

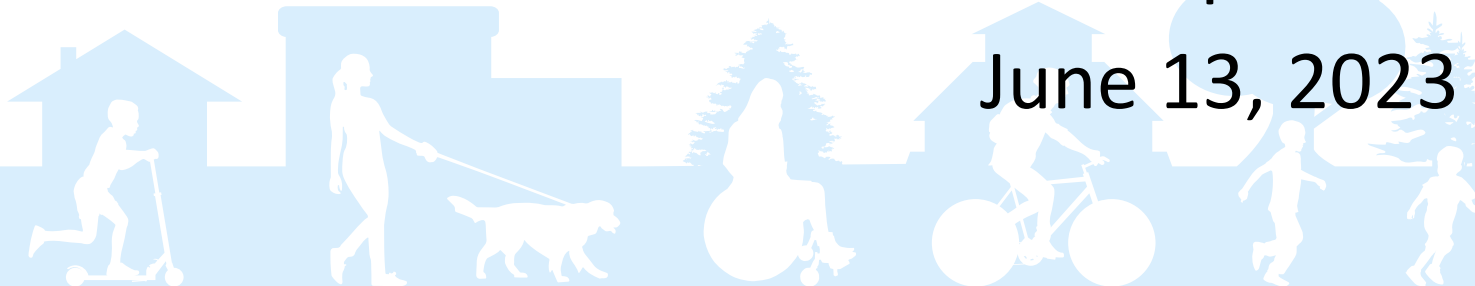
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Sustainable – Connected – Welcoming

Housing & Human Services Elements

Focus Group Session #2

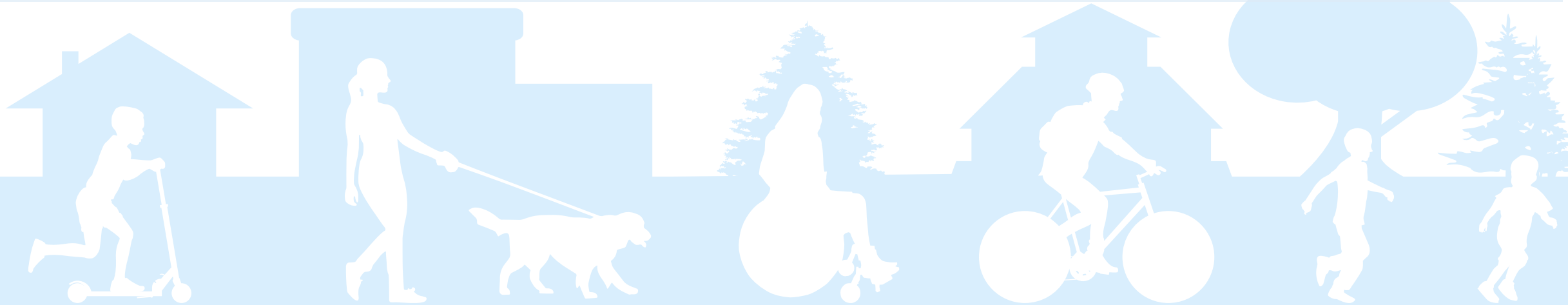
June 13, 2023



Goal of Focus Groups



1. Understand the community's housing needs.
2. Understand the community's human service needs.
3. Deep-dive into housing and human services topic areas.



Agenda

- Presentation
- Comments/themes from Focus Group

Session 1

- Introductions
- Breakout Room Exercises (~30 min. x2)
- Wrap Up



Community Engagement Goals

INVOLVE PRIORITY POPULATIONS

Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC)

People who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual plus (LGBTQIA+)

