow Constantine on January 20th. <https://www.kirklandreporter.com/news/kirkland-leaders-write-letter-to-the-county-expressing-support-for-imminent-homeless-shelter/> While we can agree that the community needs to address the issue of homelessness in our community, I'm curious as to how you went about the site selection process? Was the Bellevue City Council consulted on this location? This site literally shares a border with the City of Bellevue. For example, the 10700 Northup Building next door has a Bellevue address. Personally, I would strongly oppose your selection of this specific property for several reasons and would ask for transparency from you and the City Council as to the rationale behind the decision for this specific location. I think the community should have a voice in the locations being considered, and the merits of the various options. Most concerning for me is the safety of children and the La Quinta Inn site is located immediately adjacent to several schools and daycares with young children within a short walking distance including the following: Eastside Preparatory School Over 400 kids in grades 5-12. <https://www.eastsideprep.org/> Chestnut Montessori School Early childhood programs ages 2-6 <https://www.chestnutmontessori.com/> Yarrow Bay KinderCare Ages 6 weeks to 5 years <https://www.kindercare.com/our-centers/bellevue/wa/301631> Cedar Crest Academy 112 students Pre-K-kindergarten <https://cedarcrestacademy.org/student-experience/kirkland/> Another concern is that the property lies on the Bellevue/Kirkland border and is viewed as the "Gateway" to Kirkland. As a result, this is a major hub for several businesses in the area. My intent is not to argue the merits of this program but one of the concerns has been that the County believes that "supportive housing is non-contingent on behavior changes" such as quitting drug use. This can result in increased crime in the area ,and a drop in property values for neighboring properties. As a mom of two kids both under 5 and a full time employee, I moved to the area for its safety, better education opportunity. I hope you could hear the voice of us and all my neighbors who share exactly the same concerns. Thank you for your consideration.

Jianyong Liu

- 2/3/2022 10:45 Hello, I live in Kirkland close to North West Univ. The plan to purchase La Quinta Inn for homeless supportive housing sounds extremely ridiculous. As we all know the turmoil in Capitol Hill last year was caused mainly by the homeless. Housing them in Kirkland will definitely increase the instability of the neighborhood greatly. Homeless gathered areas like Seattle and San Francisco have the highest crime rates. None of law-abiding citizens wants to live in danger and fear everyday. If it happens, I swear none of the current city council members will get my vote forever! And I would tell everyone I know to do the same! Cannot believe precious tax money earned by hard work tax payers is wasted on such stupid plans. Such deeds shall be cursed by God! If the city council really wants to show sympathy to homeless, I suggest housing them to your grand back yard! Penny Bitter
- 2/3/2022 10:44 Good evening, As a member of the S. Kirkland / Houghton community and your King County constituent, I respectfully request King County cease considering of the LaQuinta Inn for housing homeless community members. South Kirkland / Houghton is already home to Sophia's Place (North Bellevue Way NE) and Velocity Housing (S. Kirkland Park & Ride), two reduced income communities. It is my experience that King County fails to consider and/or ignores the collateral impacts of converting hotels to shelters including parking, abandoned vehicles, security and other matters of public safety. The LaQuinta is immediately adjacent to a Montessori, KinderCare and Eastside Prep. Motels in the Totem Lake area are not adjacent to schools and/or walking distance to single family homes. If Kirkland is selected as a preferred city, the Totem Lake area is - by every objective measure - a preferred neighborhood. South Kirkland is doing its fair share to support homeless in our community. Furthermore, as reported in the January 30th Seattle Times, King County has acquired - and significantly underutilized - other hotel properties. Any discussion on acquiring hotels should only commence when the ones already purchased are at capacity. As your consistent, I ask you reject the LaQuinta from further consideration / purchase. Tim Meyer 425/657-0491
- 2/3/2022 10:43 I live in the Houghton neighborhood, and I support using La Quinta as permanent supportive housing. Kirkland needs this kind of housing to take care of members of our community. I know you've heard from a number of people who don't support this, and I wanted to let you know that there are many of us who do. Thank you. All the best, Lenae Nofziger 5812 110th Ave NE, Kirkland, WA 98033 425-903-7242
- 2/3/2022 10:42 To whom it may concern - As an immediate resident living 3 blocks away from the La Quinta hotel and a mother of two young children who will be attending one of the four schools within walking distance to La Quinta hotel, I'm writing this email to express my deep concern and frustration for the plan to turn La Quinta hotel into a homeless site. Numerous facts in Seattle, Renton, Bellevue, and other cities have approved that there are tremendous increases in crimes after homeless sites/shelters are established in residential/neighborhood areas. As La Quinta is located immediately adjacent to FOUR schools at which students are aged from young toddler to high schoolers, who are the most vulnerable and easy target population of our society, it is an absolutely unacceptable plan to build a permanent homeless site there. Our family and communities are deeply frustrated and concerned about the lack of transparency and public outreach of this plan. We strongly urge you to suspend the La Quinta purchase progress until the thorough public outreach and impact study have been conducted. Sincerely, A concerning Houghton community member and a mother of two young children Zun

- 2/3/2022 10:41 Mayor Sweet and the Kirkland City Council: I'm writing to you as a parent of Eastside Preparatory School, and as a concerned member of the business community who has worked in the Kirkland/Bellevue areas for 15 years. I recently heard that the City of Kirkland has chosen the La Quinta Inn (located at 10530 Northup Way attached) as a future homeless shelter as part of the "Health through Housing" initiative that has support from you and the City Council in a letter to King County Executive Dow Constantine on January 20th (<https://www.kirklandreporter.com/news/kirkland-leaders-write-letter-to-the-county-expressing-support-for-imminent-homeless-shelter>). While we can agree that the community needs to address the issue of homelessness in our community, I'm curious as to how you went about the site selection process? Was the Bellevue City Council consulted on this location? This site literally shares a border with the City of Bellevue. For example, the 10700 Northup Building next door has a Bellevue address. Personally, I would strongly oppose your selection of this specific property for several reasons and would ask for transparency from you and the City Council as to the rationale behind the decision for this specific location. I think the community should have a voice in the locations being considered, and the merits of the various options. Most concerning for me is the safety of children and the La Quinta Inn site is located immediately adjacent to several schools and daycares with young children within a short walking distance including the following: Eastside Preparatory School: Over 400 kids in grades 5-12 Chestnut Montessori School: Early childhood programs ages 2-6 Yarrow Bay KinderCare: Ages 6 weeks to 5 years Cedar Crest Academy: 112 students Pre-K-kindergarten My intent is not to argue the merits of this program but one of the concerns has been that the County believes that "supportive housing is non-contingent on behavior changes" such as quitting drug use. This can result in increased crime in the area, and a drop in property values for neighboring properties. If this location is in fact being considered as a shelter, I would ask that you let the community know how you plan to maintain the peace and prosperity of the adjacent community as well as of the city of Kirkland. Thank you for your consideration. Regards, Charles Zhang
- 2/3/2022 10:40 Hello, I recently read about the proposed purchase of La Quinta Inn as a long term residence for homeless people: <https://www.kirklandwa.gov/Whats-Happening/News/City-Manager-Statement-About-La-Quinta-Inn> I wanted to reach out and issue my statement of support for the plan. I realize that it's hard to find sites that everyone will agree with and I've seen some folks raising concerns, but the location near the freeway and park and ride seems a nearly ideal location for this important service. It is a location with relatively little foot traffic (few children walking around) yet offers proximity to public transport. Regards, Doug Anderson 11415 Juanita Dr NE Kirkland WA, 98034
- 2/3/2022 10:39 Please do not allow the sale of this or any other Kirkland hotel to King County. They have proven to be completely irresponsible and negligent property owners.
- 2/3/2022 10:38 We have heard of plans to make the La Quinta into a homeless shelter. Are the people to be sheltered from Kirkland? We don't see any of them on the streets, so are we importing them from Seattle? Let Seattle keep their homeless in Seattle! Sounds like a bad idea, so near to a school and daycare. Please respond. Ken and Joyce Buchanan Kirkland, WA (H) 425-298-4985 (C) 206-930-7668

Charles Zhang

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- 2/3/2022 10:37 The placement of a 'permanent supportive housing' site at the Kirkland La Quinta Inn would be a disaster for the city of Kirkland and I ask the city government to reconsider their support of this project, and instead to prevent it by any means necessary. I have two main objections: 1) This project has been carried out in a way clearly intended to prevent effective public comment and resistance, and 2) This project would make the surrounding area a dangerous and unpleasant place to be. On the first topic, the plan thus far has been to proceed as far as possible without alerting to the public the nature of the plan or the location for the planned site, so that once the public is aware there is no time or voice or organize any objection. The fact that the project is being carried out at a county level is also an intentional choice for the Seattle-dominated King County government to bypass any local objection. Other opportunities for community input are presented by the county as things which can happen once the site is a fait accompli. On the second topic, some facts: This site is designed for and would be populated largely by long-term homeless single men. Many of the residents of this site would have severe mental issues and uncontrolled drug addictions. The residents would not be required to halt their drug or alcohol use to live at the site. Any participation in treatment and recovery programs would be voluntary. Only 15% of the residents would be required to be from the Eastside, so there would be ~100 troubled individuals not from our city brought here to live in it. Residents would be free to come and go and loiter around the neighborhood. The site will have staffing but no security. The city and counties answers to this types of concerns are clear examples of misdirection and obfuscation. For example: "This would not be a homeless shelter". Maybe not exactly, but it's more like an SRO which is worse in a lot of ways. Some of the most notorious destitute neighborhoods (Tenderloin in SF, Downtown Eastside in Vancouver) are full of addicted and troubled individuals who are not homeless but who are living in SROs. "This would not be a safe injection site": Residents will be free to carry and use drugs and to invite their friends over to sell and use drugs. Again, this is a pointless distinction as the problems will be the same or worse. "There would be a screening and referral process": This is immaterial since there will be no restrictions on the criminal records, drug use, and sex offender status of the residents. The answers from the city and county might be more believable if not for the utter failure of the past decades of homeless policy in King County and all across the west coast. The promises to avoid neighborhood impact are the same ones made to the neighbors of homeless encampments and RV parking areas, while neighborhoods are dying from the presence of open-air drug markets (<https://www.seattletimes.com/opinion/editorials/seattle-and-king-county-have-deserted-little-saigon>). This planned site is within walking distance of my son's preschool (among several others), while the type of people (maybe even one of the same person) bound for this site are banging on preschool doors with a knife (<https://komonews.com/news/local/kirkland-principal-pleads-with-city-after-knife-wielding-man-pounds-on-schools-windows>). The promises to establish a 'good neighbor agreement' mean nothing if the neighbors have no opportunity to reject the plan if they do not agree to the terms. I reject this plan. I have been referring to Kurt Triplett's comments in the latest Kirkland Council Recap email and to King County's FAQ on this program, located here: https://kingcounty.gov/~media/depts/community-human-services/housing-homelessness-community-development/health-through-housing/HtH_FAQs_9-14-21.ashx?la=en If I am misinformed about any details please let me know. Curtis Menton
- 2/3/2022 10:35 Hello, my name is Nancy White. I live in Kirkland, I pay taxes and I vote and I am not at all in favor of the City bringing homeless people into the La Quinta right there off of 520, close to neighborhoods, close to schools, close to daycares, it's just wrong. We don't like this. We don't like what's happened in Seattle and we don't want that to happen in Kirkland. Please don't allow it. Do your jobs. Do what you were voted in for and just don't allow it. They ruined Seattle and now they're coming after Kirkland and Bellevue. It's just wrong. (Did not leave contact info)

Curtis Menton

Nancy White

2/3/2022 10:30

Dear Council Members: I'm writing to provide comments on the following proposal of building a Permanent Supportive Housing from the La Quinta Inn (located at 10530 Northup Way), as stated below. While addressing the homeless issue is important and aligns with our core value, I have three specific questions and comments about this particular proposal and would urge the Council members to consider before making a final decision. First, Please do engage deeply and broadly with community residents and business owners for a longer period of time before going through the purchase.

(1) Too short a notice and time frame to allow real public engagement: As a resident and long-time tax payer of the Houghton community, I just came across this news yesterday and the rumor is that the purchase will close in a few days or weeks. Is that true? Many many local residents have not even heard about this proposal at all. More time needs to allow meaningful public conversations about this. (2) The channel of engagement is limited so far. Many local residents and community members, particularly seniors or individuals with limited digital access, do not even know or are not able to attend Zoom meetings or email their comments. Having diverse outreach strategies, not solely relying on digital platforms, will be crucial for equity and inclusion purposes. (3) Lack of information to allow us as residents to understand and weigh the pros and cons of this proposal. For example, how did the County select the site? What are the comparable alternative sites? Any social and economic impact studies has the County or City done? What are exactly the programs that will be provided in this Supportive Housing facility? Information transparency, rather than close-door deals and decision-making, is the cornerstone of our democracy. Second, a comprehensive impact study is crucial, particularly considering the safety and wellbeing of the children who are enrolled in nearby schools. The La Quinta Inn site is located just too close to not just one, but five schools and daycares with young children. Every decision that has direct and immediate impacts on kids will need extra care and more rigorous study of possible impacts on the kids and families. Please see this Bill linked below. As it stated, "(1) No city or town may authorize or through inaction allow for the siting or establishment of a sanctioned or unsanctioned homeless encampment of any kind including, but not limited to, outdoor encampments, temporary small homes on-site, tiny homes sheltering homeless persons, vehicle resident safe parking, or care or feeding areas for homeless persons, within one thousand feet of a public or private school, or an early learning facility. " This proposal is a clear violation of this Bill.

<https://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2019-20/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5882.pdf?q=20220202141221> Rigorous research studies in education and economics have established compelling evidence on how schools' neighborhood contexts may have long-term effects on young children's physical and social emotional wellbeing. Therefore, this is not a decision that we can make in a rush. Eastside Preparatory School Over 400 kids in grades 5-12. <https://www.eastsideprep.org/> Chestnut Montessori School Early childhood programs ages 2-6 <https://www.chestnutmontessori.com/> Yarrow Bay KinderCare Ages 6 weeks to 5 years <https://www.kindercare.com/our-centers/bellevue/wa/301631> Cedar Crest Academy 112 students Pre-K-kindergarten <https://cedarcrestacademy.org/student-experience/kirkland/> Bellevue Montessori School Early childhood programs and elementary school <https://www.bellmontessori.com/> Third, evaluating the impact for tax revenue and the City's longer-term economic health. Would this program result in long-term and substantial (see attached for full text)

Min Sun

- 2/2/2022 14:41 Dear City Councilmembers, I am writing in regards to the plans of Kirkland City to purchase and convert the La Quinta Inn hotel to a homeless shelter. My opposition to this plan is due to the fact that there we have two kids in two of the schools less than a block away from La Quinta Inn hotel. Having a larger homeless population in such proximity to schools is a cause of great concern as violent crime data around homeless shelters shows that they are strongly correlated. I further agree with the City Council and King County that the needs of the homeless needs to be addressed. It is noble and a duty of us as residents to do what we can to help our fellow residents who have fallen in hard circumstances. However, I am disappointed and opposed to the lack of transparency and inquiry for public input in determining this site as a shelter, as the purchase of La Quinta is supposed to be completed within the next couple of weeks. I would like for you as our elected leaders to allow longer public discussion and debate as the meeting last night was limited to three opinions pro and 3 contra, and it felt that it was just done for the sake of formality. For some of us who have lived in some more restrictive/oppressive forms of government, the lack of transparency and limiting of debate that I witness last night, does not sit well and brings grim echoes of those forms of government. Please reconsider your decision to move forward with this undertaking until you have given the public the deserved time to weigh in and express opinions and input. Thank you, Artan Ismaili 14444 101st PL NE Kirkland, WA 98034 artan ismaili
- 2/2/2022 14:40 I am a mother of a kid who attends school at Cedar Crest Academy in the Kirkland campus. I heard that King County and the City of Kirkland are proposing to convert La Quinta Inn and Suites into a permanent housing shelter for the homeless population. I am writing to oppose this because this location is too close to schools, it's less than a block away from four schools and early childhood programs, over 800 children. That makes us worried. And the lack of transparency to the public makes us upset. These two years Covid already made lots of schools lack teachers, and it is hard to transfer schools during the academic year. I wish you could change the shelter location. Xiaomin Zhang
- 2/2/2022 13:14 I'm looking for more information on this proposal? To have a homeless shelter at the La Quinta Inn off 520, by burger master. What are the rules for those who live here? Is everyone being clearly vetted for sex offender status? Are drugs not allowed? How will this shelter be staffed? I need to know more, but I am typically opposed to purchasing these shelters. For one, I don't understand why they have to be in the most expensive areas? Most people can't afford to live in the center of cities, so I don't know exactly why we purchase homeless housing in such expensive places. I worked at UW and other local hospitals for many years. It felt like our homeless problem stemmed from being a magnet. People from states all around us came here because WA would take care of them, many advised by their own social workers in their home states to move here There's a fine line between helping and enabling people. I would like to know more about your motivation to have this shelter in that area of Kirkland. Lacey Timpani
- 2/2/2022 13:01 I live in Houghton. YES, we should take on permanent supportive housing for our homeless neighbors. People living in deep poverty are NOT rapists or outsiders from somewhere else. These are our neighbors. I want them living in our city and neighborhood. In fact, research shows, housing improves people's health and behavior. The opposition is literally a NIMBY response. I have myself supervised the behavioral health case managers working in projects such as this, for years. I would be very happy to answer any questions you may have about such operations. Thank you. Rex
 _____ Rex Rempel, DSW, LICSW Social worker and professor of Behavioral Health RexR.MSW@gmail.com (206) 639-5625
 fully vaccinated for COVID Rex Rempel

- 2/2/2022 12:59 Dear Officers, My family and I are shocked and disappointed to learn that King County is considering La Quinta Inn as a site for permanent supportive housing, as indicated here. Helping people with housing difficulties is definitely the right cause, but the location of La Quinta Inn is a clear "No" to us. We live in this area, a walking distance from La Quinta Inn. The streets and the sidewalks are so beautiful and meanwhile could always grant us a peaceful mind, as we often walk, run and relax with my 2-year-old there. Not many know this area better than us. Very close to La Quinta Inn, there are quite a few schools with hundreds of students at different ages. This is one of the major reasons we moved to this area a few years ago. Those schools, which my kid will probably attend in the near future as well, warrant a safe and worry-free place, and it deserves to be. People who deserve housing aid are definitely not all with issues, but there might be a portion of them who actually are. Super reluctant to imagine this, but one single heart-breaking incident to any kid could ruin the community completely, and it will destroy all the good faith we put into helping those people with housing needs. We know a good screening process will be in place, but will it work 100% of the time and without any chance of failing? Again, it is a great cause we help people in desperate housing aid, and we would like to show our greatest support. However, this exact place, which schools hundreds of students and binds the sensitive hearts of hundreds of parents, is not a place we can risk with, for the community itself and for the faith we put into the Health Through Housing Initiative. Thank you for reading through this! Greatly appreciate it, if our thoughts and our anxiety as well can be considered while any decision is being made. Two anxious parents like many other living in this area, Tianlong Song & Jing Yu Email: stlong0521@gmail.com Phone: 517-775-3821
- Tianlong Song
- 2/2/2022 12:59 Council, I ran out of time in my public comment to add my thanks for your support for the hotel acquisition, so let me thank you here! I am so proud of Kirkland for making such a public statement of support for real housing solutions. And the Indivisible steering committee cosigns everything that our member Maria Harwell said in her speech, as well as everything said by Kirkland gem Karina O'Malley. -MJ
- Marjorie Carlson
- 2/2/2022 12:58 As a resident in Kirkland, I am very concerned about the future use plan of La Quinta Inn. I have read some information from websites and council meetings, the reason for choosing La Quinta hotel is understandable, but my family still has several questions and concerns about it. We would appreciate it if you have time to answer and explain. 1. The purchase is being closed. What if it is not closed as planned, do you have any other options for the site? 2. Does this decision from the county disobey the zoning code in our city? 3. This site is very close to schools and daycare. I believe this would be the biggest concern for most parents, including me. Will there be any special implements that the site will use to protect kids? 4. Will this homeless site allow drugs and injections? 5. The new site would have consistent effects for nearby residents and businesses. If the crime rate rises as it is open, the property prices nearby will be affected, businesses may choose to relocate, which can directly cause the decrease of tax income for our city. Lake Washington School District is the fastest-growing school district with a large number of students in the Seattle area, funding is essential in all ways. Does our city have any supplement fundings to backup/support those potential problems? I am very concerned about the future of LWSD. Thank you for your time! Best, Shuying Gao A resident of City of Kirkland A mother of two young kids
- Shuying Gao

- 2/2/2022 12:57 Dear City Councilmembers and City Manager, I appreciate the city's support of the purchase of the La Quinta Inn through the County's Health Through Housing Initiative. I know there are a number of residents who will argue against this purchase, but our community can and should do better for those in need of housing. Kirkland needs to do it's fair share in addressing the needs of the unhoused. I think we will be better off as a community if we do so. On a personal note, both my daughters have been around transitional housing as part of their school routine. One student had a bus drop off in the parking lot of a shelter and the other one attends high school across the street from a shelter. This has not harmed them in any way. In fact, I know it's given them an opportunity to see beyond themselves and the privileged community they live in. I hope the purchase of this property goes through! Let me know what I can do to help. Kindly, Tanya Dimpsey Kirkland sent from Mail for Windows Tanya D8mpsey
- 2/2/2022 12:57 Mayor Sweet and the Kirkland City Council: I'm a parent of children attending Eastside Preparatory School in Kirkland. I've recently learned that the City of Kirkland has chosen the La Quinta Inn (located at 10530 Northup Way) as a future homeless shelter as part of the "Health through Housing" Initiative. You and the City Council supported the sale in a letter to King County Executive Dow Constantine on January 20th. <https://www.kirklandreporter.com/news/kirkland-leaders-write-letter-to-the-county-expressing-support-for-imminent-homeless-shelter/> I'm writing to you ask transparency as to what the rationale is behind choosing La Quinta Inn with walking distance to 3 schools: Eastside Preparatory School Over 400 kids in grades 5-12. <https://www.eastsideprep.org/> Chestnut Montessori School Early childhood programs ages 2-6 <https://www.chestnutmontessori.com/> Yarrow Bay KinderCare Ages 6 weeks to 5 years <https://www.kindercare.com/our-centers/bellevue/wa/301631> Cedar Crest Academy 112 students Pre-K-kindergarten <https://cedarcrestacademy.org/student-experience/kirkland/> I've spoken to many parents at the 3 schools and the neighborhood and we all share the same safety concern for our kids and the negative behavioral impact on our kids. such as the use of drug. If you knew that it's in walking distance to 3 schools, what are your plans to guarantee safety to the kids and neighborhood? How do you or the service provider intend the relationship to be with the neighborhood? And most importantly, has there been any effort made to consult and work with the local community and City of Bellevue? If not, I'd strongly ask that you do. I understand that we all need to do our part to address the homelessness problem. But our responsibility is to fix the problems caused by our generation, not create new problems for our children, or delegate our debt to the next generation. Please, please, I beg you, to listen to the voice of parents and the local community! Thank you for your consideration. ǎǎǎǎǎǎǎǎǎǎ Xu Joyce
- 2/2/2022 12:56 Mayor Sweet and the Kirkland City Council: I'm writing to you as a concerned resident nearby and Parent of kids that are going to attend Cedar Crest School in Kirkland. I attended the public city council hearing on 2/1 and heard the news that the City of Kirkland has chosen the La Quinta Inn (located at 10530 Northup Way attached) as a future homeless shelter as part of the "Health through Housing" Initiative that has support from you and the City Council in a letter to King County Executive Dow Constantine on January 20th. <https://www.kirklandreporter.com/news/kirkland-leaders-write-letter-to-the-county-expressing-support-for-imminent-homeless-shelter/> While we can agree that the community needs to address the issue of homelessness in our community, I would strongly oppose the selection of this specific property. 1. Most concerning for me is the safety of children and the La Quinta Inn site is located immediately adjacent to several schools and daycares with young children within a short walking distance. 2. Safety for the community in general is a big concern especially the program is non-contingent on behavior changes" Such as quitting drug use. According to the following article, "King County shelter at Red Lion Inn Renton has seen a 79% increase in emergency calls for violence, drugs and other inappropriate behaviors, officials say." <https://www.rentonreporter.com/news/renton-officials-call-for-july-9-closure-of-downtown-homeless-shelter/> 3. Property value and business prosperity is another huge concern. As officials elected by residents in this city, please listen to your voters living in Kirkland first. Thank you for your consideration. -- Thanks, Jingzhou Luo (Joe) Jingzhou Joe Luo

