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Happening Tomorrow: District One Recovery Roadshow Event at the Byrnes Performing Arts Center in Arlington

Community Event to Provide Feedback on Federal Recovery Funds for Residents of County Council District One, Spanning North Snohomish County

Snohomish County, Wash., June 22, 2022 – The fifth and final Office of Recovery & Resilience (ORR) in-person [pandemic recovery community event](#) is taking place tomorrow, June 23, at the Byrnes Performing Arts Center in Arlington, from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. At this event, Snohomish County Council District One communities – including residents and business owners in Arlington, Darrington, Granite Falls, Marysville, the Sauk-Suiattle Tribe, Stanwood, and the Stillaguamish Tribe – will be able to help shape uses of the county’s \$160 million American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation.

The following are the top six pandemic recovery issues for District One; these issues were identified through ORR’s conversations with community partners and local elected officials in the district:

- Child care & early childhood education
- Increasing homeless shelter availability
- Increasing behavioral & mental health services
- Increasing affordable housing
- Economic opportunity & job training
- Supporting youth & students

Event attendees will vote on their top three pandemic recovery priorities from within these identified issues. At 6:45 p.m., attendees can participate in a facilitated deep-dive discussion on the top three voted issues to identify recovery barriers and solutions.

In addition, the event will include resource tables where attendees can connect directly with Snohomish County and community-based services and resources. Participating organizations include the [Department of Conservation and Natural Resources](#), [Planning and Development Services](#), [Volunteers of America Western Washington](#), and [ChildCare Aware](#). Participants will also get free dinner and dessert from [Tacos El Tule Oaxaca](#) and [Sugar + Spoon](#). [Imagine Children’s Museum](#) will provide on-site arts activities for elementary age kids. In addition, [Latino Education and Training Institute \(LETI\)](#) will provide on-site Spanish interpretation and discussion.

“Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Snohomish County communities have come together to do what’s best for all of us: We’ve gotten vaccinated, tested, and rallied around our front-line workers and small businesses. Our collective recovery should be no different – we have to do it together,” said Executive Dave Somers. “That’s why the county and partners are embarking on this extensive outreach and engagement effort. We want to hear directly from our residents and businesses on what recovery means to them. Our goal is to ensure we make smart and sustainable investments that are responsive to community needs, with a focus on people most impacted by the pandemic.”

“Given the significant amount of federal funding being allocated through the county, it is critical that these taxpayer funds are spent wisely,” said Councilmember Nate Nehring ([District 1](#)). “My top priority is ensuring that we take time to

listen to our constituents so that we can hear the existing needs directly from those who have been most impacted by the pandemic and associated economic restrictions.”

“This is a great opportunity for our families and businesses to provide feedback to the County's Office of Recovery for investing the County's \$160 million of pandemic recovery funding. We’re asking residents to think about how the pandemic has impacted them and how can the County help? We hope to see and hear from you at the District 1 Recovery Roadshow this Thursday evening at 6 p.m.,” said Arlington [Mayor Barb Tolbert](#).

“This is an unprecedented opportunity for citizens and stakeholders to directly influence the disbursement of valuable resources. We highly encourage public participation,” said Stanwood [Mayor Sid Roberts](#).

Details for the District One Recovery Roadshow event are as follows:

- **Date & Time:** Thursday, June 23; doors open at 6 p.m., event ends at 7:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Byrnes Performing Arts Center, 18821 Crown Ridge Blvd., Arlington WA 98223
- **Cities & Tribes:** Arlington, Darrington, Granite Falls, Marysville, Sauk-Suiattle Tribe, Stanwood, and the Stillaguamish Tribe
- **Free Dinner:** Food trucks from Tacos El Tule Oaxaca and Sugar + Spoon will be on-site throughout the event.
- **Free Kids Activities:** Imagine Children’s Museum will be providing free arts and crafts activities for elementary aged kids throughout the event.
- **Interpretation Services:** Latino Education and Training Institute (LETI) will provide on-site Spanish interpretation and discussion.

Residents interested in attending the District One event are encouraged to review [this flyer](#) before attending. District One residents who are unable to attend the June 23 event can email their recovery priorities to ORR directly at SnohomishCounty.Recovers@snoco.org.

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