Seniors

Low-income households

People experiencing homelessness

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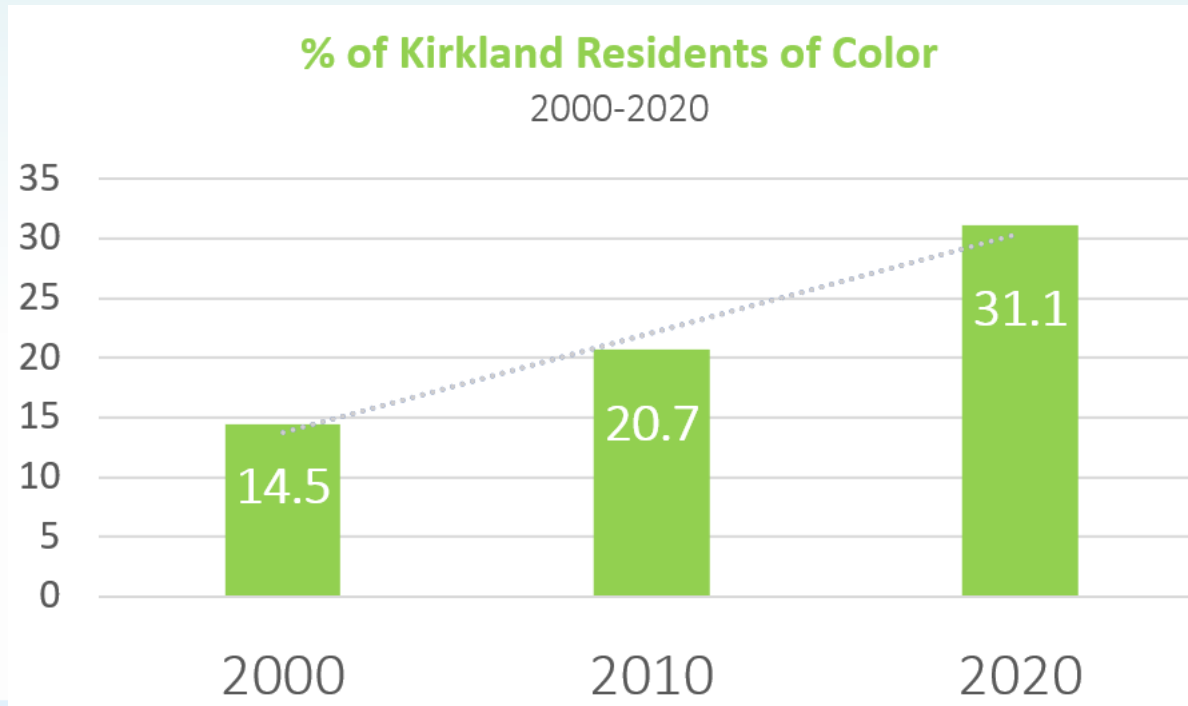
Renters

People with disabilities or accessibility challenges

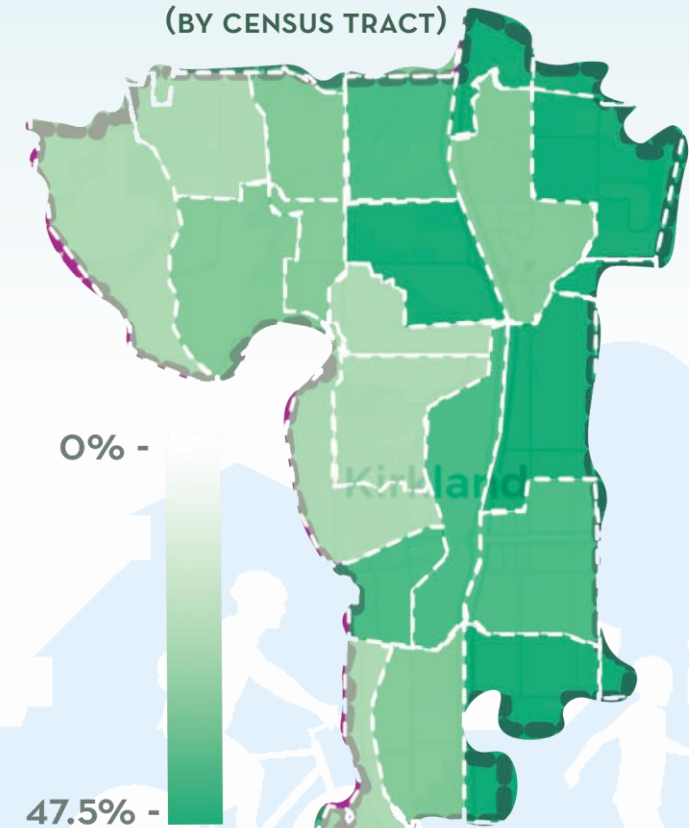
Immigrant communities and people facing language barriers



