

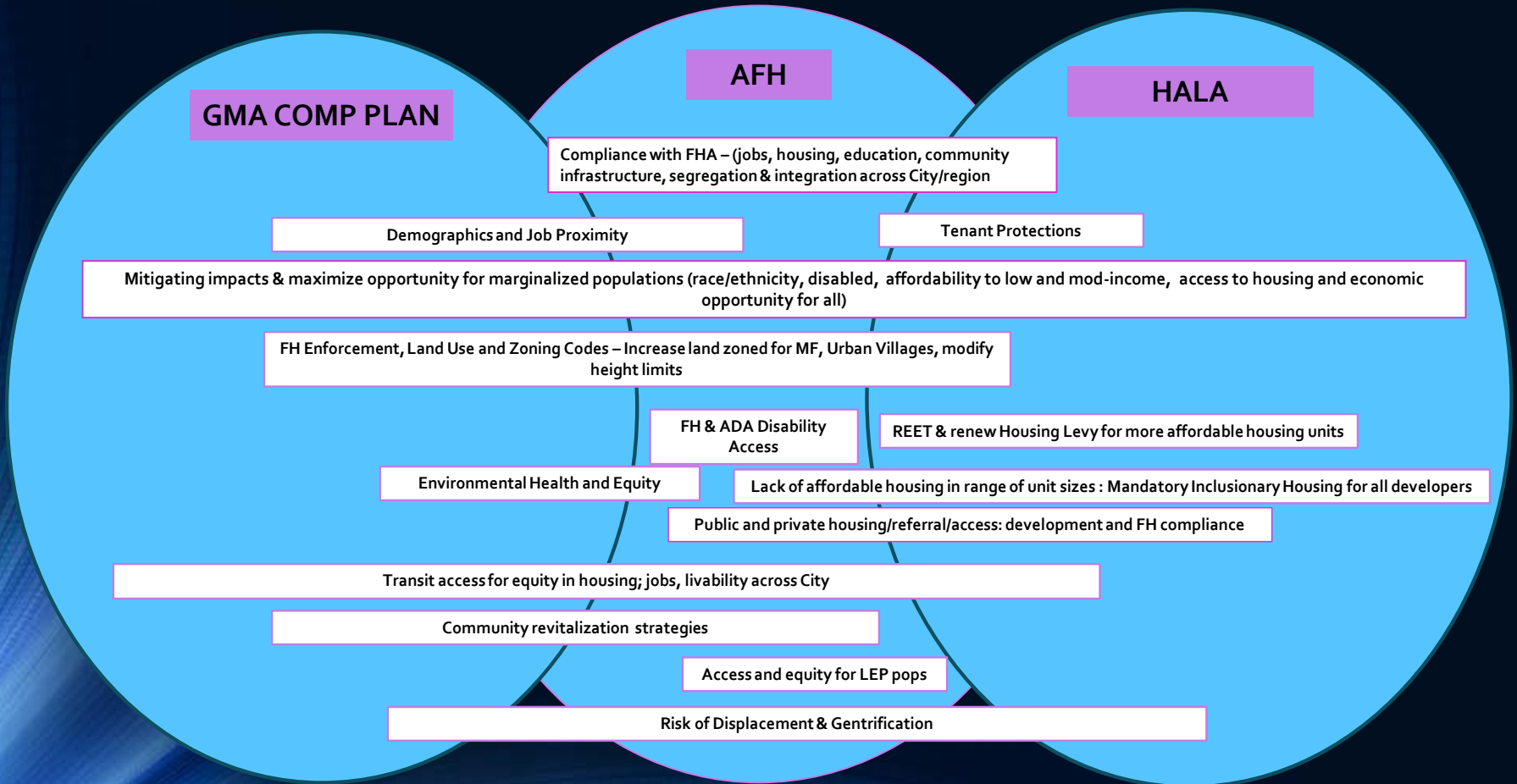


The City Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) and Seattle 2035

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Intersection of Major Plans



Purpose

- Ensure that City policies, programs, contracting and resource allocations:
 - take “meaningful action” to ***affirmatively further*** fair housing and economic opportunity; and
 - ***remove barriers*** to compliance with the Fair Housing Act of 1968 (FHA); and
 - not take action that is ***inconsistent with the duty*** to further fair housing.

HUD Goals for the AFH

- Dismantling patterns of segregation based on protected classes (next slide)
- Reduce racial and/or ethnic concentrations of poverty (R/ECAPS).
- Identify and address disproportionate housing needs.
- Increase housing mobility from low to high-opportunity areas of the City for low-income households.
- Reduce disparities in housing choice and access to community assets based on protected classes.
- Equitably expand neighborhood assets and enhance quality of life for all.

Protected Classes

Federal

- Age
- Race
- Color
- National origin,
- Religion
- Sex (gender)
- Familial status
- Disability

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- Age **
- Ancestry
- Breastfeeding in a public place
- Color
- Creed
- Disability
- Gender identity
- Marital status
- National Origin
- Parental status *
- Political ideology
- Race
- Religion
- Sex
- Sexual orientation
- Use of a Section 8 certificate *
- Use of a service animal
- Military status or Veteran

* - Not applicable to Employment or Fair Contracting cases

** - Not applicable to Public Accommodations cases

Project Milestones

- Must submit AFH to federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by **April 1, 2017**
- Technical Work Group at mid-point now. Goal to have draft question answers, data analysis and draft action recommendations by September 2016
- Policy/Vetting group reviews draft answers and recommendations through Fall 2016. Strong draft by December 2016
- On-going Community engagement, re-publishing HUD data, outreach to stakeholders, input on draft through February 2017
- Mayor and Council approval of full AFH March 2017

Breadth and Scope of AFH

Major Topics

- Segregation and Integration
- Disparities in neighborhood assets, and exposure to environmental hazards
- Disability and Access

Sample questions

- Describe and compare segregation across the jurisdiction and region.
- Does public transit provide a reliable bridge between low-asset/poverty areas and proficient schools, parks, healthcare facilities and jobs?
- Are families with children or disabilities concentrated in R/ECAP tracts?

City Technical Work Group

- Public Housing
- disability & Access
- Demographic and Trend Analysis
- Segregation/Integration, Housing Mobility, Preservation and Community Infrastructure
- Transportation and Access
- Disproportionate Housing Needs
- Disparities in Access to Opportunity
 - Employment
 - Education
 - Environmental Health
- R/ECAPS & Neighborhoods of Opportunity
- Impact of Exposure to Poverty
- Enforcement History, Monitoring & Outreach Capacity

How Can Planning Commission Participate?

- Actively seek integration with Seattle 2035 plan elements
- Identify major initiatives that could be coordinated with AFH development for consistency of message.
- Community engagement in 2016-17
- Follow up – more detailed analysis with sub-committees
- Questions?
- “A Taste of the AFH” – What do HUD Maps show us? (hyperlink provided)