- 2/2/2022 12:55 Hi Mayor and the Kirkland City Council Members: I'm writing to express my concerns as a parent of kids who are enrolled in nearby schools near the La Quinta Inn (located at 10530 Northup Way), and a long-time resident of Kirkland community. While we agree that the community needs to address the issue of homelessness, we deeply concern and oppose this proposal of using this particular hotel as a Permanent Supportive Housing as communicated here: <https://www.kirklandwa.gov/Whats-Happening/News/City-Manager-Statement-About-La-Quinta-Inn> The most concerning part of the selection of the location is the safety and wellbeing of the children who are enrolled in nearby schools. The La Quinta Inn site is located immediately adjacent to several schools and daycares with young children within a short walking distance including the ones below. Rigorous research studies in education and economics have established compelling evidence on how schools' neighborhood contexts may have detrimental, long-term negative effects on young children's physical and social emotional wellbeing. We cannot support a few people right now and negatively influence many more kids' futures. Eastside Preparatory School Over 400 kids in grades 5-12. <https://www.eastsideprep.org/> Chestnut Montessori School Early childhood programs ages 2-6 <https://www.chestnutmontessori.com/> Yarrow Bay KinderCare Ages 6 weeks to 5 years <https://www.kindercare.com/our-centers/bellevue/wa/301631> Cedar Crest Academy 112 students Pre-K-kindergarten <https://cedarcrestacademy.org/student-experience/kirkland/> Another concern is that economically, this proposal does not make sense; rather, it will result in long-term and substantial reduction in the city's local tax revenue, including both property, business, and sales tax. As you are all well aware, the Houghton area is the neighborhood that generates major tax revenue for the City. This proposal will result in the leaving of nearby businesses, and a substantial drop in property values for residential properties. Compared to other areas in King County with less residential and business density, all of these will result in a more severe, substantial reduction in the City's revenue, which reduces the City's future capacity to address homeless and other social issues. I would ask you to make a stronger effort for community outreach and allow members of the community to voice their opinions at the next Kirkland City Council meeting. Thank you for your consideration. 📱, iPhone, 3€
- Elaine Chan
- 2/2/2022 12:54 Mayor Sweet and the Kirkland City Council: I'm writing to you as a concerned resident nearby and Parent of kids that are going to attend Cedar Crest School in Kirkland. I attended the public city council hearing on 2/1 and heard the news that the City of Kirkland has chosen the La Quinta Inn (located at 10530 Northup Way attached) as a future homeless shelter as part of the "Health through Housing" initiative that has support from you and the City Council in a letter to King County Executive Dow Constantine on January 20th. <https://www.kirklandreporter.com/news/kirkland-leaders-write-letter-to-the-county-expressing-support-for-imminent-homeless-shelter/> While we can agree that the community needs to address the issue of homelessness in our community, I would strongly oppose the selection of this specific property. 1. Most concerning for me is the safety of children and the La Quinta Inn site is located immediately adjacent to several schools and daycares with young children within a short walking distance. 2. Safety for the community in general is a big concern especially the program is non-contingent on behavior changes" Such as quitting drug use. According to the following article, "King County shelter at Red Lion Inn Renton has seen a 79% increase in emergency calls for violence, drugs and other inappropriate behaviors, officials say." <https://www.rentonreporter.com/news/renton-officials-call-for-july-9-closure-of-downtown-homeless-shelter/> 3. Property value and business prosperity is another huge concern. As officials elected by residents in this city, please listen to your voters living in Kirkland first. Thank you for your consideration. -- Thanks, Jessie Z.
- Jessie Zheng

- 2/2/2022 11:14 Hi Neal, As a resident in Kirkland, I am very concerned about the future use plan of La Quinta Inn. I have read some information from websites and council meetings, the reason for choosing La Quinta hotel is understandable, but my family still has several questions and concerns about it. We would appreciate it if you have time to answer and explain. 1. The purchase is being closed. What if it is not closed as planned, do you have any other options for the site? 2. Does this decision from the county disobey the zoning code in our city? 3. This site is very close to schools and daycare. I believe this would be the biggest concern for most parents, including me. Will there be any special implements that the site will use to protect kids? 4. Will this homeless site allow drugs and injections? 5. The new site would have consistent effects for nearby residents and businesses. If the crime rate rises as it is open, the property prices nearby will be affected, businesses may choose to relocate, which can directly cause the decrease of tax income for our city. Lake Washington School District is the fastest-growing school district with a large number of students in the Seattle area, funding is essential in all ways. Does our city have any supplement fundings to backup/support those potential problems? I am very concerned about the future of LWSD. Thank you for your time! Best, Shuying Gao A resident of City of Kirkland A mother of two young kids Shuying Gao
- 2/1/2022 16:03 Dear Kirkland Council, Our family recently moved to this area and we just heard about the plan to turn La Quinta hotel into a homeless site. We really appreciate the care of all the people in need, but I also would hope to understand more background of this plan. Hope you could help us understand better: 1) How was this location selected? This hotel is walking distance to a good number of schools, including Eastside Preparatory School, Chestnut montessori school, Yarrow Bay KinderCare, Cedar Crest Academy. The kids attending those school age from 3 to 18. What was the criteria leading to the decision of a location that is so close to schools? 2) What Safety plan will be implemented to ensure the safety of the surrounding neighborhoods, especially for the kids? As we know from previous experiences, some of those shelters may lead to more criminal activities, drug usage, and so on? If we were to open this shelter, how preventative control will be in place to help mitigate the risk and protect the kids please? 3) Is there any other location as alternative choices to this La Quinta hotel, which might be further from schools? Thanks, Teresa Tang A mother of two youngs kids Teresa Tang
- 2/1/2022 16:01 We are in shock learning that the City of Kirkland is in support of King County's plan on purchasing and turning La Quinta hotel into a homeless site! with all the following schools/daycares in walking distance: Eastside Preparatory School .Over 400 kids in grades 5-12. <https://www.eastsideprep.org/> Chestnut Montessori School. Early childhood programs ages 2-6. <https://www.chestnutmontessori.com/> Yarrow Bay KinderCare. Ages 6 weeks to 5 years. <https://www.kindercare.com/our-centers/bellevue/wa/301631> Cedar Crest Academy. 112 students Pre-K-kindergarten. <https://cedarcrestacademy.org/student-experience/kirkland/> 1- As a very concerned Houghton resident, I request the City of Kirkland to disclose any communications with King County with regard to the site selection and any feasibility/risk analysis the city has conducted that outlines risks of operating a homeless hotel in this location Vs. other possible locations in Kirkland. 2- As representatives of the residents, this is a question to the City Council- what is the rationale behind risking our children & vulnerable kids' life and safety? Has there been any public outreach and how have you factored in the residents feedback in your decision of support /not support? 3- Question to the Council- What are the public safety measures/enhancements you are planning to do to ensure the safety of the residents / kids in this area? Thank you! Keyi Lu A Houghton Resident Keyi Lu

2/1/2022 14:47

Greetings, Mayor Sweet and the Kirkland City Council: I'm writing to you as a Parent of kids that attend Eastside Preparatory School in Kirkland. I recently learned that the City of Kirkland may have chosen the La Quinta Inn (located at 10530 Northrup Way attached) as a future homeless shelter as part of the "Health through Housing" initiative that has support from you and the City Council in a letter to King County Executive Dow Constantine on January 20th. Can you confirm that this hotel site is the location you have selected? What other sites are being considered? What is the site selection process? Does the Council reach out to the surrounding communities? Safety is of the most concern for me. La Quinta Inn site is located immediately adjacent to several schools and daycares with young children within a short walking distance including the following: Eastside Preparatory School Over 400 kids in grades 5-12 Chestnut Montessori School Early childhood programs ages 2-6 Yarrow Bay KinderCare Ages 6 weeks to 5 years Cedar Crest Academy 112 students Pre-K-kindergarten These are all young kids surrounding the area. As a parent, I am most concerned about the possibility of drugs, violence and disturbance in the area. The kids have had to face covid-19 in the past 2 years, going to school has dramatically changed for them. Throw in the possibility of having increase security and safety issues, it's not fair for the children and the community. I strongly oppose this specific property if it is being considered. I would ask for the rationale and process behind site selections. You and the council were selected to represent the people, this feels like a one sided decision and is not representing the community. I understand the need to address the homeless housing issue but sacrificing our children's safety for the city to check off a box is reckless and irresponsible. As many preventative measures the city will try to take to ensure security of the housing, there is no guarantee. Anything is possible. If an unfortunate event occurs where a child is harm due to selecting this site, will you be able to justify and still stand by your decision? There are many locations that can be chosen that doesn't have 4 immediate schools surrounding it. Please take your time to find the best solution. La Quinta may be an easy and cheaper solution at this moment but this will leave a much more serious and detrimental impact to hundreds and hundreds of children. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Alice On 206-849-8485

Alice On

2/1/2022 14:46

King County Executive and Kirkland City Council Members: It has been brought to my attention that the county intends to purchase this hotel for use as a homeless shelter. I am concerned that once again that the city and county are making decisions without public discussion. It shows that you have no respect for what the community would want. This has happened time and time again as you make decisions for the city without hearing from the community PRIOR TO EXECUTING. There should be time for public comment prior to the execution of the sale not after. At this point there has been no public discussion on the matter and the location is less than ideal for the services that would be needed for those housed. It is in very close proximity to schools and not close to resources needed for transition. I was also made aware of the eight current purchased hotels and their nearest proximity to an elementary school (public or private) and a pharmacy. Notice that most are farther away from an elementary school where children <12 are present and within close proximity of a pharmacy, grocery store or medical center to access services. They are also located in areas where multiple services, shops, grocery stores and pharmacies are located. I am sure having access to services is paramount. The La Quinta property is not close to services. Address of Housing (in order of purchase by King Co) Nearest distance to Elementary School (public or private) Nearest distance to a pharmacy to medication access Holiday Inn & Suites 14115 Aurora Ave. N. Seattle 98133 .3 miles .2 miles Extended Stay America 13300 Stone Ave N. Seattle 98133 .9 miles 1.3 miles (UW Clinic & Pharmacy) Inn at Queen Anne 505 1st Ave N. Seattle 98109 .6 miles .2 miles Canton Lofts 123 3rd Ave S. Seattle 98104 .7 miles .2 miles Silver Cloud Redmond 2122 152nd Ave NE Redmond 98007 .4 miles .2 miles Extended Stay America 1150 Oakesdale Ave SW Renton 98057 2.3 miles .9 miles Extended Stay America 1400 S. 320th St. Federal Way WA 98003 .9 miles .2 miles Clarion Inn Auburn 9-16th St. NW Auburn WA 98001 .9 miles .7 miles If La Quinta is the purchased property, this is the distance to services: UW Specialty Center .6 miles, up hill, no sidewalks part of the way, must be a patient Allegro Pediatrics .9 miles, up hill, no sidewalks part of the way QFC Northtowne Grocery and Pharmacy .6 miles, Cross 108th walk uphill Tertiary Hospital and ER, Overlake Hospital, 2.2 miles Overlake Hospital Outpatient Psychiatry 1.2 miles Metropolitan Market, Bartell Pharmacy, Bank, 0.9 miles **All require a longer walk, many without sidewalks OR a car, bus or bike ride** Thank you for your consideration, April Wilson

April Wilson

- 2/1/2022 11:57 Mayor Sweet and the Kirkland City Council: I'm writing to you as a Parent of kid that is attending Eastside Preparatory School in Kirkland and attended Cedar Crest Academy in Kirkland before. I recently heard a rumor that the City of Kirkland has chosen the La Quinta Inn (located at 10530 Northup Way attached) as a future homeless shelter as part of the "Health through Housing" initiative that has support from you and the City Council in a letter to King County Executive Dow Constantine on January 20th. Can you confirm that this hotel site is the location you have selected? While we can agree that the community needs to address the issue of homelessness in our community, I'm curious as to how you went about the site selection process? Was the Bellevue City Council consulted on this location? Bellevue has The Sophia Way(3032 Bellevue Way NE) and Interfaith Task Force on Homelessness(3030 Bellevue Way). Personally, I would strongly oppose your selection of this specific property for several reasons and would ask for transparency from you and the City Council as to the rationale behind the decision for this specific location. I think the community should have a voice in the locations begin considered, and the merits of the various options. Most concerning for me is the safety of children and the La Quinta Inn site is located immediately adjacent to several schools and daycares with young children within a short walking distance including the following: Eastside Preparatory School Over 400 kids in grades 5-12. <https://www.eastsideprep.org/> Chestnut Montessori School Early childhood programs ages 2-6 <https://www.chestnutmontessori.com/> Yarrow Bay KinderCare Ages 6 weeks to 5 years <https://www.kindercare.com/our-centers/bellevue/wa/301631> Cedar Crest Academy 112 students Pre-K-kindergarten <https://cedarcrestacademy.org/student-experience/kirkland/> Another concern is that the property lies on the Bellevue/Kirkland border and is viewed as the "Gateway" to Kirkland. As a result, this is major hub for several businesses in the area. My intent is not to argue the merits of this program but one of the concerns has been that the County believes that "supportive housing is non-contingent on behavior changes" such as quitting drug use. This can result in increased crime in the area ,and a drop in property values for neighboring properties. If this location is in fact being considered as a shelter, I would ask that you let the community know and let members of the community voice their concerns at the next City of Kirkland City Council meeting on February 1st. Thank you for your consideration. Yan Yang
- 2/1/2022 11:56 Mayor Sweet and the Kirkland City Council: I'm writing to you as a parent of students who attend Eastside Preparatory School. I recently heard that the City of Kirkland has chosen the La Quinta Inn (located at 10530 Northup Way attached) as a future homeless shelter as part of the "Health through Housing" initiative that has support from you and the City Council in a letter to King County Executive Dow Constantine on January 20th. I am deeply concerned with your selection of this specific property for several reasons and would ask for transparency from you and the City Council as to the rationale behind the decision for this specific location. I think the community should have a voice in the locations begin considered, and the merits of the various options. Most concerning for me is the safety of children and the La Quinta Inn site is located immediately adjacent to several schools and daycares with young children within a short walking distance including the following: Eastside Preparatory School Over 400 kids in grades 5-12. <https://www.eastsideprep.org/> Chestnut Montessori School Early childhood programs ages 2-6 <https://www.chestnutmontessori.com/> Yarrow Bay KinderCare Ages 6 weeks to 5 years <https://www.kindercare.com/our-centers/bellevue/wa/301631> Cedar Crest Academy 112 students Pre-K-kindergarten <https://cedarcrestacademy.org/student-experience/kirkland/> Although I am a supporter of many other initiatives of helping solve the homeless problems that plague our area, I strongly urge you to hold more thorough debate on this issue. We can not afford to put young children's safety at risk. I ask that you let the community voice their concerns at the next City of Kirkland City Council meeting on February 1st. Thank you for your consideration. Julia Yu

- 2/1/2022 8:50 Hello Mayor Sweet and the Kirkland City Council, I am a student at Eastside Preparatory School. Is it true that the Kirkland City buy La Quinta Inn & Suites and convert it into a homeless shelter? I am very worried about my own safety and the safety of my fellow students. I hope you change the plan and consider another location so not to compromise me and my fellow student's safety. Thank you, Alex Peng Sent from Carrier Pigion Alex Peng
- 2/1/2022 8:46 Mayor Sweet and the Kirkland City Council: I'm writing to you as a Parent of a fifth-grade girl that attend Eastside Preparatory School in Kirkland. I recently heard a rumor that the City of Kirkland has chosen the La Quinta Inn (located at 10530 Northup Way attached) as a future homeless shelter as part of the "Health through Housing" initiative that has support from you and the City Council in a letter to King County Executive Dow Constantine on January 20th. I cannot believe that this location is selected because La Quinta Inn is just behind three schools where thousands of students spend most of their time . <https://www.kirklandreporter.com/news/kirkland-leaders-write-letter-to-the-county-expressing-support-for-imminent-homeless-shelter/> Can you confirm that this hotel site is the location you have selected? While we can agree that the community needs to address the issue of homelessness in our community, I'm curious as to how you went about the site selection process? Personally, I would strongly oppose your selection of this specific property and would ask for transparency from you and the City Council as to the rationale behind the decision for this specific location. I think the community should have a voice in the locations begin considered, and the merits of the various options. Most concerning for me is the safety of children and the La Quinta Inn site is located immediately adjacent to several schools and daycares with young children within a short walking distance including the following: Eastside Preparatory School Over 400 kids in grades 5-12. <https://www.eastsideprep.org/> Chestnut Montessori School Early childhood programs ages 2-6 <https://www.chestnutmontessori.com/> Yarrow Bay KinderCare Ages 6 weeks to 5 years <https://www.kindercare.com/our-centers/bellevue/wa/301631> Cedar Crest Academy 112 students Pre-K-kindergarten <https://cedarcrestacademy.org/student-experience/kirkland/> If this location is in fact being considered as a shelter, I would ask that you let the community know and let members of the community voice their concerns at the next City of Kirkland City Council meeting on February 1st. Thank you for your consideration. Zihui Ji & Xianghui Xu family Xianghui Xu
- 2/1/2022 8:45 Mayor Sweet and Kirkland City Council I am writing to you in regards to the proposed sale of the La Quinta Inn and Conversion to a Homeless shelter. I work and have owned a business in Kirkland for over 30 years and agree with the very well written letter below by Jeff Chaney. I also have children at Eastside Prep and am quite concerned that this is a very bad choice of location for a Homeless Shelter given its proximity to Eastside Prep and the other schools mentioned in his letter. I would hope that the parents at these schools and public in general be given an opportunity to comment and voice their concerns and that you will take these concerns into consideration. We are literally just finding out about this now and it seems like something of this nature should have a long deliberate process with ample opportunity for public input prior to approval. Thank you for your consideration and stewardship of our city Mike Raskin MIKE RASKIN mike@mjrdevelopment.com T 425.822.4466 M 206.930.4537 MJR DEVELOPMENT 6725 116th Ave. NE, Suite 100 Kirkland, Washington 98033 www.mjrdevelopment.com Mike Raskin

2/1/2022 8:44

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2/1/2022 8:43

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2/1/2022 8:42

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Xue Gong

2/1/2022 8:41

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Wei Wu

2/1/2022 8:41

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Gao Yu

2/1/2022 8:39

Mayor Sweet and the Kirkland City Council: I'm writing to you as a Parent of a child who attends Eastside Preparatory School in Kirkland regarding the news bellow <https://www.kirklandreporter.com/news/kirkland-leaders-write-letter-to-the-county-expressing-support-for-imminent-homeless-shelter/> If the location is as the news above reported, I, as a parent ,strongly oppose this decision due to consideration of children's safety. The location is literally walking distance to three schools. Eastside Preparatory School Over 400 kids in grades 5-12. <https://www.eastsideprep.org/> Chestnut Montessori School Early childhood programs ages 2-6 <https://www.chestnutmontessori.com/> Yarrow Bay KinderCare Ages 6 weeks to 5 years <https://www.kindercare.com/our-centers/bellevue/wa/301631> Cedar Crest Academy 112 students Pre-K-kindergarten <https://cedarcrestacademy.org/student-experience/kirkland/> Please put children's interest in the first priority as THEY are the HOPE of our future. They are the ones who can make the world a better place. Please let them grow and thrive in a peaceful environment. Thank you, Sincerely, Shu Yang

Shu Yang

2/1/2022 8:38

Mayor Sweet and the Kirkland City Council: I'm writing to you as a Parent of kids that attend Eastside Preparatory School in Kirkland, and as a concerned member of the business community who has worked in the Kirkland/Bellevue areas for 30 years. I recently heard that the City of Kirkland has chosen the La Quinta Inn (located at 10530 Northup Way attached) as a future homeless shelter as part of the "Health through Housing" initiative that has support from you and the City Council in a letter to King County Executive Dow Constantine on January 20th. <https://www.kirklandreporter.com/news/kirkland-leaders-write-letter-to-the-county-expressing-support-for-imminent-homeless-shelter/> Can you confirm that this hotel site is the location you have selected? While we can agree that the community needs to address the issue of homelessness in our community, I'm curious as to how you went about the site selection process? Was the Bellevue City Council consulted on this location? This site literally shares a border with the City of Bellevue. For example, the 10700 Northup Building next door has a Bellevue address. Personally, I would strongly oppose your selection of this specific property for several reasons and would ask for transparency from you and the City Council as to the rationale behind the decision for this specific location. I think the community should have a voice in the locations being considered, and the merits of the various options. Most concerning for me is the safety of children and the La Quinta Inn site is located immediately adjacent to several schools and daycares with young children within a short walking distance including the following: Eastside Preparatory School Over 400 kids in grades 5-12. <https://www.eastsideprep.org/> Chestnut Montessori School Early childhood programs ages 2-6 <https://www.chestnutmontessori.com/> Yarrow Bay KinderCare Ages 6 weeks to 5 years <https://www.kindercare.com/our-centers/bellevue/wa/301631> Cedar Crest Academy 112 students Pre-K-kindergarten <https://cedarcrestacademy.org/student-experience/kirkland/> Another concern is that the property lies on the Bellevue/Kirkland border and is viewed as the "Gateway" to Kirkland. As a result, this is a major hub for several businesses in the area. My intent is not to argue the merits of this program but one of the concerns has been that the County believes that "supportive housing is non-contingent on behavior changes" such as quitting drug use. This can result in increased crime in the area, and a drop in property values for neighboring properties. If this location is in fact being considered as a shelter, I would ask that you let the community know and let members of the community voice their concerns at the next City of Kirkland City Council meeting on February 1st. Thank you for your consideration. -- Chunke Yang Sammamish, WA

