

LEGISLATIVE OBJECTIVES

Working toward housing solutions in Washington state

SUPPORT: A Pause on Statewide Building Codes for 10 Years

- Pause new code updates for 10 years after the 2024 edition.
- Since 2009, code changes have added over \$40,000 to new home costs and have priced out more than 80% of Washington families' ability to purchase a home.
- Washington needs a decade of code stability to build one million homes. Let's focus on building, not rewriting rules.

SUPPORT: Impact Fee Uniformity for Fair Growth and Planning

- Require local governments to cost-share by limiting how much a project (50%) can be paid for with collected impact fees.
- Tie fee updates to comprehensive plan cycles to ensure consistency with capital facility plans.
- Replace lien-based deferrals with promissory notes.

SUPPORT: More Access to Buildable Lands

- Expand land supply by reforming the Growth Management Act and allowing diverse options like rural ADUs.
- With only 3.7% of land open for housing, expanding growth areas (even to 10%) could dramatically improve affordability.

SUPPORT: Real Permit Reform

- Allow licensed professionals to certify code compliance to fast-track project approvals.
- Encourage the use of AI by permitting authorities to streamline permit intake.

SUPPORT: Subdivision Reform & Streamlining

- Allow administrative plat approval, clarify pre-application meetings, and encourage concurrent review of plats and construction plans to reduce costs, speed approvals, and expand infill housing.

SUPPORT: Clear & Objective Development Standards

- Require local development codes to use clear, measurable, and objective standards. The goal is to remove subjective interpretation, provide predictable outcomes, and deliver faster, more affordable housing approvals.



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