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Snohomish County Tomorrow Announces Assembly featuring Housing Affordability Regional Taskforce

EVERETT, Wash., September 9, 2019—Snohomish County Tomorrow (SCT) announces a presentation from the Snohomish County Housing Affordability Regional (HART) Task Force to the SCT Assembly. The presentation, as well as discussion of HART’s finding, will start at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, September 25, 2019. The public is invited to join the conversation by coming to the Everett Station Weyerhaeuser Room (3201 Smith Ave., 4th floor, Everett). This program is being co-sponsored by Snohomish County Tomorrow (SCT) and Snohomish County Cities (SCC).

With one of the hottest housing markets in the country, the Puget Sound region is growing increasingly unaffordable for some residents, and homeownership is becoming less attainable for the middle class. A coordinated response is needed among cities and the county, together with other governments, private sector firms and non-profit agencies. The Housing Affordability Regional Taskforce (HART) is identifying solutions and will give preliminary findings to the SCT Assembly.

County Executive Dave Somers, Lynnwood Mayor Nicola Smith and members of the HART Working Groups will lead off the discussion. Executive Somers, in setting up this taskforce said, “A coordinated response to our housing challenges is our best step forward. We need to determine what we are each willing and able to do and then act accordingly.”

For more information or to register please visit <http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/168> or contact Cynthia Pruitt, SCT Coordinator, at 425-388-3185 or Cynthia.Pruitt@snoco.org.

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About HART’s Mission

The Snohomish County Housing Affordability Regional Taskforce (HART) will collaboratively develop a five-year action plan that identifies priorities for County and City governments to accelerate our collective ability to meet the affordable housing needs of all County residents, and sets a foundation for continued success through 2050.

About Snohomish County Tomorrow (SCT)

Snohomish County Tomorrow is a cooperative forum with representatives from Snohomish County and 19 of its cities, as well as from the Tulalip Tribes. The group’s primary function is to oversee Countywide Planning Policies – written policies on growth management from which the county and cities’ comprehensive land use plans are developed.

About Snohomish County Cities

SCC is based on these values:

- **Advocate** for our communities
- **Engage** local leaders to meet shared challenges
- **Partner** to create a vibrant, thriving county