

# Housing Research Center

Economic Development District Board

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Puget Sound Regional Council



*We are leaders in the region to realize equity for all. Diversity, racial equity and inclusion are integrated into how we carry out all our work.*

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# Background

- Housing affordability continues to be a major priority for the region
- PSRC has been responsive to numerous legislative requests for research and analysis (TOD, Missing Middle, etc.)





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- Housing Research Centers could serve as a model to support statewide research for policymakers, stakeholders, and advocates



# Examples of Housing Research Centers

- Terner Center UC Berkeley
- Furman Center NYU
- Center for Regional & Urban Affairs, University of Minnesota





# Proposed Mission

The mission of the Washington State Center for Housing Research is to provide timely analysis and data-driven research to formulate bold strategies supporting programmatic innovation for policymakers, practitioners and advocates.





# Potential Areas of Research



- Increasing the supply and lowering the cost of housing in ways that align with equity and environmental goals
- Strategies to expand affordability and access to quality homes and communities to support racial, social and economic inclusion
- Driving innovation in housing policy and practice
- Analysis that supports efforts to maximize housing production around planned transit investments while addressing displacement



# Housing Research Center Summit

- Over 100 housing leaders gathered yesterday
- UW announced they will host the interdisciplinary center at Evans School and College of Built Environments

[Link to media release](#)









# Next Steps

- Legislative Campaign
- Phased launch by UW

Organizational sign-on letter

Sign-up for legislative updates







# Thank You!

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