Chunke Yang

2/1/2022 8:36

Hello City Council and Mayor Sweet: I am a parent of a 6th grader currently attending Eastside Preparatory school in Kirkland and as a concerned member of the business community that worked and lived in the Kirkland/Bellevue area for 15 years. I have learned from head of our school that King County has chosen the La Quinta Inn (located at 10530 Northup Way attached) as a future homeless shelter as part of the "Health through Housing" Initiative that has support from you and the City Council in a letter to King County Executive Dow Constantine on January 20th. <https://www.kirklandreporter.com/news/kirkland-leaders-write-letter-to-the-county-expressing-support-for-imminent-homeless-shelter/> Can you please confirm that this hotel site is indeed the location you selected? While we can agree that the community needs to address the issue of homelessness in our community, I'm curious as to how you went about the site selection process? I would strongly oppose your selection of this specific property for several reasons and would ask for transparency from you and the City Council as to the rationale behind the decision for this specific location. I think the community should have a voice in the locations being considered, and the merits of the various options. Most concerning for me is the safety of children and the La Quinta Inn site is located immediately adjacent to several schools and daycares with young children within a short walking distance including the following: Eastside Preparatory School Over 400 kids in grades 5-12. <https://www.eastsideprep.org/> Chestnut Montessori School Early childhood programs ages 2-6 <https://www.chestnutmontessori.com/> Yarrow Bay KinderCare Ages 6 weeks to 5 years <https://www.kindercare.com/our-centers/bellevue/wa/301631> Cedar Crest Academy 112 students Pre-K-kindergarten <https://cedarcrestacademy.org/student-experience/kirkland/> Another concern is that the property lies on the Bellevue/Kirkland border and is viewed as the "Gateway" to Kirkland. As a result, this is a major hub for several businesses in the area. My intent is not to argue the merits of this program but one of the concerns has been that the County believes that "supportive housing is non-contingent on behavior changes" such as quitting drug use. This can result in increased crime in the area ,and a drop in property values for neighboring properties. Lastly was the Bellevue City Council consulted on this location? This site literally shares a border with the City of Bellevue. For example, the 10700 Northup Building next door has a Bellevue address. If this location is in fact being considered as a shelter, I would ask that you let the community know and let members of the community voice their concerns at the next City of Kirkland City Council meeting on February 1st. Thank you for your consideration. Jingxia Ni

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- 2/1/2022 8:35 Dear Mayor Sweet and the Kirkland City Council: I am a parent of an Eastside Preparatory School student. I am writing to you to strongly object to the plan of purchasing the La Quinta Inn (located at 10530 Northup Way attached) and convert it to a future homeless shelter. I agree that the community should do something to help the homeless people. However, La Quinta Inn is immediately adjacent (within a short walking distance) to several schools, including Eastside Preparatory School (over 400 students from grade 5 to 12), Chestnut Montessori School (Early childhood programs ages 2-6), Yarrow Bay KinderCare (Ages 6 weeks to 5 years), and Cedar Crest Academy (112 students Pre-K-kindergarten). In fact, La Quinta Inn and Eastside Preparatory School are only separated by a fence. If you open a gate, you are into the school. Choosing this site as a homeless shelter can cause serious safety issues to children and students in these schools. I cannot imagine my kid may run into someone that is drunk or taking drugs loitering around the school. It is a nightmare for parents. There are many parents like me and business owners who have shown serious concerns about the plan. I think the community should have a voice in the locations being considered. I would like to know what is the rationale behind choosing this site, and I strongly suggest changing the plan and consider another location that has less impact to children and to the community. Thank you for your consideration, Fuhui Long

Yingjie Liu

Fuhui Long

2/1/2022 8:34 Mayor Sweet and the Kirkland City Council: I'm writing to you as a Parent of two children who attend Eastside Preparatory School in Kirkland, and as a concerned member of the community who has worked in the Kirkland/Bellevue areas for 20 yrs . I recently heard that the City of Kirkland has chosen the La Quinta Inn (located at 10530 Northup Way attached) as a future homeless shelter as part of the "Health through Housing" initiative that has support from you and the City Council in a letter to King County Executive Dow Constantine on January 20th. <https://www.kirklandreporter.com/news/kirkland-leaders-write-letter-to-the-county-expressing-support-for-imminent-homeless-shelter/> Can you confirm that this hotel site is the location you have selected? While we can agree that the community needs to address the issue of homelessness in our community, I'm curious as to how you went about the site selection process? Was the Bellevue City Council consulted on this location? This site literally shares a border with the City of Bellevue. For example, the 10700 Northup Building next door has a Bellevue address. Personally, I would strongly oppose your selection of this specific property for several reasons and would ask for transparency from you and the City Council as to the rationale behind the decision for this specific location. I think the community should have a voice in the locations being considered, and the merits of the various options. We send our children to school and drop them daily knowing that they're safe. Such a change takes that peace of mind away. It only takes once incident or the lack of handling of one to have a most negative impact on an entire community. Most concerning for our family is the safety of children and the La Quinta Inn site is located immediately adjacent to several schools and daycares with young children within a short walking distance including the following: "¢ Eastside Preparatory School Over 400 kids in grades 5-12. <https://www.eastsideprep.org/> "¢ Chestnut Montessori School Early childhood programs ages 2-6 <https://www.chestnutmontessori.com/> "¢ Yarrow Bay KinderCare Ages 6 weeks to 5 years <https://www.kindercare.com/our-centers/bellevue/wa/301631> "¢ Cedar Crest Academy 112 students Pre-K-kindergarten <https://cedarcrestacademy.org/student-experience/kirkland/> Another concern is that the property lies on the Bellevue/Kirkland border and is viewed as the "Gateway" to Kirkland. As a result, this is major hub for several businesses in the area. My intent is not to argue the merits of this program but one of the concerns has been that the County believes that "supportive housing is non-contingent on behavior changes" such as quitting drug use. This can result in increased crime in the area ,and a drop in property values for neighboring properties. If this location is in fact being considered as a shelter, I would ask that you let the community know and let members of the community voice their concerns at the next City of Kirkland City Council meeting on February 1st. Thank you for your consideration. Best, Gagan Oberoi

2/1/2022 8:33

Mayor Sweet and the Kirkland City Council, I'm writing to you as a parent of a child that attends Eastside Preparatory School in Kirkland and of a toddler who goes to Bright Horizons three blocks from EPS, and as a concerned member of the business community who has worked in the Kirkland/Bellevue areas for 10 years. I recently heard a rumor that the City of Kirkland has chosen the La Quinta Inn (located at 10530 Northup Way attached) as a future homeless shelter as part of the "Health through Housing" initiative that has support from you and the City Council in a letter to King County Executive Dow Constantine on January 20th. <https://www.kirklandreporter.com/news/kirkland-leaders-write-letter-to-the-county-expressing-support-for-imminent-homeless-shelter/> Can you confirm that this hotel site is the location you have selected? While we can agree that the community needs to address the issue of homelessness in our community, I'm curious as to how you went about the site selection process? Was the Bellevue City Council consulted on this location? This site literally shares a border with the City of Bellevue. For example, the 10700 Northup Building next door has a Bellevue address. Personally, I would strongly oppose your selection of this specific property for several reasons and would ask for transparency from you and the City Council as to the rationale behind the decision for this specific location. I think the community should have a voice in the locations begin considered, and the merits of the various options. Most concerning for me is the safety of children and the La Quinta Inn site is located immediately adjacent to several schools and daycares with young children within a short walking distance including the following: "¢ Eastside Preparatory School Over 400 kids in grades 5-12. <https://www.eastsideprep.org/> "¢ Chestnut Montessori School Early childhood programs ages 2-6 <https://www.chestnutmontessori.com/> "¢ Yarrow Bay KinderCare Ages 6 weeks to 5 years <https://www.kindercare.com/our-centers/bellevue/wa/301631> "¢ Cedar Crest Academy 112 students Pre-K-kindergarten <https://cedarcrestacademy.org/student-experience/kirkland/> Another concern is that the property lies on the Bellevue/Kirkland border and is viewed as the "Gateway" to Kirkland. As a result, this is major hub for several businesses in the area. My intent is not to argue the merits of this program but one of the concerns has been that the County believes that "supportive housing is non-contingent on behavior changes" such as quitting drug use. This can result in increased crime in the area ,and a drop in property values for neighboring properties. If this location is in fact being considered as a shelter, I would ask that you let the community know and let members of the community voice their concerns at the next City of Kirkland City Council meeting on February 1st. Thank you for your consideration. Irina Smolyanskaya

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2/1/2022 8:33 Mayor Sweet and the Kirkland City Council: I'm writing to you as a parent of a child that attends Eastside Preparatory School in Kirkland, and as a concerned member of the community. I learned today that King County has chosen the La Quinta Inn (located at 10530 Northup Way) as a future homeless shelter as part of the "Health through Housing" initiative with support from you and the City Council in a letter to King County Executive Dow Constantine on January 20th. <https://www.kirklandreporter.com/news/kirkland-leaders-write-letter-to-the-county-expressing-support-for-imminent-homeless-shelter/> I strongly oppose your selection of this specific property for several reasons and would ask for transparency from you and the City Council as to the rationale for the Council's support for King County's selection of this location. I think the community should have a voice in the locations begin considered, and the merits of the various options. Most concerning for me is the safety of children and the La Quinta Inn site is located immediately adjacent to several schools and daycares with young children within a short walking distance including the following: Eastside Preparatory School Over 400 kids in grades 5-12. <https://www.eastsideprep.org/> Chestnut Montessori School Early childhood programs ages 2-6 <https://www.chestnutmontessori.com/> Yarrow Bay KinderCare Ages 6 weeks to 5 years <https://www.kindercare.com/our-centers/bellevue/wa/301631> Cedar Crest Academy 112 students Pre-K-kindergarten <https://cedarcrestacademy.org/student-experience/kirkland/> My primary concern is why you would put a homeless shelter directly next to two schools (they literally share a property line) and close to two others. Finding shelter for people that do not have it is an important issue, but putting it next to four schools is not the answer. Another concern is that the County believes that "supportive housing is non-contingent on behavior changes such as quitting drug use. This can result in increased crime in the area. Other similar former hotels/motels have only included full time staff at the site and not security guards who are able to respond to criminal activity. If this location is in fact being considered as a shelter, I would ask that you let the community know and let members of the community voice their concerns at the next City of Kirkland City Council meeting on February 1st. Thank you for your consideration.

2/1/2022 8:32 Mayor Sweet and the Kirkland City Council: I recently heard you and the City Council have chosen the La Quinta Inn located at 10530 Northup Way as a future homeless shelter as part of the "Health through Housing " plan. <https://www.kirklandreporter.com/news/kirkland-leaders-write-letter-to-the-county-expressing-support-for-imminent-homeless-shelter/> As a parent of Eastside Preparatory School in Kirkland, and a homeowner of 10819 NE 37th Pl, this hotel is within walking distance to my kid's school and our property. As a community member, I'm wondering how you select the shelter location? Have you ever consulted the community members about this transformation? I was very sad when I heard this news. I strongly oppose your selection of this specific property and like to ask for transparency from you and the City Council as to the rationale behind the decision for this specific location. I think the community should have a voice in the locations being considered, and the merits of the various options. Most concerning for me is the safety of children and the La Quinta Inn site is located immediately adjacent to several schools and daycares with young children within a short walking distance including the following: Eastside Preparatory School Over 400 kids in grades 5-12. <https://www.eastsideprep.org/> Chestnut Montessori School Early childhood programs ages 2-6 <https://www.chestnutmontessori.com/> Yarrow Bay KinderCare Ages 6 weeks to 5 years <https://www.kindercare.com/our-centers/bellevue/wa/301631> Cedar Crest Academy 112 students Pre-K-kindergarten <https://cedarcrestacademy.org/student-experience/kirkland/> If this location is in fact being considered as a shelter, I would ask that you let the community know and let members of the community voice their concerns at the next City of Kirkland City Council meeting on February 1st. Thank you for your consideration. Ying Lei

Ying Lei

- 2/1/2022 8:28 Mayor Sweet and the Kirkland City Council: I'm writing to you as a concerned parent of two kids who attend Eastside Preparatory School in Kirkland. I understand the City of Kirkland has chosen the La Quinta Inn as a future homeless shelter. A few questions: Who owns and operates the property? What other shelters/programs do they operate? How impactful are they on their neighborhoods? What is their timeline for starting services? What kind of a shelter will be at the hotel? Day shelters and overnight shelters have different operating hours. This could also be a shelter for a specific demographic, which could impact services provided (for example domestic violence shelter, shelter for families with children). Another possibility would be a housing program for people exiting homelessness, in which case the building would be operating 24/7. If this is not a 24/7 operation, how will transportation to/from be handled? What kind of a relationship does the provider want to have with the neighborhood? How can we work together to guarantee the safety of everyone at EPS, and how can the people with responsibility for the other schools/daycares bordering the hotel get involved as well? Personally, I would strongly oppose your selection of this specific property for several reasons and would ask for transparency from you and the City Council as to the rationale behind the decision for this specific location. I think the community should have a voice in the locations begin considered, and the merits of the various options. Most concerning for me is the safety of children and the La Quinta Inn site is located immediately adjacent to several schools and daycares with young children within a short walking distance including the following: Eastside Preparatory School Over 400 kids in grades 5-12. <https://www.eastsideprep.org/> Chestnut Montessori School Early childhood programs ages 2-6 <https://www.chestnutmontessori.com/> Yarrow Bay KinderCare Ages 6 weeks to 5 years <https://www.kindercare.com/our-centers/bellevue/wa/301631> Cedar Crest Academy 112 students Pre-K-kindergarten <https://cedarcrestacademy.org/student-experience/kirkland/> Another concern is that the property lies on the Bellevue/Kirkland border and is viewed as the "Gateway" to Kirkland. As a result, this is major hub for several businesses in the area. My intent is not to argue the merits of this program but one of the concerns has been that the County believes that "supportive housing is non-contingent on behavior changes" such as quitting drug use. If this location is in fact being considered as a shelter, I would ask that you let the community know and let members of the community voice their concerns at the next City of Kirkland City Council meeting on February 1st. Thank you for your consideration. Thanks, Carrie
- 2/1/2022 8:27 Mayor Sweet and the Kirkland City Council: I'm a parent of children attending Eastside Preparatory School in Kirkland. I've recently learned that the City of Kirkland has chosen the La Quinta Inn (located at 10530 Northup Way) as a future homeless shelter as part of the "Health through Housing" Initiative. You and the City Council supported the sale in a letter to King County Executive Dow Constantine on January 20th. <https://www.kirklandreporter.com/news/kirkland-leaders-write-letter-to-the-county-expressing-support-for-imminent-homeless-shelter/> I'm writing to you ask transparency as to what the rationale is behind choosing La Quinta Inn with walking distance to 3 schools: Eastside Preparatory School Over 400 kids in grades 5-12. <https://www.eastsideprep.org/> Chestnut Montessori School Early childhood programs ages 2-6 <https://www.chestnutmontessori.com/> Yarrow Bay KinderCare Ages 6 weeks to 5 years <https://www.kindercare.com/our-centers/bellevue/wa/301631> Cedar Crest Academy 112 students Pre-K-kindergarten <https://cedarcrestacademy.org/student-experience/kirkland/> I've spoken to many parents at the 3 schools and the neighborhood and we all share the same safety concern for our kids and the negative behavioral impact on our kids. such as the use of drug. If you knew that it's in walking distance to 3 schools, what are your plans to guarantee safety to the kids and neighborhood? How do you or the service provider intend the relationship to be with the neighborhood? And most importantly, has there been any effort made to consult and work with the local community and City of Bellevue? If not, I'd strongly ask that you do. I understand that we all need to do our part to address the homelessness problem. But our responsibility is to fix the problems caused by our generation, not create new problems for our children, or delegate our debt to the next generation. Please, please, I beg you, to listen to the voice of parents and the local community! Thank you for your consideration.

Carrie Miller

Jige Yu

2/1/2022 8:26

Mayor Sweet and the Kirkland City Council: I am writing to you as a parent of a child who attends Eastside Preparatory School in Kirkland. I learned today that King County is on the cusp of purchasing the La Quinta Inn (located at 10530 Northup Way attached) as a future homeless shelter. This is allegedly being done without any advance public notice or hearing as part of the "Health through Housing" initiative that has support from you and the City Council as communicated in a letter to King County Executive Dow Constantine on January 20th and referred to in the below news story: <https://www.kirklandreporter.com/news/kirkland-leaders-write-letter-to-the-county-expressing-support-for-imminent-homeless-shelter/> How a government can conduct a transaction like this in secret using public taxpayer funds is astonishing. While I am supportive of efforts to address the homeless situation in King County, I am at a loss to understand how this location makes sense as a shelter and why the City Council would support this. The selection appears completely without thought or consideration to the safety of children attending two schools literally adjoining the La Quinta Inn site and two other schools/daycare centers within approximately 1500 feet, including the following: Eastside Preparatory School Over 400 kids in grades 5-12. <https://www.eastsideprep.org/> Chestnut Montessori School Early childhood programs ages 2-6 <https://www.chestnutmontessori.com/> Yarrow Bay KinderCare Ages 6 weeks to 5 years <https://www.kindercare.com/our-centers/bellevue/wa/301631> Cedar Crest Academy 112 students Pre-K-kindergarten <https://cedarcrestacademy.org/student-experience/kirkland/> Particularly concerning is King County's belief that "supportive housing is non-contingent on behavior changes" such as quitting drug use. This approach has led to significant increases in crime, used drug needles and litter around other shelter locations and a general deterioration of neighborhoods surrounding those shelters. Through this lens, placing a homeless shelter at this site in such close proximity to at least four locations with young children is absolutely mind-boggling. Is the County and City of Kirkland willing to step up and pay for full time security for these schools/daycare centers? Hard to imagine this when there is such an incomprehensible push to reduce public safety resources in the County. I believe this is an incredibly serious situation, and I believe it incumbent on the City Council to let members of the community voice their concerns at the City Council meeting tomorrow (February 1). Thank you. J. Bucher

J. Bucher

2/1/2022 8:25

Mayor Sweet and the Kirkland City Council: I would like to ask for a hearing on the proposed use of the La Quinta Inn as a future homeless shelter. I understand the City of Kirkland has chosen this site as a potential. I believe it is your duty and our right to have an open discussion on this topic. There are so many questions that I think we need to answer and I firmly believe our right to share perspective. I am a parent of two students at Eastside Prep. A few questions that I would like answers to: Who owns and operates the property? What other shelters/programs do they operate? How impactful are they on their neighborhoods? What is their timeline for starting services? What kind of a shelter will be at the hotel? Day shelters and overnight shelters have different operating hours. This could also be a shelter for a specific demographic, which could impact services provided (for example domestic violence shelter, shelter for families with children). Another possibility would be a housing program for people exiting homelessness, in which case the building would be operating 24/7. If this is not a 24/7 operation, how will transportation to/from be handled? What kind of a relationship does the provider want to have with the neighborhood? How can we work together to guarantee the safety of everyone at EPS, and how can the people with responsibility for the other schools/daycares bordering the hotel get involved as well? Personally, I would strongly oppose your selection of this specific property for several reasons and would ask for transparency from you and the City Council as to the rationale behind the decision for this specific location. I think the community should have a voice in the locations begin considered, and the merits of the various options. Most concerning for me is the safety of children and the La Quinta Inn site is located immediately adjacent to several schools and daycares with young children within a short walking distance including the following: Eastside Preparatory School Over 400 kids in grades 5-12. <https://www.eastsideprep.org/> Chestnut Montessori School Early childhood programs ages 2-6 <https://www.chestnutmontessori.com/> Yarrow Bay KinderCare Ages 6 weeks to 5 years <https://www.kindercare.com/our-centers/bellevue/wa/301631> Cedar Crest Academy 112 students Pre-K-kindergarten <https://cedarcrestacademy.org/student-experience/kirkland/> Another concern is that the property lies on the Bellevue/Kirkland border and is viewed as the "Gateway" to Kirkland. As a result, this is major hub for several businesses in the area. My intent is not to argue the merits of this program but one of the concerns has been that the County believes that "supportive housing is non-contingent on behavior changes" such as quitting drug use. If this location is in fact being considered as a shelter, I would ask that you let the community know and let members of the community voice their concerns at the next City of Kirkland City Council meeting on February 1st. Thank you for your consideration. Thanks, Dave Miller 425 753 9866

David Miller

2/1/2022 8:18

Mayor Sweet and the Kirkland City Council: I'm writing to you as a mom of a child that attend Eastside Preparatory School in Kirkland. I was told that the City of Kirkland has chosen the La Quinta Inn (located at 10530 Northup Way attached) as a future homeless shelter as part of the "Health through Housing" I know that this initiative has support from you and the City Council in a letter to King County Executive Dow Constantine on January 20th. <https://www.kirklandreporter.com/news/kirkland-leaders-write-letter-to-the-county-expressing-support-for-imminent-homeless-shelter/> I would like to confirm this information. While I applaud this initiative, I disagree that this specific property is the right place to be chosen. La Quinta Inn site is located immediately adjacent to several schools and daycares with young children within a short walking distance including the following: Eastside Preparatory School Over 400 kids in grades 5-12. <https://www.eastsideprep.org/> Chestnut Montessori School Early childhood programs ages 2-6 <https://www.chestnutmontessori.com/> Yarrow Bay KinderCare Ages 6 weeks to 5 years <https://www.kindercare.com/our-centers/bellevue/wa/301631> Cedar Crest Academy 112 students Pre-K-kindergarten <https://cedarcrestacademy.org/student-experience/kirkland/> If this location is in fact being considered as a shelter, I ask you to please let members of the community voice their concerns at the next City of Kirkland City Council meeting on February 1st. Thank you for your time and consideration. Isabel Picoto

Isabel Picoto

2/1/2022 8:17 Mayor Sweet and the Kirkland City Council: I'm writing to you as a parent of kids who attend Eastside Preparatory School in Kirkland, and as a concerned member of the Kirkland/Bellevue community. I recently heard that the City of Kirkland has chosen the La Quinta Inn & Suites (at 10530 Northup Way, Kirkland, WA 98033) as a future homeless shelter as part of the "Health through Housing" initiative that has support from you and the City Council in a letter to King County Executive Dow Constantine on January 20th. <https://www.kirklandreporter.com/news/kirkland-leaders-write-letter-to-the-county-expressing-support-for-imminent-homeless-shelter/> Personally, I would strongly object to your selection of this specific property for several reasons and would ask for transparency from you and the City Council as to the rationale behind the decision for this specific location. I think the community should have a voice in the locations being considered, and the merits of the various options. Most concerning for me is the safety of kids and the La Quinta Inn site is located immediately adjacent to several schools and daycares with young children within a short walking distance including the following: Eastside Preparatory School Over 400 students in grades 5-12. <https://www.eastsideprep.org/> Chestnut Montessori School Early childhood programs ages 2-6 <https://www.chestnutmontessori.com/> Yarrow Bay KinderCare Ages 6 weeks to 5 years <https://www.kindercare.com/our-centers/bellevue/wa/301631> Cedar Crest Academy 112 students Pre-K-kindergarten <https://cedarcrestacademy.org/student-experience/kirkland/> If this location is in fact being considered as a shelter, I would ask that you let the community know and let members of the community voice their concerns at the next City of Kirkland City Council meeting on February 1st. Thank you for your consideration. And Look forward to hearing from you soon. Xiang Xu

Xiang Xu

1/31/2022 16:51 I object to your approach. City of Kirkland Letter of Support for King County Health Through Housing (kirklandwa.gov)

ROB
SAPIRSTEIN

1/31/2022 14:58 Hi, I am trying to find out what motel King County is considering purchasing in Kirkland? Thank you.