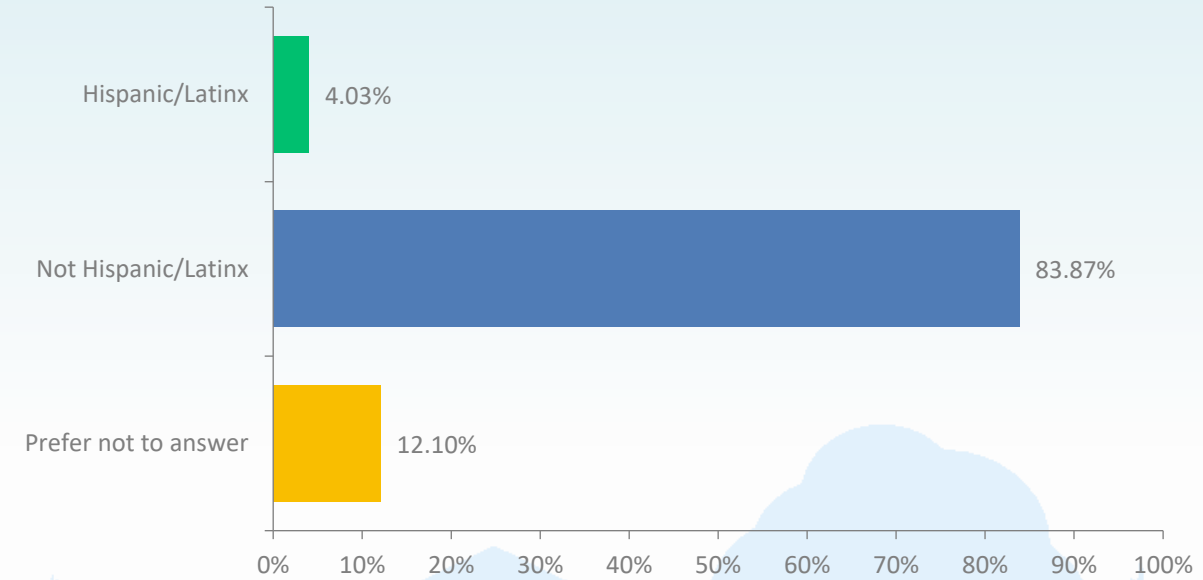
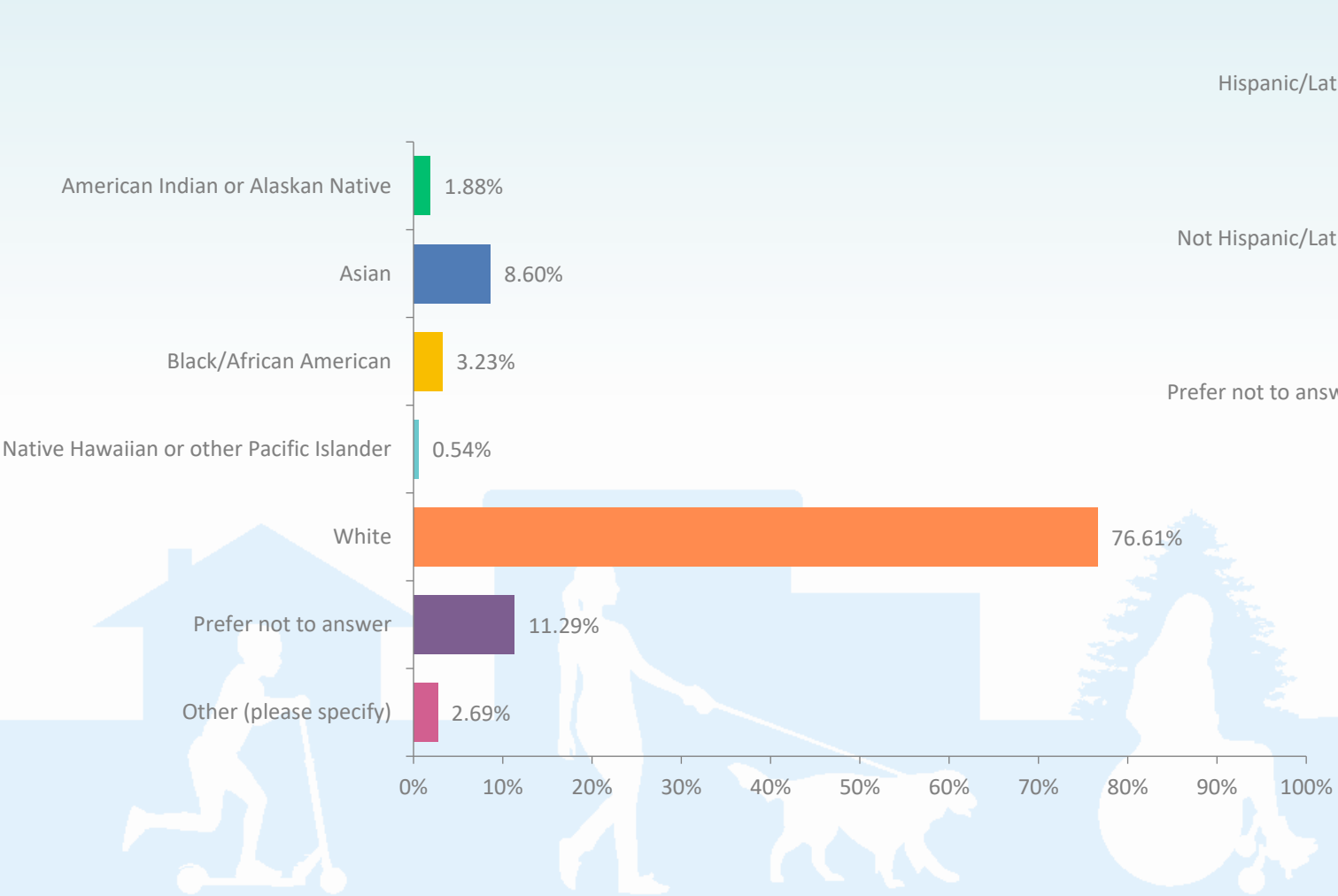
Diversity in Kirkland



