



Join the Conversation!

Thank you to everyone who has already come and shared opinions. Phase 2 questions have launched on Consider.it and we encourage you to return and see what's new.

For those of you who have not checked it out, consider.it is an online conversation where you can respond to City and community proposals and see other respondents' opinions alongside your own.

Please check in again to see new questions.

[Log onto Consider it to give your opinion on the current HALA topics.](http://consider.it)



Artist Trust Panel Discussion on affordable housing for artists in Seattle held at Henry Art Gallery

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH HALA



Preservation Round Table

Over 55 property owners and multi-family building brokers gathered on June 13 at City Hall to provide feedback about tools to preserve existing private market affordable housing. The group participated in a roundtable discussions on programs that would reserve affordable homes including:

- low cost financing for rehabilitation,
- a preservation tax exemption,
- city-financed purchase of buildings and
- notice of sale requirements for buildings being listed.



In general property owners were interested in preservation strategies, provided there was an adequate incentive for participation to offset the cost of lowering rents to levels affordable levels. Building owners also stressed they would be more likely to participate if the city provided technical assistance to meet program requirements. The Office of Housing plans to present their preservation strategy to City Council in September. Stay tuned for more on that.

What we heard from you about Fair Chance Housing Legislation

What is Fair Chance Housing (FCH)?

FCH is legislation aimed at increasing access to Housing for People with a Criminal History. An estimated one in every three adults in the United States has a criminal record, and nearly half of all children in the U.S. have one parent with a criminal record. Due to a rise in the use of criminal background checks during the tenant screening process, people with arrest and conviction records face major barriers to housing. Fair Chance Housing legislation could lessen some of the barriers people face.

Below is an example of one proposal with quite a bit of agreement. To see more about what neighbors said about these ideas, visit our [website](#). Also, we just added more opportunities for weighing in on [Consider.it](#), so please head over there and join the conversation. The Office for Civil Rights will be using this feedback to craft recommendations for this state-level effort.

Fair Chance Housing

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Rental applicants should be given the opportunity to explain or correct criminal history information and to provide evidence of rehabilitation.



Come chat with us and have fun at Seattle Summer Parkways! HALA will be conveniently stationed next to the Department of Neighborhoods who will be giving out FREE ICE CREAM for part of the day.

Upcoming Events

HALA will have a booth at many Seattle summer festivals and we look forward to talking with you. More events will be added to our calendar.

- Rainier Summer Parkway and Heritage Parade, [August 14, 11am-4:30pm](#)
- Ballard Summer Parkway and Sustainable Ballard, [August 27, 11am-3pm](#)
- West Seattle Summer Parkway, [September 25, 11am-4pm](#)
- Ongoing: [Consider it! Online conversation](#)
- [Link to Calendar](#) for other important dates

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