- 1/31/2022 11:41 Mayor Sweet and the Kirkland City Council: I'm writing to you as a Parent of two boys that attend Eastside Preparatory School in Kirkland, and as a concerned member of the business community who has worked in the Kirkland/Bellevue areas for 30 years . I recently heard a rumor that the City of Kirkland has chosen the La Quinta Inn (located at 10530 Northup Way attached) as a future homeless shelter as part of the "Health through Housing" Initiative that has support from you and the City Council in a letter to King County Executive Dow Constantine on January 20th. <https://www.kirklandreporter.com/news/kirkland-leaders-write-letter-to-the-county-expressing-support-for-imminent-homeless-shelter/> Can you confirm that this hotel site is the location you have selected? While we can agree that the community needs to address the issue of homelessness in our community, I'm curious as to how you went about the site selection process? Was the Bellevue City Council consulted on this location? This site literally shares a border with the City of Bellevue. For example, the 10700 Northup Building next door has a Bellevue address. Personally, I would strongly oppose your selection of this specific property for several reasons and would ask for transparency from you and the City Council as to the rationale behind the decision for this specific location. I think the community should have a voice in the locations begin considered, and the merits of the various options. Most concerning for me is the safety of children and the La Quinta Inn site is located immediately adjacent to several schools and daycares with young children within a short walking distance including the following: " Eastside Preparatory School Over 400 kids in grades 5-12. <https://www.eastsideprep.org/> " Chestnut Montessori School Early childhood programs ages 2-6 <https://www.chestnutmontessori.com/> " Yarrow Bay KinderCare Ages 6 weeks to 5 years <https://www.kindercare.com/our-centers/bellevue/wa/301631> " Cedar Crest Academy 112 students Pre-K-kindergarten <https://cedarcrestacademy.org/student-experience/kirkland/> Another concern is that the property lies on the Bellevue/Kirkland border and is viewed as the "Gateway" to Kirkland. As a result, this is major hub for several businesses in the area. My intent is not to argue the merits of this program but one of the concerns has been that the County believes that "supportive housing is non-contingent on behavior changes" such as quitting drug use. This can result in increased crime in the area ,and a drop in property values for neighboring properties. If this location is in fact being considered as a shelter, I would ask that you let the community know and let members of the community voice their concerns at the next City of Kirkland City Council meeting on February 1st. Thank you for your consideration. Jeff Chaney 425-260-8900
- 1/31/2022 10:25 King County Executive and Kirkland City Council Members: It has come to my attention that King County has the intent to (or perhaps already has) purchase the La Quinta Kirkland at 10530 Northup Way to be used as a homeless shelter and safe injection use site. I am angered that this was done per Ms. Sweet's letter as "we understand that the nature of real estate negotiations necessitated the privacy of the County's site selection and purchasing process" dated January 20, 2022 without public posting or the ability to comment. The purchase of hotels by the county to house the homeless is a good way to give those in need a step up in obtaining permanent housing. The issue I have with this is that three schools, Eastside Preparatory School with over 500 students ages 10-18, Cedar Crest Academy Preschool to 5th grade, and Chestnut Montessori School Preschool to 5th grade all lie within 100-200 yards of the proposed safe use injection site. EPS and Chestnut actually abut the property line of La Quinta and the shared fence line and parking lot has become a conduit for people to walk to the South Kirkland Park and Ride. The Burgermaster also serves as a bus stop for many local schools including Seattle Prep and The Lakeside School and, again, brings many minors into the area twice a day. As a healthcare provider, I have a significant issue with this hotel being within such close proximity to minors. I need to know that our students and children will be safe. I have looked up the addresses of the other hotels purchased by King County and NONE are within such close proximity of schools where minors are present. I would like for King County and the City of Kirkland to respond to my email and let me know their plan of action, and when the public can comment on this sale. Sincerely, Jennifer Heuberger, NP-C Heuberger_aj@msn.com City of Kirkland Letter of Support for King County Health Through Housing (kirklandwa.gov)

Jeff Chaney

Jennifer Heuberger

Health Through Housing La Quinta Inn, Kirkland

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Statement from the Houghton Community Council

The Houghton Community Council wants to assure that the King County Health through Housing permanent supportive housing facility will succeed. We believe the best approach to achieve this goal is matching expectations with all involved. Additionally, due to the unproven track record of this type of housing, we want to ensure that the facility blends in with the neighborhood, protecting all involved including the community, the surrounding neighborhood citizens and their properties.

The Houghton Community Council believes this can be best achieved through consequential guardrails established and agreed upon upfront. These guardrails would specifically and objectively quantify results from the facility that could ultimately lead to sanctions or disallowance of further use if violated.

The document presented has been prepared collectively by the Houghton Community Council and a subcommittee from that council. This document does not purport to resolve or quantify all of the specific issues in defining the aforementioned guardrails. All of the community engagement and input from stakeholders has not yet been finalized as of the writing of this document. Therefore this document should be used as a preamble for a continued conversation with the Houghton Community Council and additional communication to come.

Purpose

As King County and the City of Kirkland continue community outreach related to the Health through Housing permanent supportive housing facility at the LaQuinta Inn, the Houghton Community Council has prepared an advisory document for your review and consideration. The ideas contained in this document have been inspired through dialogue with residents of the Houghton community, presentations from King County officials, and the Houghton Community Council's own opinions as Kirkland residents and staunch supporters of ending homelessness.

We are hopeful this information will serve as an inspiration for additional discussion, consideration, and action by the Kirkland City Council members as the King Country's Health through Housing initiative moves from an idea to a reality in the city of Kirkland.

Proposed Facility Amenities

The Houghton Community Council believes in the potential of the Health Through Housing initiative. We are especially interested in helping people move beyond this type of housing—never to return because they have found purpose, peace, and productivity. We are interested in helping people find new ways to live and spend their time during their time in this living situation. Perhaps having new experiences and exposures will allow residents to develop new interests and have small successes that give them confidence and help them move out of dependency. That's why we would like to suggest the following the following amenities, to the extent allowed by law:

- The facility should include a dedicated library where residents have access to all sorts of books—fiction, nonfiction, sci fi, DIY, inspirational, etc. There are many of us in the neighborhood that have enough used books that we could keep a library stocked for several years. Goodwill has thousands of used books for sale, so this would not be an expense. We sincerely believe and know from personal experience that books can change lives. We also believe that every person needs to feel a sense of purpose, and books can be a gateway. If nothing else, they are an enjoyable way to spend time.
- The facility should have a garden where residents can nurture and maintain plants. Kirkland Councilwoman Kelli Curtis is a Master Gardener and she would be the ideal representative to help establish a garden on the property and teach residents how to plant and maintain the plants they want to grow. Gardening is good for the soul and gives a person something to be responsible for.
- The facility should have space and specific programs to facilitate and coordinate work and vocational opportunities. Arrange to have the Labor Ready or People Ready van come by each morning to pick up people for job sites. Get people out and working. Invite professionals from the community to teach job skills. Let's help the residents successfully move into the work force where they can build a sense of value and accomplishment.
- The facility should have ongoing AA and NA groups to meet the needs of the residents as well as to people in the community as a whole. It is not sufficient to have someone who can only refer an individual in crisis or need to a meeting if there is not access and transportation. If that is not feasible, perhaps the facility could provide transportation to recovery groups nearby.
- The facility should have a reliable internet connection with access to computers for residents' access for information searches, entertainment, and general computer literacy.

In addition to the above amenities, the Council strongly encourage the following guidelines for the facility. Several of us on the Council have experience in property management, and we have found the following to be successful, to the extent allowable by law:

Resident Referral

Resident Screening Criteria

- Prospective residents need to be held accountable by completing a rental application.
- A background check should be done including credit, criminal and rental/eviction history. A credit report could show other sources of income that are not reported on the application. A criminal report allows you to see any past criminal reports attached to the applicant, including descriptions of the crime and if it was a felony or

misdemeanor. A rental/eviction report would show if a tenant was previously evicted, along with a description of the incident so you can better understand their rental history.

Lease Terms and Conditions

- Only the person(s) listed on the rental agreement may live in the unit.
- No part of the premises may be used at any time during the term of the lease by the resident for the purpose of carrying on any business, profession or trade of any kind except as allowed by City of Kirkland ordinance or for any other purpose other than a private residential dwelling.
- A rental agreement would be in force for 6 months. Upon expiration, a new background check would be run and if qualified, the next rental period would be for a year. A new background check would be required every year upon rental renewal.
- All units will be inspected in January of each year for possible maintenance issues, etc. In addition, residents should be required to report on possible maintenance issues as soon as they become aware of them.

Resident Rules

- No pets are allowed.
- No smoking or vaping inside the units and building,
- Residents shall keep, maintain and safeguard the premises and appurtenances in good and sanitary condition and repair.
- Residents shall not keep on the premises any item of a dangerous, flammable or explosive character that might unreasonably increase the danger of fire or explosion on the premises or that might be considered hazardous or extra hazardous by any reasonable insurance company.
- The main door of the building will be locked at all times. The front desk will be staffed 24 hours/day by a qualified health care professional capable of performing duties associated with facility. All other outside doors will not be accessed from the outside. They will only be used for egress.
- Each tenant will receive two keys - one for the main door and one for his/her unit. The main door keys should not be able to be duplicated except by management for security reasons. A tenant is eligible for a replacement key once per year, if needed.

Resident Code of Conduct

- A Code of Conduct shall be written to cover all illegal activity including substances, noise, fighting, and weapons. It will include the process for notification and documentation of resident violation of the code of conduct.
- The Code of Conduct will be given to each resident with the rental agreement.
- Enforcement and consequences for not following the code of conduct are to be specifically spelled out.

- The facility shall issue a written warning to residents when there are 2 violations in a 30-day time period

The lease may be immediately terminated by Management on the following grounds:

- Serious or repeated violations of the terms and conditions of the lease agreement.
- Violations of Federal, State or local law that imposes obligations on the resident in connection with the occupancy or use of the premises.
- Criminal activity
- Interference with the management of the property or causing an undue financial burden on the property
- Other good cause.
- Management may evict the tenant for a lease violation. The landlord must provide the tenant a **10-Day Notice to Comply** which gives the tenant 10 days to fix the issue.

Lease violations include but are not limited to:

- Major damage to the rental unit
- Smoking in non-smoking areas
- Material health/safety violations
- Too many people are living inside the rental unit.
- Housing a pet in a pet-free rental unit or rental premises, etc.

The landlord may continue filing for an eviction lawsuit if the tenant fails to resolve the issue and remains inside the rental unit after the given number of days.

- For lease violations that are deemed “non-curable” the Landlord may give the resident a **3-Day Notice to Quit**. Residents cannot fix the violation and are required to move out by the end of 3 days.

Non-curable lease violations include but are not limited to:

- Engaging in criminal activity
- Being a nuisance on the rental property
- Hosting an illegal or unlawful business
- Creating harmful waste

In the case of illegal activity, a landlord is not legally obligated to give tenants a written notice. A landlord may proceed directly to the next step in the [eviction process](#) It can take 1-3 months or longer to complete.

Illegal activity includes:

- Physical assault that leads to an arrest
- Possession and/or firing of a firearm

- Involvement in the creation, distribution, or consumption of a controlled substance

Safety Plan

List of Prohibited Residents or Actions

- Previously evicted resident until a 6 month time frame as passed?
- Active warrant for arrest
- Registered Sex offender
- Accused of or History of violence/use of violence
- Accused of Abuse of children
- Violation of Gun Free Zone around schools
- Violation of Illicit drug use

Outside Building

- Entry and exit points will be monitored by video cameras. The video files will be kept for 60 days.
- There will be no loitering within 1,000 feet, no open containers, no guns or weapons of any kind,
- Privacy is provided with window coverings. A 6 foot tall privacy and security fence will be erected on the back and both sides of the building.
- Each tenant is responsible for maintaining his/her own trash in the unit and bringing it outside to the dumpsters on a regular basis. All trash is to be bagged.
- The dumpsters will be monitored by video cameras to prevent others from using it.
- The onsite management company is responsible for picking up outside litter that is separate from bagged trash. Residents can help with this to 'give back'.
- An outside smoking area will be designated with appropriate receptacles for cigarette/cigar butts.
- Recycling and composting will be supported and/or required for residents.
- A separate bus stop will be provided, away from schools. The city of Kirkland and King County will coordinate with Metro for the installation of a separate stop.

Parking

- Each unit may have one parking space. One additional space may be requested, if needed and if available. All parking stalls will be assigned and the guest parking signed.
- Approved vehicles may be automobiles, small trucks, or small SUV's. There will be no RV, trailer, camper, or large truck parking.
- All vehicles on site must be in working order. No maintenance of vehicles such as oil changes, etc. will be permitted.
- Illegally parked vehicles will be ticketed with a first- time warning. On the second time the vehicle will be towed.

- Guest parking will be in appropriately marked spaces. All above rules apply. Guest parking is limited to 48 hours.

Resident Management Agency Criteria and Selection

- A management company shall be chosen which has a proven record and experience in such facilities.
- On site staff shall include:
 - 24/7 front desk staffed by a qualified health care professional capable of performing duties associated with facility
 - Health professional (available at all times because we don't know when a resident will request help)
 - A security person
- Background checks will be required of all staff.
- As a backup staff plan/mitigation measures for staffing shortages by the management company, King County will be responsible for placing qualified temporary employees. In the event that King County does not provide for this shortfall, the City of Kirkland will do so utilizing the Escrow account.
- The City of Kirkland, in partnership with the third party management, shall identify and communicate a business continuity plan to ensure consistent building management during times of staff turnover
- The advisory group along with the City of Kirkland has the right to inspect/review the facility on a quarterly basis. Or as needed on an emergency basis. Will results be documented by the City of Kirkland as part of the ongoing community communication.
- The City of Kirkland shall put COVID measures in place, such as on-site access to masks, rapid COVID tests, and necessary referrals for treatment as needed per CDC recommendations.

Ongoing Community Communication

Public Comment

- Create a FAQ so people in the community know how to get involved and who to contact under various situations. The FAQ should be posted on the City of Kirkland website, and to be provided in paper form, with phone numbers for:
 - 911 for emergencies
 - 211 for Human Service Support at King County
 - KPD non-emergency number
 - City's Outreach Navigator
 - City's Human Services Dept.
- Recommend designation of 2 Kirkland City Council liaisons available for public discussion and outreach as needed

Citizen Advisory Board

- Recommend the creation of a citizen advisory board, comprised of local citizens and businesses to meet 1x/month with County and City officials. For some ideas, view the City of Bellevue [Good Neighbor Agreement Advisory Committee](#).
- This Board may be chosen through the Kirkland Neighborhood Alliance.
- Possible Board selection: 4 Kirkland neighbors, 2 school admin/staff, 2 school parents, 1 business owner/office owner and one resident at La Quinta Inn.

Escrow Account

- An Escrow account will be established by the City of Kirkland that is funded by King County. This money will be used by the city to rectify inactivity by the facility. This account will include things like erecting fences around the property, establishing a separate bus stop, pick up trash, hire a security guard or police, to evict and re-locate residents, etc.

On Site Metrics (to be reported and posted on a monthly basis)

- 911 calls
- Fire/ambulance visits
- Public complaints within 1 mile and 5 mile radius
- Number of fire alarms set off
- Number of extra/replacement keys issued
- Resident enrollment in support programs
- Resident violations of Code of Conduct
- Resident stability - e.g. how many residents move out/move in on a monthly basis? How many evicted?
- Operating costs compared to the City's allocated monthly budget
- Comparisons on the above metrics to Redmond Silver Cloud and Inn at Queen Anne
- Resident volunteer activities/hours

Off Site/Community Metrics

- Number of loitering complaints within 1 mile radius
- Police activity/crime within 1 mile and 5 mile radius
- Comparisons on the above metrics to Redmond Silver Cloud and Inn at Queen Anne

Data Analysis and Reporting

- The City of Kirkland shall engage with an independent third party to regularly gather and analyze onsite and off-site metrics before the facility is in operation.
- All metrics shall be posted publicly on a monthly basis.

- All metrics shall be reviewed with Citizen Advisory Board via a monthly meeting, with the opportunity for questions and public comment.
- The City of Kirkland shall identify, in partnership with King County and the Citizen Advisory Board, key indicators of program success or failure and specific numeric benchmarks to indicate as such. If these benchmarks do not exist, the County and the independent third party that is gathering and analyzing metrics shall monitor for key performance indicators first 90 days of operation and create benchmarks within days 91-120.
- The City of Kirkland shall create, in partnership with King County and the Citizen Advisory Board, a remediation/response plan (with corresponding Service Level Agreement) for the failure to meet key performance metrics. This shall be posted publicly for King County citizens and residents of the La Quinta property.
- The City of Kirkland shall create, in partnership with King County and the Citizen Advisory Board, the criteria that are grounds to terminate/close the housing center, and/or modify the above resident criteria with a corresponding Service Level Agreement for remediation and/or response. This shall be posted publicly for King County citizens and residents of the La Quinta property.

Health *Through* Housing

Overview of Health Through Housing (HTH)

May 2022



King County

Leo Flor
Department Director
King County DC&H

At least **6,000** people
sleep outside across
King County every night.

That number will grow unless we act boldly.

2020 “Point-In-Time Count” data for the Eastside provides an estimate of people experiencing homelessness on a single night in late January:

- In Shelters = 586
- Unsheltered = 446



Homelessness is not localized. It is a regional crisis.

What is **Health Through Housing**?

King County's regional initiative to rapidly acquire and perpetually operate 1,600 units of supportive housing for residents experiencing and at risk of chronic homelessness while reducing racial-ethnic disproportionality.

“The paramount goal of the [initial Health through Housing] implementation plan shall be the creation and ongoing operation of 1,600 units of affordable housing with housing-related services for eligible households in King County that are experiencing chronic homelessness or that are at risk of experiencing chronic homelessness.”

King County Code 24.30.030.3

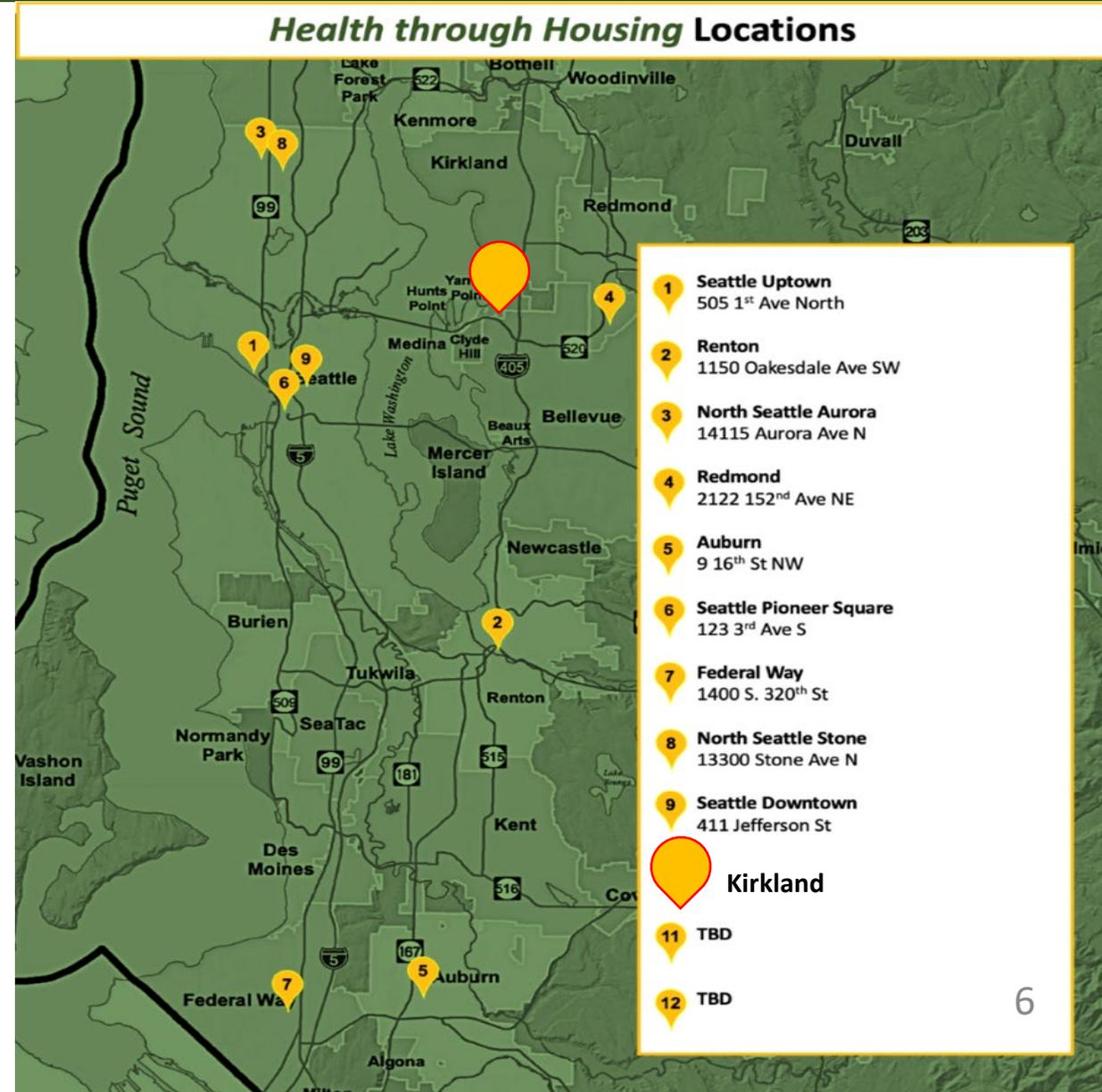
What is **Health Through Housing**?

- **\$270k vs \$400k+** | Take advantage of temporary economic conditions to create new affordable housing for substantially less than new construction.
- **1,600 households inside by end of 2022** | Put buildings into use quickly to provide emergency and permanent supportive housing.
- **Operations, Operations, Operations** | Stable resident supports within HtH buildings so residents have consistent, case-managed healthcare (integrated physical & behavioral), nutrition, employment, & housing supports.

The HTH Portfolio So Far

Getting up to 1,600 Units

- 968 units purchased
 - 10 buildings
 - 6 cities
- MOA with Seattle OH for 350 “Operations Only” Units
- Seeking 95 Non-Seattle “Operations Only” Units
- 185~ remaining units to purchase
 - Likely in 2 to 3 buildings



The HTH Portfolio So Far



HTH does not replace PSH construction. HTH is strategy in a crisis to harness temporary conditions & rapidly supplement supportive housing stock across the region with robust, ongoing operations.