KIRKLAND RESIDENTS OF COLOR, 2020
(BY CENSUS TRACT)



Survey Responses: Demographics



Do you consider yourself...(select all that apply)
• Answered: 372 Skipped: 0

DEIB Goals



- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging – 5 Year Plan
- Incorporate DEIB measures throughout all our policies and goals
- Use an equity lens in the update of the element
- Prioritize equitable inclusion and access into policies and eventual actions

Learn more!

Read the Comprehensive Plan Equity Review Report and the City's 5-year DEIB Roadmap

Goals-Policies

Overarching Goals

- Desired outcomes for each topic area
- E.g., ***Goal LU-3: Provide a land use pattern and transportation network that promotes mobility, transportation choices, and convenient access to goods and services.***

Policies

- Objectives to achieve goals
- Should provide clear direction
- May be translated into development regulations
- E.g., ***Policy LU-3.4: Locate higher density land uses in areas served by frequent transit service.***



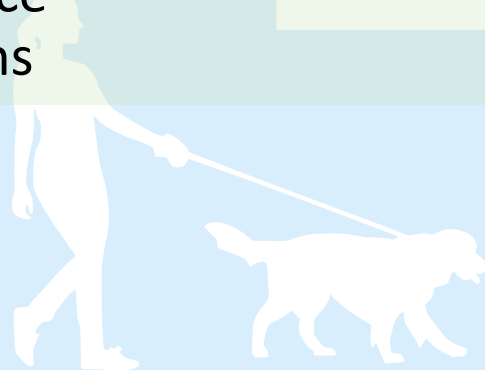
Development Regulations

Govern development

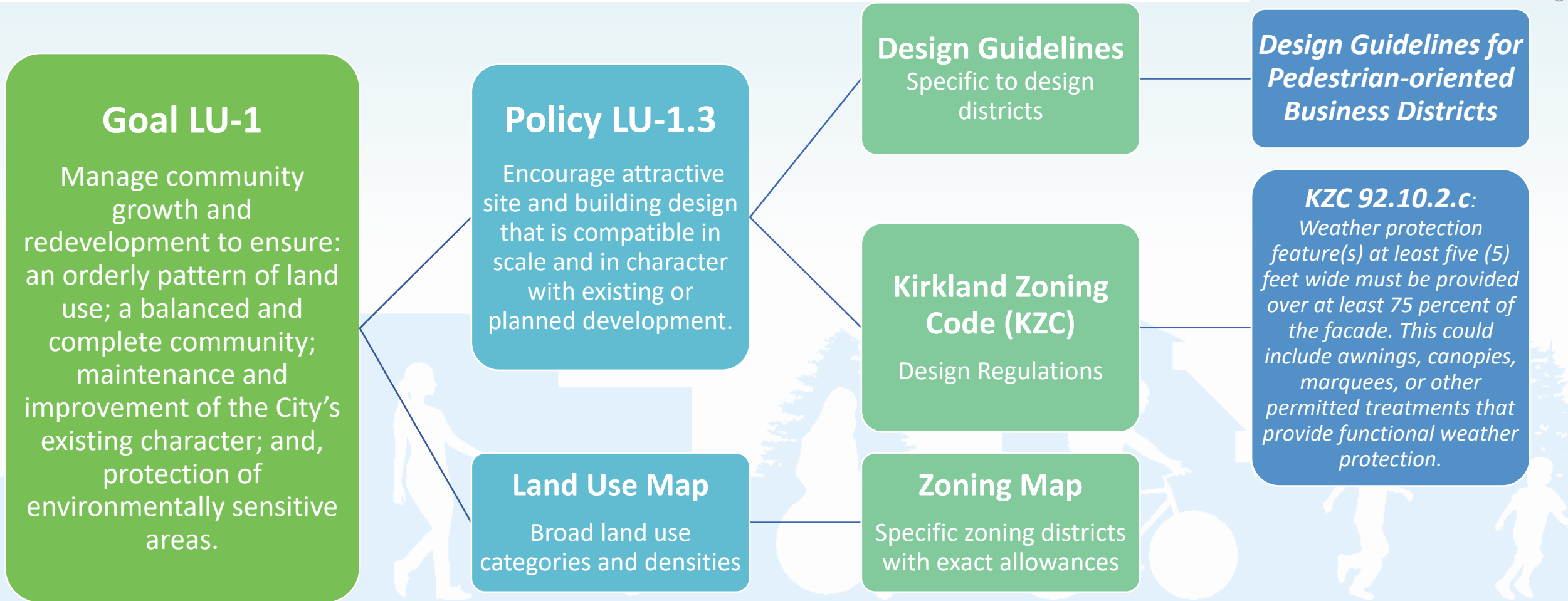
- Must be consistent with Comprehensive Plan and State mandates

Many Types:

- Building Code
- Zoning Code
- Subdivision Ordinance
- Shoreline Regulations



Land Use: From Goal to Regulations



Focus Group Session 1 Comments - Housing

What kinds of housing is most needed in Kirkland?

