

# Housing Choices

## Shaping the market to create more options, in more places, for more people

Seattle aspires to be a welcoming city where people of all backgrounds feel they belong and have the opportunity to build a stable and fulfilling life. Yet our current housing crisis represents a major challenge to this vision.

**Housing Choices** is a key element of Housing Seattle Now, Mayor Jenny A. Durkan's effort to increase opportunity, build more housing for people experiencing homelessness and low- and middle-income families, address displacement and prevent eviction, and advance innovation in housing. Housing Choices focuses on opportunities to shape market-rate housing development to serve a broader range of housing needs for current and future residents.

As Seattle grows, competition for housing pushes prices upward. To meet increased demand, our housing supply must expand — and we also must broaden the range of housing options for the people who live and work in our city. Housing Choices focuses on increasing the supply of family-sized homes for sale, condominiums and co-ops, family-sized rental options, smaller rental units with shared space, and accessible units.

Housing Choices seeks to advance multiple City goals by:

- » Giving people more affordable housing options
- » Allowing people to stay in the communities they love even as their needs change
- » Creating more inclusive communities
- » Helping people to find stability and build wealth through homeownership
- » Accommodating more housing in areas with access to jobs, transit, and amenities

Through summer and fall, Housing Choices will hold public conversations about how we can to shape the housing market to meets the needs of our current and future neighbors. We intend to produce short- and long-term recommendation in early 2020.



### August 2019

Housing Choices Background Report released

### August–November

Public engagement through an online survey, hosted conversations, and outreach to underserved communities

### Early 2020

Housing Choices recommendations released, including short- and long-term actions

### 2020 & beyond

Implementation of recommended actions

## Get Involved

- » Read our [Housing Choices Background Report](#) online for analysis of the housing market, how Housing Choices help address the housing crisis, and ideas we have heard during past conversations on housing.
- » Take our online [survey \(http://bit.ly/SeaHCSurvey\)](http://bit.ly/SeaHCSurvey) to share feedback on issues and opportunities.
- » Learn more and subscribe at <http://seattle.gov/opcd/housing-choices>.