The HTH Portfolio So Far

New Renton Residents

- In April, 97 people moved into their new home in Renton.
- The building includes 24/7 supportive services, indoor and outdoor community spaces, and designated space for outreach work.
- Catholic Community Services (CCS) is the operator for the building and began outreach to neighboring businesses and the broader community before guests arrived. The outreach will be the basis of a Good Neighbor Agreement.



Supportive housing works.

**It is more effective
and less expensive.**

3 Days = 3 Months = 1 Year

Why Supportive Housing

- Permanent supportive housing is an evidence-based housing intervention that combines non-time-limited affordable housing assistance with wrap-around supportive services for people experiencing homelessness
- Permanent supportive housing improves health and lowers public costs by reducing the use of publicly-funded crisis services, including shelters, hospitals, psychiatric centers, jails, and prisons.
- Stable housing: only 2% of King County permanent supportive housing residents return to homelessness within 6 months.

Who Can Live in HTH Buildings?

**Household
Income at or
Below 30% of
the Area Median**

Ordinance 19179



**Experiencing or
At-Risk of
Chronic
Homelessness.**

Defined in Ordinance 19236;
Must be consistent with RCW
82.14.530(2)(b)

While not a facet of individual eligibility, overall HtH building and portfolio populations must also comply with statute and ordinance requirements to meet or exceed two goals:

1. Reduce racial-ethnic disproportionality
2. Satisfy local referral commitments and intent

Importance of Outreach | Developing new approaches and provider partnerships to balance equity focus, local referral, regional access, federal requirements, and building operations.

The **Support** in Supportive Housing

- **Permanence and affordability:** non-time-limited stays at an affordable price.
- **Onsite 24/7 staffing:** supports residents with transition, questions, and the rights and responsibilities as a resident.
- **Access to health and behavioral health services:** onsite staff and external partners help tenants address physical health, behavioral health, and treatment for substance use disorder.
- **Employment counseling:** access to employment navigators to help connect residents with resources, employment and opportunities.

Access to HTH

Local Referral Process

The County and the onsite provider will collaborate with the local city on the local referral protocols and procedures for housing assignments:

- The County and partner agencies, in coordination with the local jurisdiction and local service providers, will provide initial targeted street outreach to people living unsheltered in the local community.
- The local jurisdiction will identify key local service providers and City staff that provide homeless outreach services in the local community. These individuals will work with the selected outreach team in providing referrals and creating a list of eligible individuals experiencing homelessness locally.
- In addition to local referral, referrals to HTH units will occur through KCRHA's Coordinated Entry (CEA) system

King County Procurement Process

1. Community/business engagement
2. Request for qualifications
3. Request for bid with pre-qualified applicants
4. Announce operator

Staffing, wages, recruitment and retention play a significant role in the procurement process and may have profound impacts on these efforts.

Partnership With Operator

What We've Heard So Far in Kirkland and what will inform how we move forward with an operator:

- 24/7 Staffing
- Onsite Substance Use Treatment
- Employment and Housing Assistance
- Building and Property Conditions
- Security Cameras
- Partnerships and Impact with First Responders
- Increased Communication
- Neighborhood Advisory Group
- Screening and Preparation for Housing
- Observing Laws on Registration Requirements
- Connections to Local Service Providers
- Ability to Help People Experiencing Chronic Homelessness In and Near Kirkland
- Controlled Access
- Safety In and Around the Housing
- Code of Conduct
- Privacy Fencing
- Concerns About Enabling vs. Treatment
- Ensuring Food Access
- How Quickly Occupancy Will Increase
- Operator Responsiveness to Concerns

What comes next?

The Process in Kirkland

Next Steps

- Ongoing engagement with City of Kirkland and with local residents and local providers to inform consideration of Operator and Outreach applicants | March through Opening in early 2023
- Operator and Outreach Selection | 3rd Quarter 2022
- Operator, Community, City*, County Good Neighbor Agreement Process | 3rd & 4th Quarter 2022
- Operator Staff-Up & Local Outreach | 4th Quarter 2022
- Initial, Phased Occupancy | 1st Quarter 2023

Questions?

Thousands of people sleep outside every night.
We can bring them inside.

Learn More About Supportive Housing At:

National: Corporation for Supportive Housing – csh.org

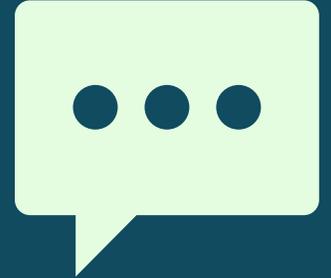
- [Supportive Housing 101](#)
- [CSH Guidebook](#)

Local: Third Door Coalition – thirddoorcoalition.org

- [Research and sources - permanent supportive housing](#)
- [Infographic](#)



Health Through Housing



PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IN KIRKLAND

July 2022

WHAT IS PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING?

“Permanent supportive housing (PSH) pairs subsidized housing with case management and supportive services...PSH offers wrap around services to foster housing stability, which may include case management, counseling, behavioral health supports, medical services, and meals.¹”

¹<https://kingcounty.gov/depts/community-human-services/initiatives/health-through-housing.aspx>

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Resolution R-5522

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND RELATED TO A PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROJECT BY KING COUNTY AT THE LA QUINTA INN LOCATION IN KIRKLAND AS PART OF THE COUNTY'S HEALTH THROUGH HOUSING PROGRAM, IDENTIFYING KEY ISSUES NECESSARY FOR CITY SUPPORT AND AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATIONS OF ONE OR MORE AGREEMENTS THAT PROVIDE FOR SUCH USE WHILE IMPOSING REASONABLE REGULATIONS THEREON IN SUPPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY.

Section 1. The City Council's support of the permanent supportive housing project as part of the Health Through Housing program at the La Quinta Inn is conditioned upon reaching agreement with the County on terms consistent with the Conceptual Term Sheet for King County Permanent Supportive Housing Project at La Quinta Inn Location in Kirkland attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Section 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate agreements with King County and/or its future facility operator with respect to a Health Through Housing permanent supportive housing project at the La Quinta Inn location in Kirkland consistent with the Conceptual Term Sheet for King County Permanent Supportive Housing Project at the La Quinta Inn Location in Kirkland attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Conceptual Terms Sheet

PURPOSE

The purpose of this term sheet is to outline some of the most important terms and conditions that the Kirkland City Council believes are necessary to maintain City support for the project. It is not intended to address all potential issues or agreements.

These concepts would be developed into binding agreements between King County (County) and the City of Kirkland (City) and/or King County and its facility operator (Operator) at the La Quinta Inn site.

The agreements anticipated by this Term Sheet will formalize the County management, allocation of services and operating funds, and corresponding requirements for this permanent supportive housing use in Kirkland.

The agreement between the County and City may be an Interlocal Agreement or another mechanism that memorializes and provides transparency and accountability on the commitments of the City and the County.

Conceptual Terms Sheet

SOME KEY CONCEPTS AND AGREEMENT TERMS

- a. City opportunity to review and approve County selection process and criteria for the Operator.
- b. Review and approve terms and conditions of Operator agreement, including those related to subjects such as operating standards, screening criteria, compliance with laws, standards of care, breach and cure, indemnification, and insurance.
- c. County and Operator agree facility will be used exclusively for permanent supportive housing and for no other purpose or use without prior City approval.
- d. The County and Operator shall maintain strict compliance with existing state law limitations on registered sex offenders living within 880 feet of public and private schools.
- e. The La Quinta Inn site shares a property line with a large school. As a result, the agreements will include provisions that individuals who do not meet the operating and screening protocols of the City and County-approved facility operator and other requirements within the City and County-approved Operator agreement will not be housed within the facility.
- f. The City will partner with King County on exploring additional permanent supportive housing sites in Kirkland not adjacent to schools that could also provide permanent supportive housing to persons who are not accepted for housing by the City and County-approved facility operator at the former La Quinta Inn.
- g. Provisions in the County agreement with the City addressing these topics, and those below, that include City and County remedies in the event of breach or default by the County, the City, or the City and County-approved facility Operator, including remedies such as specific performance and injunctive relief.

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- Admission criteria
- Enforcement of code of conduct
- How can we ensure the program's success?
- Safety in and around the housing
- 24/7 staffing
- Onsite substance use treatment
- Employment and housing assistance
- Building and property conditions
- Security cameras
- Partnerships and impact with first responders
- Increased communication
- Neighborhood advisory group
- Connections to local service providers
- Ability to help people experiencing chronic homelessness in and near Kirkland
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- How quickly occupancy will increase
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Admissions Criteria

“Chronically homeless” is defined as an individual or family that is homeless and resides in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter, and has been homeless and residing in such a place for at least 1 year or on at least four separate occasions in the last 3 years.

The statutory definition also requires that the individual or family has a head of household with a diagnosable substance use disorder, serious mental illness, developmental disability, posttraumatic stress disorder, cognitive impairments resulting from a brain injury, or chronic physical illness or disability.¹

¹https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/HAAA_HEARTH.PDF



Coordinated Entry for All (CEA)

35%

Tier #1			
There is no hierarchy within a tier			
1A	Age Risk - over 75	Pre-Existing Condition or No Medical Record Risk	Race & Ethnicity Disparate Impact Risk
Tier #2			
2A	Age Risk - over 75	Pre-Existing Condition or No Medical Record Risk	
2B	Age Risk - over 75	Race & Ethnicity Disparate Impact Risk	
Tier #3			
3A	Age Risk - between 65-74	Pre-Existing Condition or No Medical Record Risk	Race & Ethnicity Disparate Impact Risk
3B	Currently Pregnant Risk	Pre-Existing Condition or No Medical Record Risk	Race & Ethnicity Disparate Impact Risk
Tier #4			
4A	Pre-Existing Condition or No Medical Record Risk	Race & Ethnicity Disparate Impact Risk	
4B	Pre-Existing Condition or No Medical Record Risk	Age Risk - between 65-74	
4C	Pre-Existing Condition or No Medical Record Risk	Currently Pregnant Risk	
Tier #5			
5A	Age Risk - between 65-74	Race & Ethnicity Disparate Impact Risk	
5B	Currently Pregnant Risk	Race & Ethnicity Disparate Impact Risk	
Tier #6			
6A	Age Risk - over 75		
Tier #7			
7A	Age Risk - between 65-74		
7B	Currently Pregnant Risk		
7C	Pre-Existing Condition or No Medical Record Risk		
7D	Race & Ethnicity Disparate Impact Risk		
Tier #8			
	CEA Interim Prioritization		



Local Referral

What is the admission criteria into the program?

65%

The City will collaborate with the County and the onsite provider to on the local referral protocols and procedures for housing assignments to:

- ✓ Provide initial targeted street outreach to people living unsheltered in the local community.
- ✓ Identify key local service providers and City staff that provide homeless outreach services in the local community to create a list of eligible individuals experiencing homelessness locally.
- ✓ 30% - City has 90 days to refer

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NEXT STEPS

- Fieldtrips to facilities in Kirkland, Redmond, Kent, and Renton | *3rd Quarter 2022*
- Ongoing engagement with the community, the County, and providers to inform consideration of Operator and Outreach applicants | *March through Opening in early 2023*
- Operator and Outreach Selection | *3rd Quarter 2022*
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Questions?

[This Document is a Working Draft for Discussion Purposes]

**PERMENANT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF KIRKLAND AND KING COUNTY**

THIS PERMENANT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AGREEMENT (“Agreement” or “PSHA”) is entered into by and between the City of Kirkland, a Washington municipal corporation (“City”), and King County, a political subdivision of the State of Washington (“County”). Collectively, the City and County may be referred to herein as Parties, and each separately is a Party.

RECITALS

A. WHEREAS, the County purchased the former La Quinta Inn located at 10530 Northup Way, Kirkland (the “Property”), for use as permanent supportive housing (“PSH”) pursuant to the County’s Health Through Housing (“HtH”) program; and

B. WHEREAS, the legal description of the Property is set forth in **Exhibit A** to this Agreement; and

C. WHEREAS, the HTH program is authorized and governed by County Ordinances No. 19236 and No. 19366 and RCW 82.14.530, as may be amended; and

D. WHEREAS, the County’s HtH Implementation Plan adopted by Ordinance 19366 (“County Implementation Plan”), required the County to reach agreement with the City before acquiring a site in Kirkland for its PSH facility; and

E. WHEREAS, the City’s requirements for agreeing to the County’s use of the Property as a PSH facility (the “Facility”), agreed to by the County, are set forth in the Term Sheet attached as Exhibit A to Resolution R-5522, passed by the City Council on March 1, 2022; and

F. WHEREAS, the conditions of the Term Sheet address the fact that the Facility will share a common border with a major school and will be in close proximity to a preschool and daycare facility; and

G. WHEREAS, the County Implementation Plan also requires the County to partner with the City regarding operation of the Facility; and

H. WHEREAS, Resolution R-5522 authorized the City Manager to negotiate this Agreement with the County to ensure that operation of the Facility is consistent with the Term Sheet; and

I. WHEREAS, Resolution R-5522 directed the City Manager to perform a robust community engagement and stakeholder outreach process to allow interested members of the public to provide comment and feedback regarding proposed terms for this Agreement, and such outreach included a town hall, several focus groups, and feedback from the community through electronic platforms, and a public hearing on [date to be determined]; and

J. WHEREAS, the negotiation of this Agreement has been informed by the information provided by the public during such outreach process; and

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K. WHEREAS, these negotiated terms and conditions are expressed both in this Agreement and in the Services Agreement attached to this Agreement as **Exhibit B**; and

L. WHEREAS, the County is responsible for the operation of its Facility and for ensuring that its contractor selected to operate the Facility abides by the terms and conditions of the Services Agreement; and

M. WHEREAS, the County agrees the City will have clear rights and authority to seek specific performance of the this Agreement, including to ensure that the County requires the Contractor to maintain compliance with the terms of the Services Agreement; and

N. WHEREAS, the City Council conducted a public hearing to consider this Agreement on _____, 2022, and approved its execution on _____, 2022, by Ordinance No. _____.

NOW, THEREFORE, in order to fulfill the foregoing purposes and intent, including compliance with the County Implementation Plan and the City's Resolution R-5522, and in consideration of the mutual agreements herein, as well as other valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby mutually acknowledged, the City and the County agree as follows:

AGREEMENT

1. Use of the Property and Facility Operations. The Facility shall be used exclusively for PSH and for no other purpose.

(a) The Facility shall not operate as a Community Health Engagement Location site, i.e., the Facility will not be a supervised/safer consumption site, or a supervised/safer injection facility (SIF), or a supervised/safer injection service;

(b) The Facility shall not operate as a Safe Parking or other program for individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness. No camping (including car camping) or any other form of persons sleeping overnight outdoors or in vehicles shall be allowed on the Property;

(c) The selected Contractor operating the Facility shall provide on-site staffing 24 hours per day and seven days per week, including appropriate security personnel;

(d) Comprehensive support services shall be offered to residents, including, but not limited to, behavioral health treatment (including substance use disorders), employment assistance, job training, education, and transportation; and

(e) The selected Contractor operating the Facility shall coordinate with local service providers and City staff to identify and prioritize eligible homeless individuals in Kirkland and the Eastside so that such persons are able to receive PSH within their own community.

(f) This Agreement does not address review and approval of permits necessary for the Facility under applicable state, national, uniform, and international codes such as for work related to building, mechanical, plumbing, electrical, and fire protection (collectively,

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“Construction Work”). If any Construction Work is proposed on the Property, standard permitting processes pursuant to the Kirkland Municipal Code and Kirkland Zoning Code shall apply.

2. Selection of Contractor and Execution and Performance of the Services Agreement.

(a) The City will have the opportunity to review and approve the County’s selection process and the criteria for the Contractor to operate the Facility and to participate in the County’s process for selecting a Contractor to operate the Facility and must concur with the County’s selection, as provided by the County Implementation Plan.

(b) The City will provide input in selecting a new name for the Facility.

(c) The County will require its selected Contractor operating the Facility to enter into and comply with a Services Agreement substantially similar to that attached as **Exhibit B** or as amended consistent with Section 7 of this Agreement.

(d) Regardless of any future amendment of the Services Agreement, as such amendment is authorized pursuant to Section 7 of this Agreement, it shall always:

(1) include the elements set forth in the City’s Resolution R-5522, including a safety and security plan, program rules and/or code of conduct, and a community relations plan; and

(2) provide that the City shall be an involved party in decisions related to the implementation of the Services Agreement and related exhibits.

(e) The County, either itself or through its designee, which can be the Contractor in the Services Agreement, shall perform criminal background screening, exclude those individuals who are prohibited from residing in a community protection zone, and perform an individualized assessment for those individuals who have a conviction or pending criminal charge for a sex offense, as defined by RCW 9A.44.128(10), where the date of conviction is within the prior [XX] years.

3. Reports to the City Council. The County and Contractor will publicly report to the City Manager and City Council within six months of the Facility beginning to accept residents, and at least annually thereafter, unless the City Council approves less frequent reports, regarding operation of the Facility and compliance of the Contractor with the terms of the Services Agreement.

4. Communication and Coordination among the Parties and the Contractor.

(a) To ensure ongoing communications between the County, the City, the Contractor, and appropriate service providers, the Parties shall develop a communication plan, which may be a part of or incorporated into the Contractor’s community relations plan.

(b) In addition, the Parties will meet on a regular basis with one another and with the Contractor to discuss, as appropriate, performance and operation of the Facility,

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compliance with this Agreement, and elements of the Services Agreement, and to work on any unexpected challenges and promptly resolve issues, including challenges regarding program outcomes and the status of any applicable good neighbor agreements. The Parties also will promptly meet on an *ad hoc* basis at the request of either Party to resolve issues as quickly as possible.

5. Alternative Housing. The City and County agree to partner on exploring additional sites within Kirkland, not adjacent to schools, that could also provide permanent supportive housing, including to persons who are not accepted for housing by the Contractor operating the Facility.

6. Binding Effect and Assignment. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their successors and assigns. King County shall not, however, assign its rights under this Agreement to another entity, operator, or contractor or sell the Facility to non-County entity unless the County obtains prior written consent of the City, which shall not be unreasonably conditioned or withheld.

7. Amendment. This Agreement may be amended by written agreement of the City Council and King County. Terms of the Services Agreement that are materially relevant to this Agreement may be amended by the County only with the agreement of the City Manager and only when the terms are consistent with Section 2(d) of this Agreement. The County reserves the right to otherwise amend its Service Agreement.

8. Reservation of City Authority. The County's use of the Property will vest to the zoning code in effect at the time of complete permit submittal. The current zoning code allows PSHs as a permitted use on the Property, although it does not include specific provisions directly regulating PSHs as a separate type of use. The City will not modify or otherwise impose any new or additional regulations that would alter the Property use vesting under the current zoning code in effect at the time of this Agreement. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the City reserves the right and authority to amend its zoning code to specifically regulate PSHs and similar uses, provided that such future code amendments shall not operate to the detriment of the terms of this Agreement except to the extent any such code amendments are required by State law; and provided that the City reserves the right to establish and impose new or different additional regulations to the extent required to address a serious threat to public health and safety. Nothing in this Agreement or provision is intended to restrict or limit the rights of the City to enforce its code or otherwise exercise its police powers.

9. Term. The effective date of this Agreement shall be the date of its signature by both Parties, and the Agreement shall continue in effect for so long as the Facility is used for PSH. However, it may be amended at any time by agreement of the parties pursuant to Section 6. This Agreement will terminate when the Facility is no longer used for PSH, except that its provisions related to Indemnification and Defaults and Remedies shall continue in effect. When this Agreement terminates, the Facility shall be subject to the requirements of the City's code in effect at the time of termination.

10. Dispute Resolution.

(a) The Parties agree to negotiate in good faith to resolve any disputes arising under this Agreement or arising from the Contractor's compliance with the Services Agreement so that the purposes of this Agreement are not frustrated. Neither Party may seek relief in a court of law or any other forum until and unless the dispute resolution process set forth in this Section 10 has been completed in good faith, except that nothing in this section shall require a Party to postpone seeking injunctive or other equitable relief if it believes in good faith such relief is needed.

(b) The Parties shall designate representatives for purposes of managing this Agreement and the dispute resolution process under this Section 10. The Parties' Designated Representatives shall be the persons identified in Section 21 to receive notice for the County and for the City respectively, or such other persons as they may designate in writing from time to time by giving notice. The Parties' Designated Representatives shall communicate regularly to discuss the status of the tasks and services to be performed and to prevent disputes from arising.

(c) If a dispute arises, then

(1) Step One: The Parties' Designated Representatives shall confer and attempt to resolve the dispute promptly and at minimum within ten (10) business days of written notification by either Party.

(2) Step Two: If the Parties' Designated Representatives are unable to resolve the dispute within ten (10) business days, either Party may refer the dispute to the City Manager and the County's DCHS Director or their designees. The City Manager and the County's DCHS Director shall confer and attempt to resolve the dispute within ten (10) business days of receiving the referral. The conference may be in person or by other means, such as telephone conference or videoconference.

(d) The Parties cannot resolve the dispute utilizing the process in Section 10(c), the Parties may, by agreement, submit the matter to non-binding mediation. The Parties shall split the mediator's fees, costs, and expenses on an equal basis. Each Party shall pay its own costs to prepare for the mediation, including any attorney fees or costs. If additional parties participate in the mediation, then each participant shall pay an equal share of mediator's fees, costs, and expenses, such share to be calculated by dividing the mediator's total charges by the number of parties participating. Mediation shall not be a prerequisite to litigation.

(e) During the course of conflict or dispute resolution efforts, the Parties agree to continue to diligently perform their respective responsibilities under this Agreement.

11. Default and Remedies.

(a) If either the County or the City fails to perform any act or obligation required to be performed by it hereunder, the other party shall deliver written notice of such failure to the non-performing party. The non-performing party shall have thirty (30) days after its receipt of such notice in which to correct its failure to perform the act or obligation at issue, after which time it shall be in default ("Default") under this Agreement; provided, however, that if the non-

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performance is of a type that could not reasonably be cured within said thirty (30) day period, then the non-performing party shall not be in Default if it notifies the non-defaulting party of its plan to cure and commences cure within the thirty (30) day period and thereafter diligently pursues cure to completion.

- (b) In the event of a party's Default:
- (1) The non-defaulting party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement.
 - (2) The non-defaulting party shall also have the right to exercise all other rights and remedies available to it in law or equity and shall specifically be entitled to an injunction, an order of specific performance, or other legal or equitable remedy that will cause the Defaulting party to perform and comply with the terms of the Agreement.
 - (3) The County acknowledges that a breach in its performance under this Agreement related to its obligations under Subsections 1(a), 1(b), and 2 will damage the City but by their nature such damages may be difficult to ascertain. Accordingly, in the event of a Default related to those provisions, the City shall be entitled to assess against the County as liquidated damages and not by way of penalty, a sum calculated as follows: [XXX] dollars (\$XXX) per [XXX] (X) calendar day period, per violation or act of non-compliance, which will begin to run from the first date of Default.

12. Waiver. The waiver by a Party of a breach of any provision of this Agreement by the other Party shall not operate or be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach by that Party.