Affordable housing

Middle housing (i.e. cottages, ADUs, and 2/3-unit homes)

Senior housing

Housing for those with disabilities

Smaller, cheaper housing

Better use of vertical space (i.e. apartment buildings)

Village-style housing

Government run housing programs to help low income families build equity

More housing for renters

The only bad housing is the housing that no one lives in

Kirkland must look at how its policies affect the housing market

Reduce the amount of land needed per unit



Focus Group Session 1 Comments - Housing

Where are the best places to add new housing?

Along mass transit corridors

Within entire watershed (0.5 - 1 mile radius) of mass transit

Near human services, public amenities, and job centers

Edges of town; Repurposing of commercial buildings

Work with organizations, such as churches, that have excess land

Allow for aging in place

Areas with low density development

Everywhere is the best place for housing!
Don't isolate affordable housing

Increase density in single-family residential neighborhoods

Equestrian overlay areas

Government-owned land

Need to balance the need for environmental preservation and recreation with building enough housing



Focus Group Session 1 Comments - Human Services

In your experience, what might be missing in services that support Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) and other community members who hold identities that have historically been marginalized in the City of Kirkland?

Internet & language access

Support for older adults in finding jobs

Affordable housing

Robust public transportation

Awareness of services & programs

Awareness of renters' rights

Targeted transportation programs



Focus Group Session 1 Comments - Human Services

Where would you like to see more funding to community services and why? (For example, housing stability, food security, supportive relationships and community belonging, a safe haven from violence and abuse, physical health and mental well-being, education and employment opportunities)

More support for low-income renters

Access to public restrooms and showers

More funding to help those with disabilities

Housing/facilities that combine multiple services

Incentivize siting of services at affordable housing/supportive housing sites

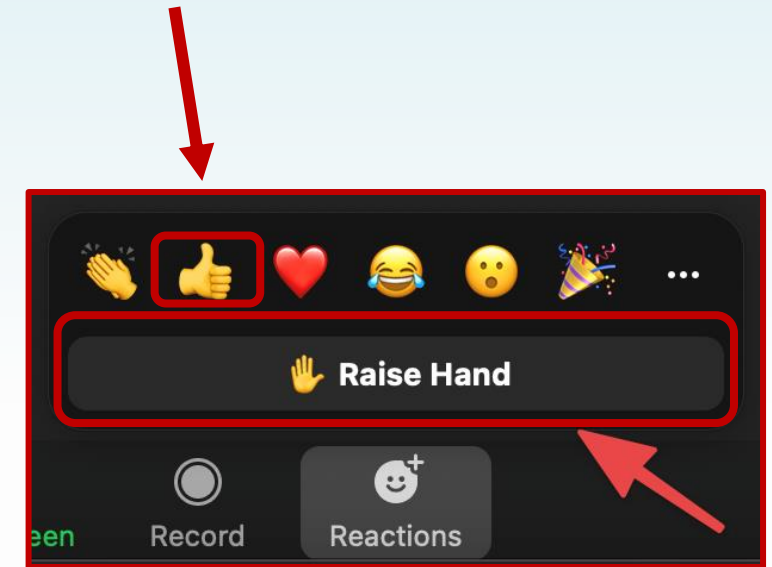
Community space like a cultural center

Educate City staff, developers, landlords about building safety (like mold issues)

Breakout Rooms



- Everyone will spend time in both the “Housing Room” and the “Human Services Room”
- Raise hand if you would like to comment
- Add comments in the chat
- Use the “thumbs up” button or type "+1" if you want to amplify someone else’s comment!
- Staff will record your comments in real time



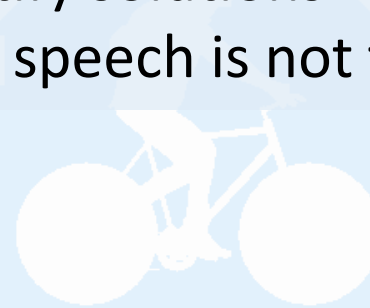
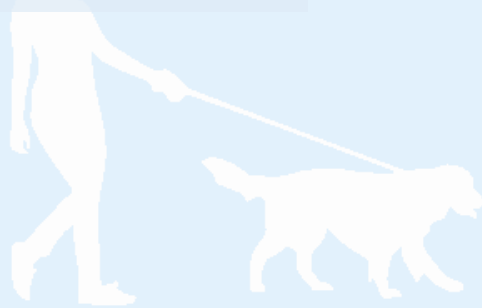
Logistics & Community Principles



Overview of buttons & etiquette

Community Principles

- Arrive as a community, leave as a community
- Respect the views of others
- Listen to understand, not to debate
- One person speaks at a time
- Identify solutions
- Hate speech is not tolerated



Introductions



Please share your name and if you represent an organization



Housing Questions



Question #1: Everyone has a housing story. How does your story inform how you think how we should plan for more housing in our City?



