Regional Housing Needs Assessment – Review Early Findings

Friday, October 9, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Remote Only – See Zoom connection information below

This interactive event will take a “deep dive” into early findings from the Regional Housing Needs Assessment. The two-hour session will include an overview of the data and small-group breakout discussions to focus on the key findings and data needed to support the forthcoming regional housing strategy.

AGENDA

12:00  Welcome

12:15  Part 1: What does it cost to be housed? What is contributing to housing prices?
      ➢ Presentation, Q+A, Breakout Discussions

12:45  Part 2: How does this affect people?
      ➢ Presentation, Q+A, Breakout Discussions

1:15   Part 3: What is needed to address these gaps?
      ➢ Presentation, Q+A, Breakout Discussions

1:45   Next Steps

2:00   Adjourn
Breakout Discussion Questions

- What are the most important findings to bring into future strategy discussions?
- Is anything (context, additional analysis, etc.) else needed to reinforce or emphasize these findings?
- What’s missing and/or hard to understand?

Remote Connection Information

- To join via video conference with a web browser or smart device, go to https://psrc.org.zoom.us/j/99292166622?pwd=cXlmU2ZWQStsRUhBQk0xL1FTWit2UT09 and enter Meeting ID: 992 9216 6622 and Passcode: 376600.
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- When you are delegated to a breakout room, please leave your microphone muted unless you would like to be recognized for a question or comment. Use of your video is optional, but welcome! If you are calling in over the phone, you may toggle mute/unmute by pressing *6.
Regional Housing Strategy – Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Regional Housing Strategy? A new housing action in the draft VISION 2050 plan (H-Action-1) directs PSRC to develop a regional housing strategy, including a regional housing needs assessment. The regional housing strategy is intended to serve as a “playbook” of regional and local actions to move towards the region’s goal to preserve, improve, and expand its housing stock. This will provide a range of affordable, accessible, healthy, and safe housing choices to every resident and to promote fair and equal access to housing for all people.

What is the Regional Housing Needs Assessment? How does it fit into the strategy? The Regional Housing Needs Assessment seeks to answer the central question of “What are gaps between current and projected housing needs and housing supply?” The needs assessment analyzes conditions, trends and gaps in the region’s housing stock and demonstrates how local and subregional housing need and supply fit into the regional picture. The final Regional Housing Needs Assessment will include regional and county data for the majority of data measures. Data at the sub-county and center/high-capacity transit area scale will be included for select measures. Findings from the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) will inform the actions included in the Regional Housing Strategy.

What’s the timeline for the project? The strategy is anticipated to be finalized in 2021. Additional findings from the RHNA will be available later this year, including a draft report.

How can I learn more? Check out the Regional Housing Strategy webpage at https://www.psrc.org/regional-housing-strategy for more information, updates on the process, and supporting materials. Slides and other materials shared at the October 9 work session will be emailed to registered attendees.

What about folks who didn’t attend today’s session? The presentation is being recorded and will be available on PSRC’s website soon. A link to the video will be shared in a follow-up email.

Who else are you talking to? The Growth Management Policy Board is leading the development of the strategy. Staff also plan to engage residents dealing with the day-to-day
impacts of rising housing costs and housing access disparities due to systemic racism. Later this year, focus groups will review findings from the Regional Housing Needs Assessment and be asked to provide feedback on whether these findings are consistent with lived experiences, and if/what findings are most important for informing forthcoming strategy discussions. Feedback from the focus groups will be incorporated into the Regional Housing Needs Assessment and help to set up future strategy discussions.