13. Indemnification. Each party is individually responsible for its own employees' and agents' acts and omissions arising out of or in connection with the performance of this Agreement. Further, each party agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the other party (including their officers, officials, agents, employees, consultants, and volunteers) from any and all claims, costs (including reasonable attorney fees), losses, and judgments that arise out of or result from the tortious acts, errors, or omissions of that party's officials, officers, agents, employees, consultants, and volunteers in connection with the performance of any activities related to this Agreement, to the extent caused by the indemnifying party's acts, errors, or omissions.

14. No Presumption Against Drafter. The Parties have each participated in the negotiation and drafting of this Agreement, and each has been represented by counsel. In the event a court determines a provision of this Agreement to be ambiguous, such ambiguity shall not be construed against another Party based on the claim that the Party drafted the ambiguous language.

15. No Third-Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement is made and entered into for the sole benefit of the signatory Parties and their successors and assigns. No other person or entity shall have any right of action based on any provision in this Agreement, and no other person or entity shall have any third-party beneficiary status.

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16. Applicable Law. This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington, and venue for any action shall lie in King County Superior Court.

17. Severability. Should any court of competent jurisdiction find any provision of this Agreement to be invalid, the remainder of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. Provided, however, if the invalidation would deprive either Party of material benefits derived from this Agreement, or make performance under this Agreement unreasonably difficult, then the Parties shall meet and confer and shall make good faith efforts to amend or modify this Agreement in a manner that is mutually acceptable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if an essential purpose of this Agreement would be defeated by loss of the invalid provision, the Party deprived of an essential benefit shall have the option to terminate this Agreement from and after such a determination by providing notice to the other Party.

18. Section Headings. Section headings in this Agreement are for convenience only and are not intended to be used in interpreting or construing the terms, covenants, or conditions of this Agreement.

19. Final and Complete Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the final and complete expression of the Parties with regard to its terms. This Agreement supersedes and replaces all prior agreements, discussions and representations on all subjects addressed herein, without limitation. No Party is entering into this Agreement in reliance on any promises, inducements, representations, understandings, interpretations, or agreements other than those stated herein.

20. Recording. King County shall record an executed copy of this Agreement with the King County Auditor no later than fourteen days after the effective date and shall provide the City with a conformed copy of the recorded document within thirty days of the effective date.

21. Notice. All correspondence and any notice required in this Agreement shall be delivered both by electronic mail and by either personal service or U.S. Mail to the following parties:

TO CITY:
City of Kirkland
Kirkland City Hall
123 5th Avenue
Kirkland, WA 9803398104
Email: _____
Attn: City Manager

with a copy to:
City of Kirkland
Kirkland City Hall
123 5th Avenue
Kirkland, WA 9803398104
Email: _____
Attn: City Attorney

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TO COUNTY:

King County Department of Community and Human
Services
Attn: Department Director
Attn: Division Director – Housing & Community
Development
Chinook Building
401 5th Ave Suite 500
Seattle, WA 98104
Email: _____

with a copy to:

King County – DCHS
401 5th Ave Suite 500
Seattle, WA 98104
Email: _____

King County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office
1191 Second Avenue Suite 1700
Seattle, WA 98104
Email: _____

Notice is deemed to be given on the date of electronic mail provided that on the same day notice is also given for delivery to a commercial courier or placed in the U.S. Mail. Either Party may update or change the person and addresses for the receipt of notices under this Section from time-to-time by delivering written notice to the other Party designating the new person or address, at least five (5) days prior to the name and/or address change.

22. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in more than one counterpart, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which shall constitute one and the same Agreement. Facsimile signatures on this Agreement shall constitute original signatures of the Parties.

The City Council conducted a public hearing regarding this Agreement on _____, 2022, and approved this Agreement by Ordinance _____ on _____, 2023, which authorizes the City Manager to execute this Agreement after its execution by King County.

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By their signatures below, the persons executing this Agreement each represent and warrant that they have full power and authority to bind the entity on whose behalf such person signs, and that such entities have full power and actual authority to enter into this Agreement and to carry out all actions required of them by this Agreement.

KING COUNTY:

By _____
Its _____

CITY OF KIRKLAND:

By _____
Its _____

<u>Exhibit</u>	<u>Description</u>
A	Site Legal Description
B	Proposed Contractor Services Agreement

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Exhibit A

Site Legal Description

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Exhibit B

Proposed Contractor Services Agreement

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King County

Department of Community and Human Services
[DIVISION]
401 Fifth Avenue, Suite 500
Seattle, WA 98104
206-263-9105
TTY Relay: 711

KING COUNTY COMMUNITY AND HUMAN SERVICES CONTRACT – 2021/2022

Contractor _____
Project Title _____
Contract Amount \$ _____
Contract Period From: _____ To _____
DUNS No. (if applicable) _____ SAM No. (if applicable) _____

THIS CONTRACT No. _____ is entered into by KING COUNTY (the “County”), and _____ (the “Contractor”) whose address is _____.

FUNDING SOURCES	FUNDING LEVELS	EFFECTIVE DATES

WHEREAS, the County has been advised that the foregoing are the current funding sources, funding levels and effective dates, and

WHEREAS, the County desires to have certain services performed by the Contractor as described in this Contract,

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of payments, covenants, and agreements hereinafter mentioned, to be made and performed by the parties hereto, the parties mutually agree as follows:

1. Contract Services and Requirements, and Incorporated Exhibits.

The Contractor shall provide services and meet the requirements included in this Contract and in the following attached exhibits, each of which is incorporated herein by this reference:

Document	Attachment
Scope of Work	Exhibit I
_____	_____

If you require accommodation to access this form, alternate formats are available upon request.

2. Contract Term

- A. This Contract shall begin on _____, and shall terminate on _____, unless extended or terminated earlier, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Contract.
- B. This Contract may be extended through _____ in _____ increments upon agreement of the parties. No change in terms and conditions will be permitted during these extensions unless specifically agreed to in writing.

3. Compensation and Method of Payment

A. Compensation:

The County shall compensate the Contractor for satisfactory completion of the services and requirements as specified in this Contract and its attached exhibit(s).

B. Invoicing:

The Contractor shall submit invoices and all accompanying reports as specified in the attached exhibit(s), including its final invoice and all outstanding reports. The County shall endeavor to make payment not more than 30 days after a complete and accurate invoice is received.

C. Final Invoice:

The Contractor shall submit its final invoice and all outstanding reports as specified in this contract and its attached exhibit(s). If the Contractor's final invoice and reports are not submitted as required, the County will be relieved of all liability for payment to the Contractor of the amounts set forth in the final invoice or any later invoice.

D. Reimbursement for Travel:

The Contractor will not be reimbursed for travel unless otherwise specified within an Exhibit.

4. Internal Control and Accounting System

The Contractor shall establish and maintain a system of accounting and internal controls that complies with the generally accepted accounting principles issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB), the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), or both as is applicable to the Contractor's form of doing business.

5. Debarment and Suspension Certification

Entities that are debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment, by the U.S. Government are excluded from receiving federal funds and contracting with the County. The Contractor, by signature to this Contract, certifies that the Contractor is not currently debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment, by any Federal department or agency. The Contractor also agrees that it will not enter into a subcontract with a person or entity that is debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment. The Contractor will notify King County if it, or a subcontractor, is debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment, by any Federal department or agency. Debarment status may be verified at <https://www.sam.gov/>.

6. Maintenance of Records

A. Accounts and Records:

The Contractor shall maintain for a period of six years after termination of this Contract accounts and records, including personnel, property, financial, and programmatic records and other such records the County may deem necessary to ensure proper accounting and compliance with this Contract.

B. Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Records:

In accordance with the nondiscrimination and equal employment opportunity requirements set forth in Section 17. below, the Contractor shall maintain the following for a period of six years after termination of this Contract:

- i. Records of employment, employment advertisements, application forms, and other data, records and information related to employment, applications for employment or the administration or delivery of services or any other benefits under this Contract; and
- ii. Records, including written quotes, bids, estimates or proposals, submitted to the Contractor by all entities seeking to participate in this Contract, and any other information necessary to document the actual use of and payments to subcontractors and suppliers in this Contract, including employment records.

The County may visit the site of the work and the Contractor's office to review these records. The Contractor shall provide all help requested by the County during such visits and make the foregoing records available to the County for inspection and copying. At all reasonable times, the Contractor shall provide to the County, the state, and/or federal agencies or officials access to its facilities—including those of any subcontractor assigned any portion of this Contract in order to monitor and evaluate the services provided under this Contract. The County will give reasonable advance notice to the Contractor in the case of audits to be conducted by the County. The Contractor shall comply with all record keeping requirements of any applicable federal rules, regulations or statutes included or referenced in the contract documents. If different from the Contractor's address listed above, the Contractor shall inform the County in writing of the location of its books, records, documents, and other evidence for which review is sought, and shall notify the County in writing of any changes in location within 10 working days of any such relocation.

7. Evaluations and Inspections

A. Subject to Inspection, Review, or Audit:

The records and documents with respect to all matters covered by this Contract shall be subject at all time to inspection, review, or audit by the County and/or federal/state officials authorized by law during the performance of this Contract and for six years after termination hereof, unless a longer retention period is required by law.

B. Medical Records:

If applicable, medical records shall be maintained and preserved by the Contractor in accordance with state and federal medical records statutes, including but not limited to Revised Code of Washington (RCW) [70.41.190](#), [70.02.160](#), and standard medical records practice. The Contractor shall also be responsible for the maintenance and disposal of such medical records.

C. Contract Performance Monitoring:

The Contractor and the County shall engage in monitoring visits to assess the Contractor's compliance with reasonably expected levels of performance, quality, and practice. The County will execute monitoring visits in accordance with the applicable frequency, as prescribed by the controlling Exhibit under this Contract. The Contractor shall cooperate with the County and its agents to assess the Contractor's performance under this Contract and to make available all information reasonably required by any such performance measurement and evaluation processes. At the request of the County, the Contractor shall implement a plan to remedy any items of noncompliance identified during the monitoring process.

The results and records of these processes shall be maintained and disclosed in accordance with [RCW Chapter 42.56](#).

D. Unauthorized Disclosure:

The Contractor agrees that all information, records, and data collected in connection with this Contract shall be protected from unauthorized disclosure in accordance with applicable state and federal law.

8. Compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)

The Contractor shall not use protected health information created or shared under this Contract in any manner that would constitute a violation of HIPAA and any regulations enacted pursuant to its provisions. Contractor shall read and maintain compliance with all HIPAA requirements at <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/community-human-services/contracts/requirements.aspx>.

9. Financial Report Submission

The Contractor is required to submit a financial reporting package as described in A through C below. All required documentation must be submitted by email to DCHSContracts@kingcounty.gov by the stated due date.

- A. If the Contractor is a Non-Federal entity as defined in 2 CFR Part 200.69, and expends \$750,000 or more in Federal awards during its fiscal year, then the Contractor shall meet the audit requirements in 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart F. Audit packages are due to the County within nine months after the close of the Contractor's fiscal year.
- B. If the Contractor is a local government in the State of Washington and is not subject to the requirements in subsection A, the Contractor shall submit audited financial statements that are in accordance with the Washington State Auditor's Office requirements. Financial statement audits are due to the County within 150 days after the close of the Contractor's fiscal year end as required by RCW 43.09.230.
- C. If the Contractor is not subject to the requirements in subsection A or B, the following apply:

Entity Type	Non-Profit		For Profit	
Gross Revenue	Gross Revenue Under <u>\$3M</u> on average in the previous three fiscal years.	Gross Revenue Over <u>\$3M</u> on average in the previous three fiscal years.	Gross Revenue Under <u>\$3M</u> on average in the previous three fiscal years.	Gross Revenue Over <u>\$3M</u> on average in the previous three fiscal years.
Required Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form 990 within 30 days of its being filed; and A full set of annual internal financial statements 	Audited financial statements prepared by an independent Certified Public Accountant or Accounting Firm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income tax return; and A full set of annual internal financial statements 	Audited financial statements prepared by an independent Certified Public Accountant or Accounting Firm
Due Date	Within 30 calendar days from the forms being filed.	Within nine months following the close of the Contractor's fiscal year.	Within 30 calendar days from the forms being filed.	Within nine months following the close of the Contractor's fiscal year.

D. Waiver:

A Contractor that is not subject to the requirements in subsection A may, in extraordinary circumstances, request, and in the County's sole discretion be granted, a waiver of the audit requirements. Such requests are made to the County at:

DCHSContracts@kingcounty.gov for review. If approved by the County, the Contractor may substitute for the above requirements other forms of financial reporting or fiscal representation certified by the Contractor's Board of Directors, provided the Contractor meets the following criteria:

- i. Financial reporting and any associated management letter show no reportable conditions or internal control issues; and
- ii. There has been no turnover in key staff since the beginning of the period for which the financial reporting was completed.

10. Corrective Action

If the County determines that the Contractor has failed to comply with any terms or conditions of this Contract, or the Contractor has failed to provide in any manner the work or services (each a "breach"), and if the County determines that the breach warrants corrective action, the following procedure will apply:

A. Written Notification:

The County will notify the Contractor in writing of the nature of the breach.

B. Contractor's Corrective Action Plan:

The Contractor shall respond with a written corrective action plan within ten working days of its receipt of such notification unless the County, at its sole discretion, extends in

writing the response time. The plan shall indicate the steps being taken to correct the specified breach and shall specify the proposed completion date for curing the breach. This date shall not be more 30 days from the date of the Contractor's response, unless the County, at its sole discretion, specifies in writing an extension to complete the corrective actions.

C. County's Determination of Corrective Action Plan Sufficiency:

The County will determine the sufficiency of the Contractor's proposed corrective action plan, then notify the Contractor in writing of that determination. The determination of sufficiency of the Contractor's corrective action plan shall be at the sole discretion of the County.

D. Termination or Suspension:

If the Contractor does not respond within the appropriate time with a corrective action plan, or the Contractor's corrective action plan is determined by the County to be insufficient, the County may terminate or suspend this Contract in whole or in part pursuant to Section 12.

E. Withholding Payment:

In addition, the County may withhold any payment to the Contractor or prohibit the Contractor from incurring additional obligations of funds until the County is satisfied that corrective action has been taken or completed; and

F. Non-Waiver of Rights:

Nothing herein shall be deemed to affect or waive any rights the parties may have pursuant to Section 12, Subsections B, C, D, and E.

11. Dispute Resolution

The parties shall use their best, good-faith efforts to cooperatively resolve disputes and problems that arise in connection with this Contract. Both parties will make a good faith effort to continue without delay to carry out their respective responsibilities under this Contract while attempting to resolve the dispute under this section.

12. Termination

A. Termination for Convenience:

This Contract may be terminated by the County without cause, in whole or in part, at any time during the term specified in Subsection 2. above, by providing the other party 30 calendar days advance written notice of the termination. The Contract may be suspended by the County without cause, in whole or in part, at any time during the term specified in Subsection 2. above, by providing the Contractor 30 calendar days advance written notice of the suspension.

B. Termination for Default:

The County may terminate or suspend this Contract, in whole or in part, upon seven business days advance written notice if: (1) the Contractor breaches any duty, obligation,

or service required pursuant to this Contract and either (a) the corrective action process described in Section 10 fails to cure the breach or (b) the County determines that requiring a corrective action plan is impractical or that the duties, obligations, or services required herein become impossible, illegal, or not feasible. If the Contract is terminated by the County pursuant to this Subsection 12.B., the Contractor shall be liable for damages, including any additional costs of procuring similar services from another source.

If the termination results from acts or omissions of the Contractor, including but not limited to misappropriation, nonperformance of required services, or fiscal mismanagement, the Contractor shall return to the County immediately any funds, misappropriated or unexpended, that have been paid to the Contractor by the County.

C. Termination for Non-Appropriation:

If expected or actual funding is withdrawn, reduced, or limited in any way prior to the termination date set forth above in Subsection 2., the County may, upon seven business days advance written notice to the Contractor, terminate or suspend this Contract in whole or in part.

If the Contract is terminated or suspended as provided in this Section: (1) the County will be liable only for payment in accordance with the terms of this Contract for services rendered prior to the effective date of termination or suspension; and (2) the Contractor shall be released from any obligation to provide such further services pursuant to the Contract as are affected by the termination or suspension.

Funding or obligation under this Contract beyond the current appropriation year is conditional upon appropriation by the County Council and/or other identified funding source(s) of sufficient funds to support the activities described in the Contract. If such appropriation is not approved, this Contract will terminate at the close of the current appropriation year. The current funding sources associated with this Contract are specified on page one.

If the Contract is suspended as provided in this Section, the County may provide written authorization to resume activities.

D. Non-Waiver of Rights:

Nothing herein shall limit, waive, or extinguish any right or remedy provided by this Contract or by law or equity that either party may have if any of the obligations, terms, and conditions set forth in this Contract are breached by the other party.

13. Hold Harmless and Indemnification

A. Duties as Independent Contractor:

In providing services under this Contract, the Contractor is an independent contractor, and neither it nor its officers, agents, or employees are employees of the County for any purpose. The Contractor shall be responsible for all federal and/or state tax, industrial insurance, and Social Security liability that may result from the performance of and compensation for these services and shall make no claim of career service or civil service rights which may accrue to a County employee under state or local law.

The County assumes no responsibility for the payment of any compensation, wages, benefits, or taxes, by, or on behalf of the Contractor, its employees, and/or others by reason of this Contract.

The Contractor shall protect, indemnify, defend and save harmless the County, its officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all claims, costs, and/or losses whatsoever occurring or resulting from (1) the Contractor's failure to pay any such compensation, wages, benefits, or taxes, and/or (2) the supplying to the Contractor of work, services, materials, or supplies by Contractor employees or other suppliers in connection with or support of the performance of this Contract.

B. Contractor's Duty to Repay County:

The Contractor agrees that it is financially responsible for and will repay the County all indicated amounts following an audit exception which occurs due to the negligence, intentional act, and/or failure, for any reason, to comply with the terms of this Contract, by the Contractor, its officers, employees, agents, and/or representatives. This duty to repay the County shall not be diminished or extinguished by the termination of the Contract.

C. Contractor Indemnifies County:

To the maximum extent permitted by law, the Contractor shall protect, defend, indemnify, and save harmless the County, its officers, employees, and agents from any and all costs, claims, judgments, and/or awards of damages, arising out of, or in any way resulting from, the negligent acts or omissions of the Contractor, its officers, employees, subcontractors and/or agents, in its performance or non-performance of its obligations under this Contract. The Contractor agrees that its obligations under this subparagraph extend to any claim, demand, and/or cause of action brought by, or on behalf of, any of its employees or agents. For this purpose, the Contractor, by mutual negotiation, hereby waives, as respects the County only, any immunity that would otherwise be available against such claims under any industrial insurance act, including [Title 51 RCW](#), other Worker's Compensation act, disability benefit act, or other employee benefit act of any jurisdiction which would otherwise be applicable in the case of such claim. In addition, the Contractor shall protect and assume the defense of the County and its officers, agents and employees in all legal or claim proceedings arising out of, in connection with, or incidental to its indemnity obligation; and shall pay all defense expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, expert fees and costs incurred by the County on account of such litigation or claims. [Title 51 RCW](#). If the County incurs any judgment, award, and/or cost arising therefrom including reasonable attorneys' fees to enforce the provisions of this article, all such fees, expenses, and costs shall be recoverable from the Contractor.

D. County Indemnifies Contractor:

To the maximum extent permitted by law, the County shall protect, defend, indemnify, and save harmless the Contractor, its officers, employees, and agents from any and all costs, claims, judgments, and/or awards of damages, arising out of, or in any way resulting from, the negligent acts or omissions of the County, its officers, employees, and/or agents, in its performance and/or non-performance of its obligations under this Contract. The County agrees that its obligations under this subparagraph extend to any claim, demand, and/or cause of action brought by, or on behalf of, any of its employees or agents. For this purpose, the County, by mutual negotiation, hereby waives, as respects the Contractor only, any immunity that would otherwise be available against such claims under the Industrial Insurance provisions of [Title 51 RCW](#). In the event the Contractor incurs any

judgment, award, and/or cost arising therefrom including reasonable attorneys' fees to enforce the provisions of this article, all such fees, expenses, and costs shall be recoverable from the County.

E. Intellectual Property Infringement:

For purposes of this section, claims shall include, but not be limited to, assertions that use or transfer of software, book, document, report, film, tape, or sound reproduction or material of any kind, delivered hereunder, constitutes an infringement of any copyright, patent, trademark, trade name, and/or otherwise results in unfair trade practice.

The indemnification, protection, defense and save harmless obligations contained herein shall survive the expiration, abandonment or termination of this Contract.

14. Insurance Requirements

The Contractor shall procure and maintain for the term of this Contract, insurance covering King County as an additional insured, as described in this section and at the link below, against claims which may arise from, or in connection with, the performance of work hereunder by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, employees, and/or subcontractors.

Contractor shall provide evidence of the insurance required under this Contract, including a Certificate of Insurance and Endorsements covering King County as additional insured for full coverage and policy limits within 10 business days of signing the contract. Evidence of Insurance and Endorsements shall be submitted by email to DCHSContracts@kingcounty.gov. The Contractor may request additional time to provide the required documents by emailing DCHSContracts@kingcounty.gov. Extensions will be granted at the sole discretion of DCHS.

The costs of such insurance shall be paid by the Contractor or subcontractor. The Contractor may furnish separate certificates of insurance and policy endorsements for each subcontractor as evidence of compliance with the insurance requirements of this Contract. Any provision in any Contractor or subcontractor insurance policy that restricts available limits of liability in a written agreement or contract shall not apply. The Contractor is responsible for ensuring compliance with all of the insurance requirements stated herein. Failure by the Contractor, its agents, employees, officers, subcontractors, providers or provider subcontractors to comply with the insurance requirements stated herein shall constitute a material breach of this Contract. Specific coverage types and limit requirements can be found by visiting <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/community-human-services/contracts/requirements/insurance.aspx>.

15. Assignment

Contractor shall not assign any interest, obligation or benefit under or in this Contract or transfer any interest in the same, whether by assignment or novation, without prior written consent of the County. If assignment is approved, this Contract shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the successors of the assigning party upon the written agreement by assignee to assume and be responsible for the obligations and liabilities of the Contract, known and unknown, and applicable law.

16. Subcontracting

A. Written Consent of the County:

The Contractor shall not subcontract any portion of this Contract or transfer or assign any claim arising pursuant to this Contract without the written consent of the County. The County's consent must be sought in writing by the Contractor not less than 15 days prior to the date of any proposed subcontract.

The rejection or approval by the County of any Subcontractor or the termination of a Subcontractor will not relieve Contractor of any of its responsibilities under the Contract, nor be the basis for additional charges to the County.

In no event will the existence of the subcontract operate to release or reduce the liability of Contractor to the County for any breach in the performance of Contractor's duties.

The County has no contractual obligations to any Subcontractor or vendor under contract to the Contractor. Contractor is fully responsible for all contractual obligations, financial or otherwise, to its Subcontractors.

B. "Subcontract" Defined:

"Subcontract" shall mean any agreement between the Contractor and a subcontractor or between subcontractors that is based on this Contract, provided that the term "subcontract" does not include the purchase of (1) support services not related to the subject matter of this Contract, or (2) supplies.

C. Required Clauses for Subcontracts:

The Contractor shall include Section 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 and 29, in every subcontract or purchase agreement for services that relate to the subject matter of this Contract.