Housing Questions



Question #2: What would be your perfect home? What would you be willing (or able) to give up?



Housing Questions



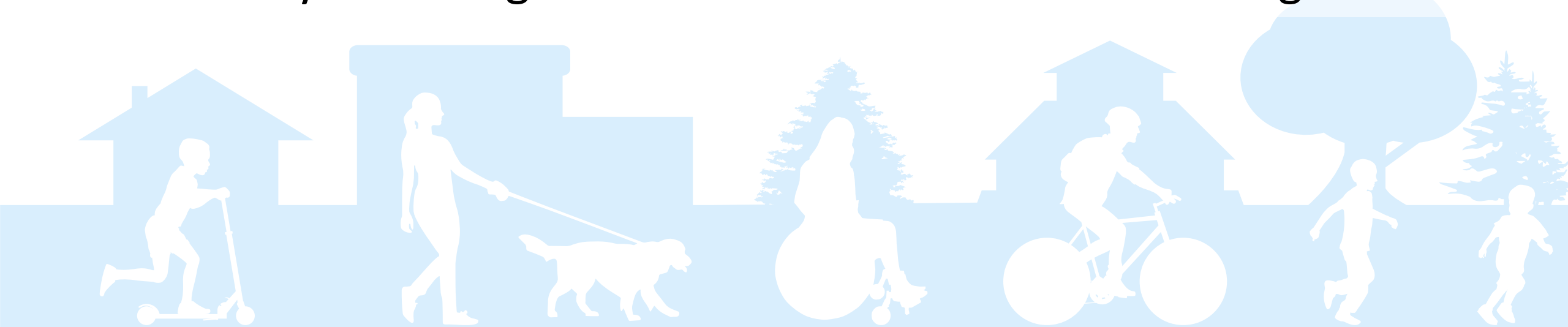
Question #3: How true is the following statement? Access to housing is a fundamental human need. If true, how does this inform how we should set goals and policies in the comprehensive plan?



Housing Questions



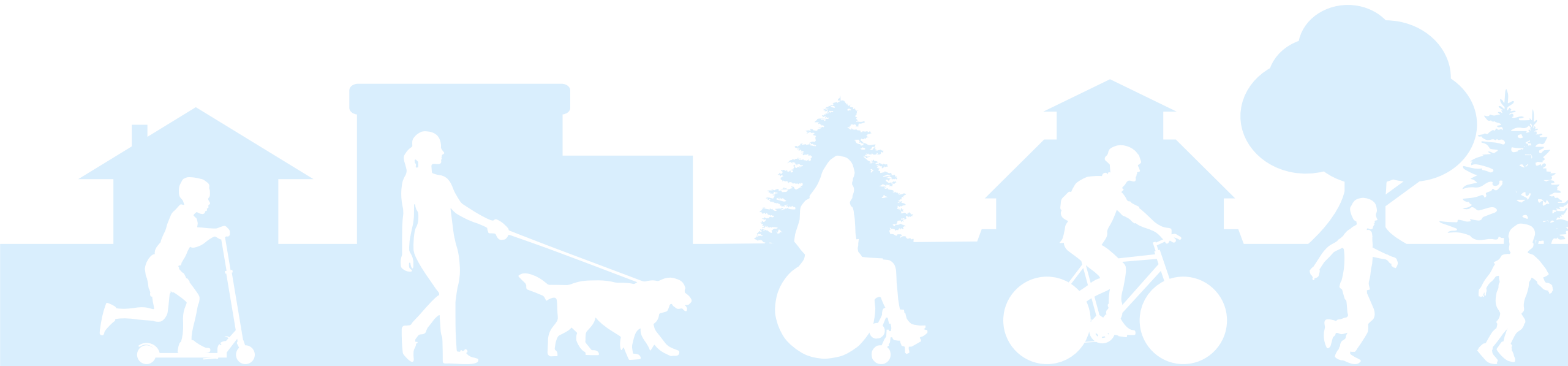
Question #4: One of the current goals in the housing element is to maintain and enhance the unique residential character of each City neighborhood? How might our neighborhoods need to change to meet the City's housing needs and accommodate more neighbors?