D. Required Language for Subcontracts:

The Contractor shall include the following language verbatim in every subcontract for services which relate to the subject matter of this Contract:

"Subcontractor shall protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless King County, its officers, employees and agents from any and all costs, claims, judgments, and/or awards of damages arising out of, or in any way resulting from the negligent act or omissions of subcontractor, its officers, employees, and/or agents in connection with or in support of this Contract. Subcontractor expressly agrees and understands that King County is a third-party beneficiary to its Contract with Contractor and shall have the right to bring an action against subcontractor to enforce the provisions of this paragraph."

17. Nondiscrimination and Payment of a Living Wage

A. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws regarding discrimination, including those set forth in this Section.

B. Nondiscrimination:

During performance of the Contract, the Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of the employee's or applicant's sex, race, color, marital status, national origin, religious affiliation, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression or age except by minimum age and retirement provisions, unless based upon a bona fide occupational qualification. The Contractor will make equal

employment opportunity efforts to ensure that applicants and employees are treated equitably, without regard to their sex, race, color, marital status, national origin, religious affiliation, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression or age. Contractor shall additionally read and comply with all additional requirements set forth at:

<https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/community-human-services/contracts/requirements.aspx>.

C. Payment of a Living Wage:

In accordance with [King County Living Wage Ordinance 17909](#), for contracts for services with an initial or amended value of \$100,000 or more, the Contractor shall pay, and require all Subcontractors to pay, a living wage to employees for each hour the employee performs a Measurable Amount of Work on this Contract. The requirements of the ordinance, including payment schedules, are detailed at

<https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/finance-business-operations/procurement/about-us/Living-Wage.aspx>.

Violations of this requirement may result in disqualification of the Contractor from bidding on or being awarded a County contract for up to two years; contractual remedies including, but not limited to, liquidated damages and/or termination of the Contract; remedial action as set forth in public rule; and other civil remedies and sanctions allowed by law.

18. Conflict of Interest

Entering into this Contract with the County requires that the Contractor agree to abide by certain provisions of the King County Employee Code of Ethics, including those relating to conflicts of interest and the employment of current or former County employees.

A. Compliance with King County Code of Ethics:

The Contractor shall comply with applicable provisions of [King County Code \(KCC\) 3.04](#). Failure to comply with such requirements shall be a material breach of this contract, and may result in termination of this Contract and subject the Contractor to the remedies stated in this contract, or otherwise available to the County at law or in equity.

B. Penalties:

The Contractor agrees, pursuant to [KCC 3.04.060](#), that it will not willfully attempt to secure preferential treatment in its dealings with the County by offering any valuable consideration, thing of value or gift, whether in the form of services, loan, thing or promise, in any form to any county official or employee. The Contractor acknowledges that if it is found to have violated the prohibition found in this paragraph, its current contracts with the county will be cancelled and it shall not be able to bid on any County contract for a period of two years.

C. Former King County Employees:

The Contractor acknowledges that, for one year after leaving County employment, a former County employee may not have a financial or beneficial interest in a contract or grant that was planned, authorized, or funded by a County action in which the former County employee participated during County employment. Contractor shall identify at the time of offer current or former County employees involved in the preparation of proposals

or the anticipated performance of Work if awarded the Contract. Failure to identify current or former County employees involved in this transaction may result in the County's denying or terminating this Contract. After Contract award, the Contractor is responsible for notifying the County's Project Manager of current or former County employees who may become involved in the Contract any time during the term of the Contract.

19. Equipment Purchase, Maintenance, and Ownership

A. Equipment Maintenance:

The Contractor agrees that when Contract funds are used to pay for all or part of the purchase costs of any equipment that costs \$5,000 or more per item, and the purchase of such equipment is identified in an exhibit to this Contract, such equipment is, upon the purchase or receipt, the property of the County and/or federal/state government. The Contractor shall be responsible for all proper care and maintenance of the equipment, including securing and insuring such equipment.

B. Equipment Ownership:

The Contractor shall ensure that all such equipment is returned to the County or federal/state government upon termination of this Contract unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties.

20. Proprietary Rights

A. Ownership Rights of Materials Resulting from Contract:

Except as indicated below or as described in an Exhibit, the parties to this Contract hereby agree that if any patentable or copyrightable material or article should result from the work described herein, all rights accruing from such material or article shall be the sole property of the County. To the extent that any rights in such materials vest initially with the Contractor by operation of law or for any other reason, the Contractor hereby perpetually and irrevocably assigns, transfers and quitclaims such rights to the County. The County agrees to and does hereby grant to the Contractor a perpetual, irrevocable, nonexclusive, and royalty-free license to use and create derivative works, according to law, any material or article and use any method that may be developed as part of the work under this Contract.

B. Ownership Rights of Previously Existing Materials:

The Contractor shall retain all ownership rights in any pre-existing patentable or copyrightable materials or articles that are delivered under this Contract, but do not originate from the work described herein. The Contractor agrees to and does hereby grant to the County a perpetual, irrevocable, nonexclusive, and royalty-free license to use and create derivative works, according to law, any pre-existing material or article and use any method that may be delivered as part of the work under this Contract.

C. Continued Ownership Rights:

The Contractor shall sign all documents and perform other acts as the County deems necessary to secure, maintain, renew, or restore the rights granted to the County as set forth in this section.

21. Political Activity Prohibited

None of the funds, materials, property, or services provided directly or indirectly under this Contract shall be used for any partisan political activity or to further the election or defeat of any candidate for public office.

22. King County Recycled Product Procurement Policy

If paper copies are required, in accordance with [KCC 18.20](#), the Contractor shall use recycled paper, and both sides of sheets of paper whenever practicable, when submitting proposals, reports, and invoices.

23. Future Support

The County makes no commitment to support contracted services and assumes no obligation for future support of the contracted activity(-ies), except as expressly set forth in this Contract.

24. Entire Contract

The parties agree that this Contract is the complete expression of the described subject matter, and any oral or written representations or understandings not incorporated herein are excluded. Both parties recognize that time is of the essence in the performance of this Contract.

25. Contract Amendments

Either party may request changes to this Contract. Proposed changes that are mutually agreed upon shall be incorporated only by written amendments to this Contract.

26. Notices

Whenever this Contract provides for notice by one party to another, such notice shall be in writing and directed to each party's contact representative indicated within the contract exhibits. Any time within which a party must take some action shall be computed from the date that any associated required notice is received by that party.

27. Services Provided in Accordance with Law and Rule and Regulation

The Contractor and any subcontractor agree to abide by the laws of the state of Washington, rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and regulations of the state and federal governments, as applicable, which control disposition of funds granted under this Contract, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

If there is an irreconcilable conflict between any of the language contained in any exhibit or attachment to this Contract, the language in the Contract shall control over the language contained in the exhibit or the attachment, unless the exhibit provision expressly indicates that it controls over inconsistent contract language. If there is conflict among requirements set forth in exhibits, language contained in the lower numbered exhibit shall control unless the higher numbered exhibit provision expressly indicates that it controls over inconsistent lower numbered exhibit language.

28. Applicable Law

This Contract shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington. The venue for any action hereunder shall be in the Superior Court for King County, Washington.

29. No Third-Party Beneficiaries

Except for the parties to whom this Contract is assigned in compliance with the terms of this Contract, there are no third party beneficiaries to this Contract, and this Contract shall not impart any rights enforceable by any person or entity that is not a party hereto.

30. Non-Waiver of Breach

Waiver of any default shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent default. No action or failure to act by the County shall constitute a waiver of any right or duty afforded to the County under the Contract; nor shall any such action or failure to act by the County modify the terms of the Contract or constitute an approval of, or acquiescence in, any breach hereunder, except as may be specifically stated by the County in writing.

31. Force Majeure

“Force Majeure” means an event or events beyond the parties’ reasonable control, incurred not as a product or result of the negligence of the afflicted party, and which have a materially adverse effect on the ability of such party to perform its obligations as detailed in this Contract. Force Majeure events may include, but are not limited to: Acts of God or Nature; war; civil, military, public, or industrial disturbances; acts or threats of terrorism; epidemics, fire, flood or other casualty; labor difficulties, shortages of labor or materials or equipment; government regulations; delay by government or regulatory agencies; shutdowns for purpose of emergency repairs, and/or unusually severe weather.

A. No Breach if Force Majeure Applies:

Neither party shall be considered in breach of this Contract to the extent that performance of their respective obligations is prevented by a Force Majeure event upon giving notice and reasonably full particulars to the other party.

B. Duty to Minimize Disruption and Give Notice:

Parties maintain an express duty to minimize the disruption caused by Force Majeure, and shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, give notice to the other party of the nature and impact of the Force Majeure. Irrespective of any extension of time, if the effect of an event or series of events continues for a period of 180 days, either the County or the Contractor may give to the other a notice of suspension or termination.

C. Extension of Time:

Should Force Majeure events delay the Contractor’s completion of the deliverables and performance commitments, the Contractor may be entitled to an extension for the time for completion. Any extension must be approved in writing by the County.

D. Suspending Performance:

Should a Force Majeure event prevent the Contractor from completing deliverables or performing commitments in this Contract, the completion or performance shall be

suspended only for the time and to the extent commercially practicable to restore normal operations. Further, the Contractor and the County shall endeavor to continue to perform their contractual obligations to the extent reasonably practicable and will work to adjust deliverables or performance commitments as needed to continue the provision of services during the Force Majeure event. Contractor may be reimbursed for any costs incurred mitigating adverse impacts of the Force Majeure and may be compensated for any partial work that has been completed.

32. Emergency Response Requirements

Within three months of the execution of this Contract, the Contractor shall prepare and make available to the County upon request, the necessary plans, procedures and protocols to:

- A. Respond to and recover from a natural disaster or major disruption to Contractor operations such as a work stoppage.
- B. Continue operations during a prolonged event such as a pandemic.

If the Contractor does not have any such plan as of the start of this Contract, the Contractor may request (i) an extension of the time needed to create a plan, and (ii) for assistance from the County in preparing such a plan.

At a minimum, any plans, procedures, or protocols described in this section must include how the Contractor plans to continue to provide the services described in or funded by this Contract.

33. Contractor Certification

By signing this Contract, the Contractor certifies that, in addition to agreeing to the terms and conditions provided herein, it has read and understands the contracting requirements on the DCHS website at <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/community-human-services/contracts/requirements.aspx> and agrees to comply with all of the contract terms and conditions detailed on that site, including applicable Emergency Response , EEO/Nondiscrimination, HIPAA, Insurance, and Credentialing requirements.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereby agree to the terms and conditions of this Contract:

KING COUNTY

CONTRACTOR

FOR

King County Executive

Signature

Date

Name (Please type or print)

Date

**KIRKLAND PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING
HEALTH THROUGH HOUSING
[AGENCY NAME]
SERVICES AGREEMENT
EXHIBIT I**

I. WORK STATEMENT

The Health Through Housing (HTH) program is designed to rapidly expand the inventory of housing for people who are Chronically Homeless or At Risk of Chronic Homelessness. [Agency Name], a Washington non-profit organization, hereinafter referred to as the “Contractor”, shall provide [XXX] Units of Permanent Supportive Housing for eligible households who are highly vulnerable and disabled single adults who are identified as meeting the Health Through Housing Chronically Homeless definition and need Permanent Supportive Housing in accordance with the terms and conditions described herein.

The total amount of reimbursement pursuant to this Exhibit shall not exceed [\$\$\$] annually in King County Health Through Housing funding, for the period of [XXX 1, 2022, through XXX, 2027].

The following is incorporated by reference as part of this Exhibit:

- King County Facilities Management Division Temporary Use agreement
- [Initial Health Through Housing Implementation Plan 2022-2028](#)

Ongoing funding for the full term of the Exhibit shall be contingent on program performance, continued funding availability, project alignment with homeless planning priorities, and other contractual requirements in the Exhibit.

II. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

A. Outcome

Increase and maintain the housing stability of homeless households.

B. Indicators

The number and percentage of households that exit to or retain permanent housing as measured in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

C. Eligibility

Eligible clients are Chronically Homeless adult individuals who Chronically Homeless or at risk of Chronic Homelessness.

D. Definitions

1. At Risk of Chronic Homelessness: For the purposes of HTH , “At risk of chronic homelessness” describes a household that 1) includes an adult with a developmental, physical or behavioral health disability, 2) has experienced homelessness for a cumulative total of ten to twelve months within the previous three years, or 3) has experienced homelessness for a cumulative total of twelve months within the last five years; and 1) includes one adult that has been

incarcerated within the previous five years in a jail or prison, 2) includes one adult that has been detained or involuntarily committed under chapter 71.05 RCW as now existing, as hereafter amended or as superseded, or 3) identifies as a member of a population that is demographically overrepresented among persons experiencing homelessness in King County.

2. **Case Management:** Individually-tailored services to address barriers to housing stability that are provided in a client's home, an office, or other location as described in a mutually agreed-upon plan of action. Case Management Services may include, but are not limited to: client engagement, linkages to housing and housing advocacy, building relationships with landlords, assisting clients with housing applications, assessment of client strengths and obstacles, safety planning and assessment, individualized goal planning, linkages with community supports including behavioral health services, care coordination with other service providers, life skills-building, assistance applying for public benefits, connections with employment and training opportunities, job coaching, assistance with social support and enhancing social networks, assistance documenting eligibility for housing subsidy (including services to individuals who may not in the end be admitted to the program), documentation of client progress in case notes and database, and a variety of other supports.
3. **Chronically Homeless:** Chronically Homeless as defined for the purposes of Health Through Housing is a homeless adult with a disabling condition who has either been continuously homeless for a year or more or has had at least four episodes of homelessness in the past three years with each episode separated by seven days, and cumulatively totaling twelve months.
4. **Culturally Competent Services:** Cultural competency within an organization and the services that it provides includes a defined set of values and principles, and demonstrated behaviors, attitudes, policies and structures that enable the organization to work effectively in cross-cultural situations. The three following components shall exist:
 - a. **Accessibility:** the agency evaluates and modifies the way in which its services are accessible (language, location, delivery style) to populations whose modes of engagement are different from the majority population.
 - b. **Relevance:** the agency identifies specific culturally based needs of populations and modifies the services delivered in order to meet those needs, including acquiring and institutionalizing cultural knowledge.
 - c. **Commitment:** the agency periodically conducts a self-assessment and reviews its cultural competency, including obtaining input from client and non-client culturally diverse populations and key stakeholders and uses this feedback in policy making, agency administration, and service delivery.
5. **Fair and Just Practices:** Agency policies, practices, attitudes, services, and systems that promote fairness and opportunity for all people, particularly marginalized communities, including people of color, low-income communities, people with limited English proficiency, immigrants and refugees, individuals with disabilities and LGBTQ individuals. This includes programs that engage all

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6. communities in a manner that fosters trust among people and supports efforts to develop solutions on individual, organizational and community levels.
6. Harm Reduction: Harm Reduction is a set of practical strategies that reduce the negative consequences associated with drug use, including safer use, managed use, and non-punitive abstinence. These strategies meet drug users "where they're at," addressing conditions and motivations of drug use along with the use itself. Harm Reduction acknowledges an individual's ability to take responsibility for their own behavior. This approach fosters an environment where individuals can openly discuss substance use without fear of judgment or reprisal, and does not condone or condemn drug use. Staff working in a Harm Reduction setting work in partnership with tenants, and are expected to respond directly to unacceptable behaviors, whether or not the behaviors are related to substance use. The Harm Reduction model has also been successfully broadened to reducing harms related to health and wellness as well as many other issues.
7. Housing First: Housing First is a homeless system orientation designed to return homeless people to housing as quickly as possible without a "housing readiness" test, or other conditions to entering housing. Programs in a Housing First homeless system empower homeless people to overcome barriers to obtaining permanent housing. A Housing First system does not require that households spend time in a shelter or graduate from a transitional housing program in order to receive Permanent Supportive Housing, although many households will enter housing from a shelter. In order to achieve a Housing First system orientation, homeless housing units in the system must remove screening barriers and screen in homeless households, many of whom may have barriers that traditionally make it more difficult for them to rent in the private market.
8. Housing Stability Plan: A plan created with the program participant(s), as part of the Housing Support Services, to address a variety of issues related to a household's ability to maintain and improve their housing situation. The plan defines the services requested by the household, how these services will be delivered, and how progress is measured. It can include strategies for addressing basic and clinical care needs, developing positive social support networks, and assessing needs and gaps in current supportive services.
9. Housing Support Services: Services provided for the purpose of housing stabilization for residents. Housing Support Services include providing day-to-day support for residents, including addressing lease violations, coordinating community building activities and meals, crisis intervention and response both during the day and at night, mitigating issues in the neighborhood, and ongoing assistance maintaining connections to needed community services. All meetings, referrals and outcomes shall be documented and shall inform a Housing Stability Plan.
10. Permanent Supportive Housing: Non-time limited affordable housing for a household that is homeless on entry, and has a condition or disability, such as mental illness, substance use disorder, chronic health issues, or other conditions that create multiple and serious ongoing barriers to housing stability. Households need a long-term high level of services in order to meet the obligations of tenancy and maintain their housing. Tenant holds a rental agreement or lease and may continue tenancy as long as rent is paid and the tenant complies with

the rental agreement or lease. Tenants have access to a flexible array of comprehensive services, mostly on site, such as medical and wellness, mental health, substance use disorder, vocational/employment, and life skills. Services are available and encouraged but are not to be required as a condition of tenancy. There is ongoing communication and coordination between supportive service providers, property owners or managers, and/or housing subsidy programs.

11. **Operating Costs:** The costs of property maintenance and facilities, including property management, facilities, and maintenance staff; building repair professional fees; cleaning and repair supplies; and property insurance.
12. **Progressive Engagement:** A service delivery approach and homeless system orientation that entails: individualized services that are responsive to the needs of each household; an initial assessment and services address the immediate housing crisis with the minimal services needed; frequent re-assessment determines the need for additional services; services that are Voluntary and build on the strengths and resources of each household; households exited to permanent housing as soon as possible; and the ability to access assistance if a household faces homelessness again.
13. **Resident Services:** Property-based services that coordinate on-site activities and information and referral services for the purpose of accessing services offered by third-party providers. Resident Services promote resiliency and stability through community asset building. Examples of Resident Services include employment programs; adult education programs; community safety, and resident leadership. Resident Services may be available through referral and/or on-site with at least one staff to coordinate and deliver services. Classes and activities based on resident needs may be offered on site. Activities and services may include such things as nutrition financial literacy classes, employment services, adult education and community building and engagement and eviction prevention. Residents who participate in employment services and/or who may become employed are not disqualified from remaining in the HtH program.
14. **Trauma-Informed Care:** An approach to working with people that understands, recognizes and responds to the impacts of trauma. No one is immune to the impact of trauma, but it is certainly experienced by people facing homelessness. Often, trauma survivors can be re-traumatized by well-meaning providers. Becoming 'trauma-informed' recognizes that people experience many different types of trauma in their lives and their responses vary. By orienting our organizations, environments, services, and day-to-day interactions around the impacts of trauma, we create a safe and healing space for everyone.
15. **Twenty-Four Hour Desk Staffing:** The Twenty-Four Hour Desk Staff are responsible for staffing the front desk, admitting tenants into the building, checking in and monitoring guests, monitoring security cameras, conducting floor checks, and responding to tenants who need assistance after business hours. Staff shall be trained in crisis intervention.

16. Voluntary Services: Flexible services designed primarily to help tenants maintain housing. Voluntary Services are those that are available to but not demanded of tenants (one's housing is not dependent on participation in services), such as service coordination/Case Management, physical and mental health, substance use management and recovery support, job training, literacy and education, youth and children's programs, and money management. While services are not a condition of tenancy, providers may employ motivational interviewing and other techniques to engage clients in services.

E. Program Requirements

1. The Contractor shall maintain [XXX] Permanent Supportive Housing units for Chronically Homeless adult individuals at [XXX], Kirkland, WA.
2. The Contractor shall provide Twenty-Four Hour Desk Staffing each day to provide security and access to staff trained in crisis intervention. This staffing is required 24 hours per day, seven days per week.
3. Tenant Protections:
 - a. All program clients in the Permanent Supportive Housing must have a lease with at least a one-month term, up to a maximum term of 12 months. The lease must be automatically renewable upon expiration, with the exception of prior notice by either party, up to a maximum term of 12 months. A copy of the signed lease agreement must be kept in the client file.
 - b. Program fees are not allowed. Programs are not required to charge rent. If rent is charged, it may not exceed the highest of:
 - i. 30 percent of the household's monthly adjusted income;
 - ii. 10 percent of the household's monthly income;
 - iii. If the household is receiving welfare assistance from a public agency and a part of the payments (adjusted with household's actual housing costs) is specifically designated by the agency to meet the household's housing cost, the portion of the payments that is designated for housing costs.
4. The Contractor shall conduct assessments of screened/referred clients for final acceptance into the program, as well as all required documentation of eligibility, including income and Chronically Homeless/At Risk of Chronic Homelessness verification, to be kept in the client file. For households with two or more persons, disability documentation must be provided for all disabled members of the household. The Contractor shall conduct background screening assessments of screened/referred clients for final acceptance into the Facility. The Contractor must provide eligibility documentation as required by the following regulations:

- a. Income at time of move-in cannot exceed 30% of King County area median income;
- b. Chronically Homeless Verification;
- c. Disability; and
- d. Background screening. The following minimum requirements and eligibility restrictions apply for residents of this Facility:
 - i. The Contractor must, after obtaining a signed written authorization to obtain criminal conviction records, must screen all prospective residents aged 18 and older using a background screening for criminal history. The Contractor will conduct background checks using a third-party nationwide screening company and will check any applicable local or Washington state registry and the National Sex Offender Registry (www.nsopw.org). If the results of the criminal background check are inconclusive, the Contractor should require a fingerprint card and request information from the National Crime Information Center (NCIC).
 - ii. In the interests of helping ensure a safe educational environment to the adjacent school and childcare facilities, any person prohibited by court order from residing in a community protection zone as a result of a sex offense is ineligible for housing at the Permanent Supportive Housing and the Contractor must deny such individuals housing at the Facility and provide to the individual any relevant notice required by law.
 - iii. In the interests of helping ensure that residents are provided a safe, supportive community, that the adjacent school and childcare facilities have a safe educational environment, and that this PSH project thrives, the Contractor must perform an individualized assessment (as described below) of the following individuals:
 - a) Any person with a conviction for a sex offense, as defined by RCW 9A.44.128(10), where the date of conviction is within the prior [XX] years.
 - b) Any person who has a pending criminal charge for a sex offense.
 - iv. Individualized Assessment Process
 - a) When a prospective resident is identified as having a criminal conviction or pending charge in one of the specified categories of offenses, the Contractor will provide the individual (a) a written notice stating the specific information that creates a concern, (b) a copy of the criminal conviction record to the individual; and (c) a request for a written explanation to allow the Contractor to conduct an individualized assessment before determining

whether a particular criminal record disqualifies an individual from housing at the facility.