Human Services Questions



Question #1: How did you hear about this focus group?



Human Services Questions



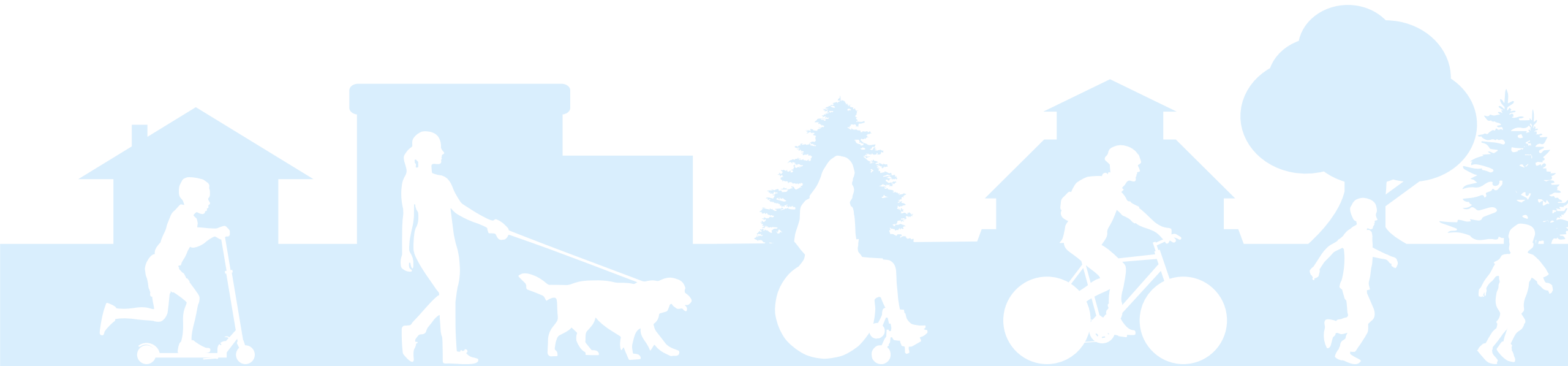
Question #2: Besides using the internet, how can the City do a better job of reaching people to share information? (For example, mailings, radio, newspapers, posting on bulletin boards, having open house sessions, translating materials and having interpretation available)



Human Services Questions



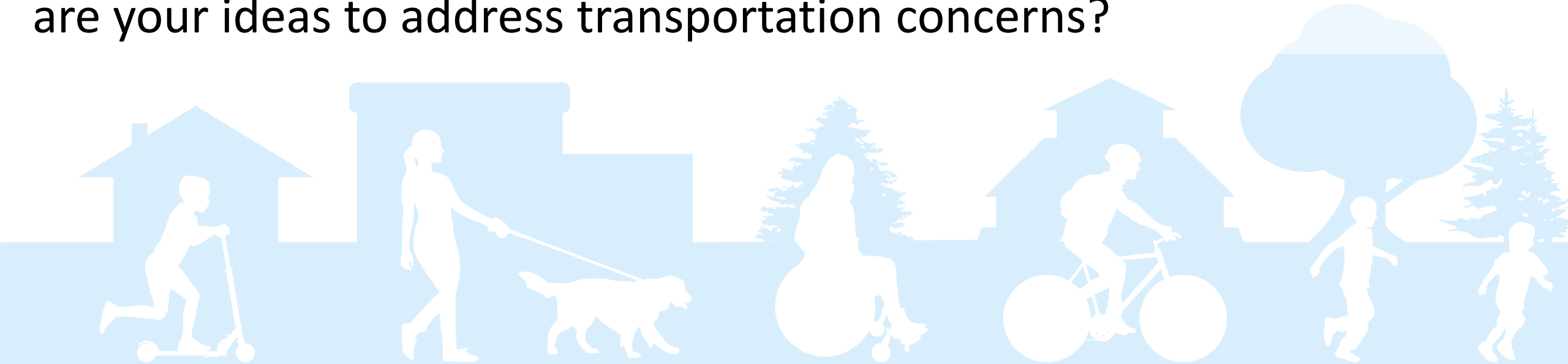
Question #3: How can the City better reach renters? How can the City get more renters engaged in civic processes?



Human Services Questions



Question #4: Which areas (locations) are most impacted by transportation concerns? Which types of services do people have difficulty accessing due to inadequate public transportation? What are your ideas to address transportation concerns?