- b) The individual will then have seven days to submit to the Contractor a written explanation and any relevant documents or information, such as certificates of completion or letters of recommendation. To facilitate collecting relevant information, the Contractor may provide individuals with an explanation form to complete.
- c) Based on the information received from the individual and any other relevant records obtained by the Contractor as part of the application process, including available police reports, the Contractor will conduct an individualized assessment of the individual and the facts generating the review. The Contractor may offer the individual an opportunity to meet with staff as part of the assessment.
- d) The Contractor should consider all relevant circumstances in determining whether a prospective resident's criminal history indicates that the individual presents an unreasonable risk to safety or property disqualifying the individual from housing at the Facility. However, the Contractor may not deny admission based solely on arrest records. At minimum, the Contractor will consider the following:
 - 1) The number, nature, and seriousness/severity of the crime(s) of conviction.
 - 2) The time that has elapsed since the date(s) of conviction, including the age of the person at the time of conviction.
 - 3) Evidence of rehabilitation or responsible conduct, including post-conviction and post-release conduct such as completion of or on-going involvement in rehabilitative programming; involvement in volunteer work, employment, educational activity, training programs, support groups, civic groups, or other related activities; and the extent to which the applicant has accepted responsibility for their actions.
 - 4) Any supplemental information related to the individual's rehabilitation, good conduct, and/or additional facts or explanations that the individual wishes to provide or that the Contractor obtained.
- e) If the individual does not timely provide an explanation, the Contractor will assess the individual based upon available information and records obtained during the application process.

5. Supportive Services: The Contractor shall provide Case Management, Housing Support Services, Resident Services, and Twenty-Four Hour Desk Staffing that will focus on the elimination of barriers to securing and maintaining permanent housing. To do so, the Contractor shall comply with the following:
 - a. The Contractor shall create a Housing Stability Plan for each household and provide Case Management services that are aligned with each individual plan.
 - b. The Contractor shall ensure that all participant households have a lease with the head of household listed as a tenant on the lease. The Contractor shall provide a copy of the lease to the participant household and shall keep a copy in the participant file.
 - c. The Contractor shall have an established formal process for termination of assistance to program participants. The process shall be written and provide for due process. Written termination policies and program rules shall be provided to all participants upon entry.
 - d. The Contractor, in order to complement and maximize available resources and to achieve the best possible outcomes for clients, shall have a working agreement and/or some contractual relationship for any coordinated service provision.
 - e. At a minimum, Contractor shall provide the following supportive services: behavioral health treatment (including substance use disorders), employment assistance, job training, education, and transportation.
6. Service Delivery Models: The Contractor shall provide services and operate from a framework that incorporates the following:
 - a. Culturally Competent Services;
 - b. Fair and Just Practices;
 - c. Harm Reduction Principles;
 - d. Housing First;
 - e. Progressive Engagement; and
 - f. Trauma-Informed Care.
7. Access / Participant Rights and Responsibilities: The Contractor shall comply with the following:
 - a. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), including access to assistive animals;
 - b. Accessible to all clients, including transgender and non-binary individuals, in their self-defined gender; and

- c. The Contractor shall have a written policy regarding the rights and responsibilities of program clients and applicable service restrictions or barring. Program participants shall be made aware of this policy upon admission or as soon as reasonably possible.
8. **Equity and Social Justice:** There are profound racial and ethnic disproportionalities within the homeless population, with both Black/African American and American Indian/Alaska Natives over six times more likely to be homeless. Health Through Housing is committed to seeing an annual reduction in the racial and ethnic demographic disproportionality among persons experiencing chronic homelessness in King County. In an effort to lead with racial equity, the Contractor is expected to ensure that agency providers and administrators are trained in racial equity frameworks and practice, and are undertaking continuous quality improvement and evaluation of this process.
9. The program shall be fully occupied for the full term of this Exhibit. Full occupancy is considered achieved when the vacancy rate does not exceed five percent. During the term of the Exhibit, DCHS may temporarily waive or change this vacancy threshold as conditions warrant, such as building lease-up.
10. The Contractor shall participate in King County Health through Housing focused service meetings, trainings, and learning circles.
11. **Staff Training:** The Contractor shall advance staff access to training opportunities in Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI); trauma-informed Case Management; and other areas to support case managers and service delivery.
12. **Participant Feedback:** The Contractor shall have a process for soliciting and incorporating participant feedback into the project for the purposes of improving participant experience and outcomes.
13. The Contractor must work to further goals and align with the vision outlined in the Initial Health Through Housing Implementation Plan 2022-2028 (Implementation Plan).
14. **Leveraging Other Fund Sources:** The Contractor shall apply for and leverage all other service and operating fund sources, partnerships, and resources (e.g., Medicaid Foundational Community Supports (FSC) and/or local jurisdiction funding) to the greatest extent possible. In addition, the Contractor is expected to integrate leveraged services and resources for HtH into the project as coordinated by DCHS.
15. **Leveraging the Medicaid Permanent Supportive Housing Services Benefit:** A benefit is available to cover 'Foundational Community Supports' (FCS) (i.e., tenancy supports and housing Case Management) for Medicaid-eligible individuals with a medical necessity who meet one or more of four defined risk factors. All qualifying agencies and programs are expected to leverage the resource, in order to work towards securing a staff-to-client ratio of between 1:15

and 1:20. More information can be found on the [AmeriGroup FCS Page: https://provider.amerigroup.com/washington-provider/patient-care/foundational-community-supports](https://provider.amerigroup.com/washington-provider/patient-care/foundational-community-supports)

16. Contract Changes: The Contractor shall not make any significant changes to an approved program without prior written consent of the County. Significant changes include, but are not limited to, a change in the agency providing the supportive services, a change in the project site, additions or deletions in the types of activities listed in the Exhibit, a shift of more than ten percent of funds from one approved type of activity to another over the term of this Exhibit, or a change in the category of participants to be served.
17. Good Neighbor Commitment:
 - a. The Contractor shall have in place a code of conduct or similar type of agreement that is agreed upon by residents at the time of entry. Codes of conduct cover expectations for things such as visitors and interpersonal behavior. This code of conduct shall be developed in consultation with the City of Kirkland, service providers, jurisdictional partners identified by the City and County, and those who have a lived experience of homelessness. The code of conduct and any future amendments must receive approval from the City of Kirkland.
 - i. The code of conduct shall describe occupant expectations and consequences for failing to comply, up to and including eviction.
 - ii. The code of conduct shall at a minimum address the following topics: The use of alcohol and recreational marijuana; smoking indoors and in public places; the use and sale of illegal drugs; threatening or unsafe behavior; and weapon possession.
 - b. The Contractor, in coordination with DCHS, shall craft a good neighbor agreement, committing the Contractor, the County, local jurisdiction, and the local community to a collective agreement that describes how the parties to the agreement will communicate and resolve concerns when they arise. This good neighbor agreement can be combined with the community relations plan in subsection c, if the Contractor and the County determine that is appropriate.
 - c. The Contractor, in coordination with the County and the City of Kirkland, shall develop a community relations plan that will contain strategies and policies for community engagement. The community relations plan and any future amendments must receive approval from the City of Kirkland.
 - i. The community relations plan must address potential impacts on nearby schools, businesses, and/or residences, including identifying process(es) for dispute resolution and proposed resolution and mitigation approach(es).
 - ii. The community relations plan must address expectations between the Contractor, local community, service providers, and City

representatives (e.g., data and performance measures, program descriptions and services offered, opportunities to volunteer and donate).

- iii. The community relations plan must identify a “Neighborhood Liaison,” who will be a staff person of the Contractor who has been designated to be a visible and friendly ambassador for the permanent housing facility, to nurture respectful relationships among community members, to attend community events, and to receive and respond to neighbor complaints in a timely manner.

18. Participation in Coordinated Entry for All (CEA):

- a. Coordinated Entry for All (CEA): The Contractor shall participate in CEA, the coordinated entry and assessment system for King County. The requirements for participation with CEA are specified on the King County website:

<https://kingcounty.gov/depts/community-human-services/contracts/requirements/division-contract-requirements.aspx>

- b. The Contractor shall work collaboratively with CEA including adequate staff trained assessors, participation in case conferencing, unit posting, and referrals.
- c. The Contractor shall work collaboratively with the County, the local jurisdiction, and identified local street outreach providers and/or other local entities for local referrals to the property. The Contractor shall coordinate with local service providers and City of Kirkland staff to identify and prioritize eligible homeless individuals in Kirkland and the Eastside so that people requiring permanent supportive housing are able to access that resource within their community.
- d. During lease up and on an ongoing basis, the Contractor shall reserve at a minimum 35 percent of the sleeping units for eligible individuals referred by the City of Kirkland from Eastside communities.
- e. Additionally, on an ongoing basis, the Contractor shall make available up to an additional 30% of units for eligible individuals referred by the City of Kirkland, provided the City refers said individuals within the time frame and other parameters jointly established by King County and City of Kirkland.

19. HMIS requirements: The Contractor shall participate in the HMIS as specified on the King County website:

<https://kingcounty.gov/depts/community-human-services/contracts/requirements/division-contract-requirements.aspx>

20. Continuum of Care System-Wide Performance Measures: The Contractor shall exceed designated minimums and demonstrate progress towards the Seattle-

King County Continuum of Care System-wide Performance Standard targets as specified on the King County website:

<https://kingcounty.gov/depts/community-human-services/contracts/requirements/division-contract-requirements.aspx>

21. Management and Operation of the Premises:

- a. The Contractor shall develop and provide for approval by the County a copy of a comprehensive management plan ("Management Plan") for the Premises prior to invoicing or, at the discretion of the County. The Management Plan shall address, but not be limited to, a description of the physical plant, the guest population, selection, and termination, the housing program and services, service providers, and the maintenance and operation of the premises.
- b. During the Exhibit Period, the Contractor agrees, subject to the rights of clients, to provide the County access to the property for periodic inspections to ensure compliance with the terms of this Contract. Except in the case of an emergency or abandonment, at least 48 hours advance notice of such access shall be given to the affected guest(s).
- c. No portion of the Premises shall operate as a Community Health Engagement Location site, i.e., the Premises will not be a supervised/safer consumption site, or a supervised/safer injection facility, or a supervised/safer injection service.
- d. The Contractor agrees not to approve or authorize any camping on the Premises. This prohibition includes any form of camping (including car camping) and any other form of persons sleeping overnight outdoors or in vehicles on the Premises. The Contractor agrees to notify the County as soon as practicable when anyone is observed or believed to be camping or otherwise sleeping on the Premises.

22. Clean Living Environment:

- a. The Contractor shall ensure adequate staff oversight, janitorial service, and maintenance coordination for the facility, including the residents' units and bathrooms, clients' storage areas, laundry facilities, kitchen areas, offices, communal areas, and general grounds of the program site.
- b. The Contractor shall develop written policies and procedures, including client responsibilities, to create a site that is pet-friendly, as well as accommodating to service, support, and companion animals.

23. Environment and Physical Facility:
- a. The Contractor shall ensure facilities are kept in a safe and sanitary condition, and be in good repair with proper ventilation, lighting, and temperature control. A written maintenance plan must exist.
 - b. The Contractor shall be responsible for maintenance and operations of the facility, including cleaning, ensuring the facility is in good repair and operable, removing graffiti, and any other reasonable operations parameters so the facility is not a safety or community concern.
 - c. Restroom facilities and wash bins, with appropriate hygienic supplies and/or equipment must be provided. A cleaning and maintenance schedule must be in place that includes sanitizing restrooms on a regular basis.
 - d. The Contractor must have a policy for handling sharps (injection equipment, hypodermic needle, and other instruments used to pierce the skin), and as appropriate provide sharps containers in the environment and ensure appropriate disposal.
 - e. The Contractor must have a policy regarding storage for participant belongings that details storage, documentation, and administration.
 - f. The Contractor is strongly encouraged to have hand-cleaning stations such as dispensers of alcohol-based hand sanitizer, near entry doors and /or reception desks.
24. Health and Safety. The Contractor must ensure the following health and safety standards at the facility.
- a. The Contractor will ensure that program participants understand that they are a vital part of the neighborhood and will facilitate open and on-going communication with neighboring residents, businesses, agencies, and law enforcement in order to promote neighborhood health, safety, and effectively address emerging issues.
 - b. Per legal guidelines regarding smoking in workplaces or within 25 feet of workplaces, no smoking will be allowed in any service spaces.
 - c. The Contractor will maintain and follow written policies and procedures for the prevention and control of communicable diseases. Policies should include components of universal precautions, blood/air borne pathogens, tuberculosis (TB) and other infectious diseases.
 - d. The Contractor must inform staff and volunteers prior to hire or service of other health risks they may encounter in working at the program, such as TB or other communicable diseases. The program should have a practice of encouraging staff and volunteers to update their immunizations per the Centers for Disease Control's recommendations for adult immunizations.

- e. The Contractor will have a complete and accessible First Aid Kit that is stocked with sufficient supplies.
- f. The Contractor is strongly encouraged to have at least one person certified in First Aid and CPR on duty at all times.
- g. The Contractor will have appropriate emergency, evacuation, and fire safety plans and provide on-going training for staff on these plans.
- h. The Contractor must have a process for internal reporting and reviewing of health and safety incidents.
- i. The Contractor will have staff on-site awake and available 24 hours a day.
- j. The Contractor will handle and store hazardous materials, including cleaning supplies and hypodermic needles, appropriately.
- k. The Contractor will have a plan and process for reporting elder abuse and domestic violence.
- l. Educational training for all staff and volunteers must be provided as often as necessary to reinforce safe work practices, but at least annually.
- m. The Contractor will have a safety and security plan to deter theft and harm to clients and staff. A weapons policy designed to ensure the safety and security of all clients, staff, and volunteers must be included in this plan.
 - i. The safety and security plan shall be developed by the Contractor, in consultation with the City of Kirkland Police Department. The safety and security plan and any future amendments thereto must be approved by the Kirkland Police Department.
 - ii. That plan shall address illegal, unsafe, or disruptive behavior on the Premises that infringes on the safety of occupants, community members, and employees and a description of the consequences for engaging in disruptive behavior up to and including eviction. Disruptive behavior is that behavior that disrupts or interferes with the rights and comforts of persons living, working or visiting the area.
 - iii. The plan shall identify behavioral health crisis management protocols. The plan should identify staff trained in de-escalation

methods. The plan shall provide protocols for routine and emergency communications with first responders.

- iv. The plan shall provide for the coordination of services between the Contractor, the County, and the City of Kirkland public safety staff (e.g., police, fire, community responders), including any private security personnel employed by the Contractor and any surrounding schools or business owners;
- v. The plan shall identify a clear process and a City contact for addressing circumstances in which reasonable community concerns are not responded to by the Contractor in a timely fashion.
- vi. The plan shall provide contact information for the Contractor and the County to respond 24/7 to City and community concerns.
- vii. The plan shall identify performance metrics and a reporting process that will be used to track compliance with the safety and security plan.

25. Public Health Seattle/King County:

- a. The Contractor is strongly encouraged to adhere to and follow “Sanitation and Hygiene Guidance for Homeless Service Providers,” (Guidelines) published by Public Health Seattle King County (Public Health) website:

<https://kingcounty.gov/depts/health/locations/~media/depts/health/homeless-health/sanitation-hygiene-guidance-for-homeless-service-providers.ashx>

- b. In the event of an officially declared Public Health Emergency, the Contractor shall implement recommendations from Public Health to respond to or prevent disease transmission, and participate in coordinated outbreak prevention efforts as needed.

26. DCHS Web-Referenced Definitions or Requirements Site Language:

If any changes are made to web-referenced definitions or requirements, DCHS shall inform the Contractor by email, in writing or via DocuSign within two business days. It shall be the Contractor’s responsibility to review the definition changes via the website and to inform DCHS’ contract manager when the definition review is completed, by email, in writing or via DocuSign.

III. COMPENSATION AND METHOD OF PAYMENT

A. Billing Invoice Package (BIP)

The Contractor shall submit a BIP monthly that consists of an invoice statement along with, posted financial statements documenting billed costs, vendor invoices for all costs above \$1,000, and the information as stated in Section IV, REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, of this Exhibit in a format approved by the County. Reports must be submitted successfully before the Billing Invoice Package will be complete. The format of reports may be subject to change. The Contractor shall retain on file complete backup documentation for all invoiced costs (including receipts, invoices, timesheets, copies of checks) which shall be made available upon request. The BIP is due within ten working days after the end of each month.

B. Method of Payment

C. Method of Payment

1. Reimbursement shall be made monthly.
2. The Contractor shall apply the funds in this Exhibit to the project in accordance with the budget summary below. Total annual payments cannot exceed the annual budgets as listed below:

Line Item Budget Summary	Operating Year	Annual Budget
Services / Operations/Property Management	YEAR 1	
Services / Operations/Property Management	YEAR 2	
Services / Operations/Property Management	YEAR 3	
Services / Operations/Property Management	YEAR 4	
Services / Operations/Property Management	YEAR 5	
Exhibit Total		\$

3. The Contractor shall only bill for costs incurred within the Exhibit period, unless the County has provided prior approval.
4. The final invoice of the exhibit period is due by the 25th day after the exhibit end date.
5. The County shall review, on a monthly basis, the Contractor's level of expenditure as reported on invoices and compared to the Contractor's

expenditure projections as approved by the County. Failure to expend funds at the projected rate may result in a reduction of those funds to the Contractor. The level of funds reduction shall be negotiated between the County and the Contractor with the County retaining the authority to set the reduction level. Any recouped funds shall be recaptured by the County.

6. Payment to the Contractor may be withheld for any month in which the Contractor has not satisfied the reporting requirements specified in Section IV, REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, of this Exhibit, or in which said reports or documentation required by this Exhibit are incomplete.
7. If total services provided are below 90 percent of the minimum performance requirements as stated in Section II Part E, PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS, payment for services rendered that period shall be reduced. Payment reductions shall be calculated using one-twelfth of the annual Exhibit amount and shall be no more than the percentage of total performance below the 90 percent level. The County retains the authority to set the actual reduction level. Payment reductions in accordance with this clause shall be made based on data presented in contractually required reports. The Contractor shall not regain the reduced amount in subsequent months.
8. The Contractor shall advise the County of any changes in revenues from sources other than the County that are used to provide the services funded under this Exhibit. The Contractor shall re-negotiate performance requirements if the County determines that such changes are substantial.
9. The Contractor shall not invoice and charge the County for incurred costs which are also specifically paid for by another source of funds.
10. If the Contractor is temporarily closed due to circumstances such as adverse weather conditions, natural disasters, or any other unforeseen situations that would impede safe operations, the County may waive the sanction for underperformance upon approval of a written explanation from the Contractor. This waiver may be requested for a period of up to 30 days.
11. With written approval from the County, the Contractor may make changes to the line item project budget, within ten percent of the total budget, without requiring an official contract amendment.

IV. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- A. The Contractor shall report changes to staffing that differ from the staffing included in this Exhibit at a minimum, monthly, and included as comments with the invoicing documentation.
- B. The Contractor shall review the HMIS data each month and each quarter to confirm that counts of served, new, exits, unit nights, and households served are accurate, complete, and up to date for the contract associated with this program in HMIS. The County may export required reporting data from HMIS, including demographics, as needed.
- C. The Contractor shall review the HMIS Data Quality Report each month on the HMIS web site and ensure data completeness.

- D. Due to the irregularity of reporting dates and contract dates, the Contractor may be required to submit reports to the County after the contract expires, in order to capture a complete set of data for the services and housing provided to clients.
- E. The Contractor agrees to comply with additional reporting requirements as determined in the Health through Housing performance measurement and evaluation plan and the implementation plan.

V. MONITORING AND EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS

- A. The Contractor shall cooperate fully with the County in scheduled monitoring to determine Contract compliance.
- B. The Contractor shall participate as requested in DCHS performance measurement and evaluation activities.
- C. Providers with funding through HtH shall participate in performance measurement and evaluation activities as detailed in Performance Measurement and Evaluation (PME) Plan and Implementation Plan. Providers collaborate with the PME Evaluation Team and DCHS program managers to identify the program-specific data elements, performance targets and metrics, and data transmission methods which will be detailed in PME Plans. Providers will also comply with other performance measurement and evaluation activities associate with other fund sources as applicable.

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KING COUNTY PROPOSED SCREENING PROCESS

King County proposes to include the following provisions in the Permanent Supportive Housing Agreement (PSHA) between the County and the City, in lieu of Section 2(e) of the draft PSHA and Section II(E)(4)(d) of the draft Services Agreement.

2. General Screening.

- a. The County shall ensure that screening is performed prior to a person's residence at the Facility and then annually thereafter to ensure that prospective residents do not reside at the Facility who are prohibited under state law because of a sex offense registration requirement, prior conviction for a sex offense, or pending charges for a sex offense.
- b. The County shall ensure that screening is performed prior to a person's residence at the Facility to ensure that prospective residents will be well-served and supported based on their social and clinical needs and which supportive services will be available at and by referral from the Facility, which screening shall consider the person's behavioral health, medical health, previous legal system contact, and previous history of involuntary treatment, if any.

3. Screening process to satisfy requirements of City of Kirkland Resolution 5522 requiring strict compliance with state law limitations on registered sex offenders living within 880 feet of public or private schools. The County shall ensure compliance with State and local laws that prohibit certain persons from residing at the permanent supportive housing site. The County may satisfy this requirement by delegating this function in part or in full to the Contractor. Any such delegation shall not create liability on the part of the Contractor for any actions of individual residents or applicants.

- a. To ensure compliance with State and local laws, the County shall ensure that each prospective resident is screened to identify any sex offense registration requirements, pending charges, or other indications that the prospective resident is prohibited from residing at the Facility. This required screening shall include information from State, County or City law enforcement agencies who maintain registries of persons who have been convicted of sex offenses or other governmental entities such as courts who maintain registries of persons who have been convicted of sex offenses. The County shall provide upon request of the City of Kirkland which registries or other sources of information the screening process includes and shall consider inclusion of additional registries or other sources of information that the City of Kirkland may recommend. The County shall include in its required annual updates to the City of Kirkland [citation] a description of the required screening process described within this subsection.
- b. In addition to screening individual prospective residents, the County shall annually ensure that all current residents of the facility are screened for any new state or local law-prohibited sex offense registration requirements, convictions or pending charges.

4. Screening process to ensure that supportive services at the Facility are suitable to the individual needs and background of prospective residents of the Facility. In addition to the separate process required in section 3 of this Section, the County shall ensure that all prospective residents are screened for the purpose of assessing whether their services needs are suitable for the supportive services available at or by referral from the Facility.

- a. To ensure compliance with this requirement, the County shall ensure that all prospective residents are screened for behavioral health, physical health, legal system involvement, involuntary treatment system involvement, and available information about previous County service system contacts for the purposes of assessing whether the Facility and its supportive services can meet the needs of the prospective resident and informing case management planning for the persons who are offered residence within the Facility. The County shall provide upon request of the City of Kirkland a description of which sources of data or information the screening process includes and shall consider inclusion of additional sources of data or information that the City of Kirkland may recommend. The County shall include in its required annual updates to the City of Kirkland [citation] a description of the required screening process described within this subsection.
- b. After completion of the screening process required within this subsection 4, the County shall ensure that a determination is made to accept or deny the person residency at the facility based on whether the person's needs and service history can be met by the supportive services available at or by referral from the Facility.