Human Services Questions



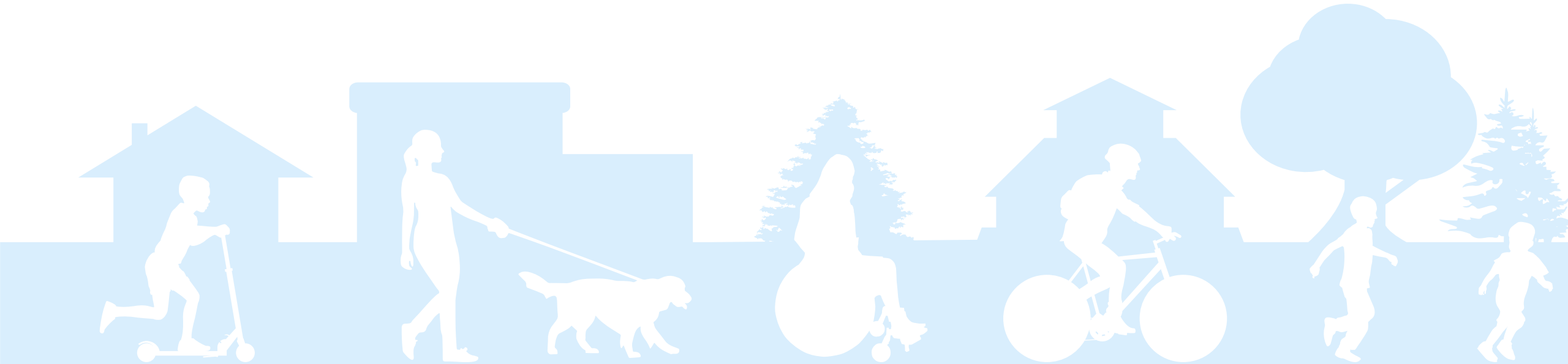
Question #5: To meet basic needs, which types of services or uses should be paired with affordable housing or permanent supportive housing? (For example, behavioral & mental health services, day cares, grocery stores, community space)



Human Services Questions



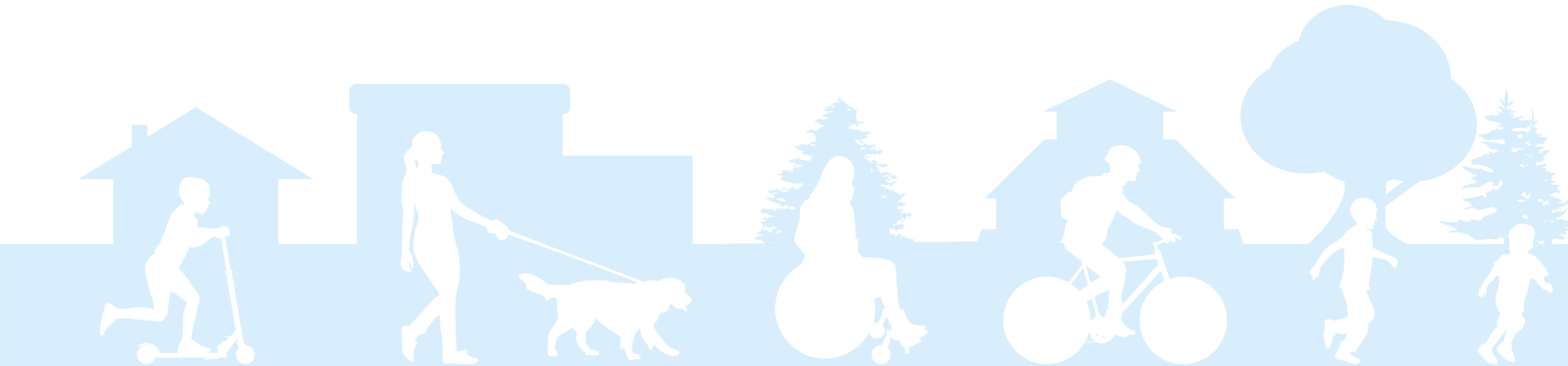
Question #6: What kinds of job training/skill training/access to higher education would be useful?



Human Services Questions



Question #7: How can the City support services like public restrooms and showers?



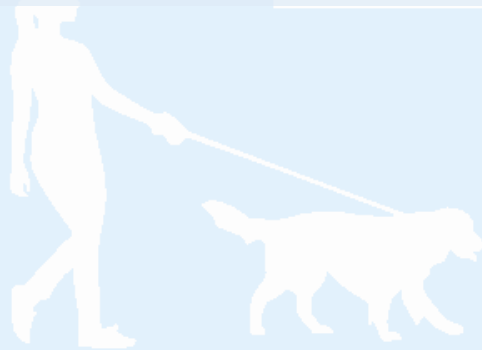
Next Steps



Think of something later? Email us!

- Send housing comments to sguter@kirklandwa.gov
- Send human services comments to llevine@kirklandwa.gov
- Send Comp Plan comments on other topics to 2044ComprehensivePlan@kirklandwa.gov

**Take the Housing & Human
Services survey
if you haven't already!**



Thank you!



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