

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE SOUTH KING COUNTY HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS PARTNERS, SUPPORTING LOCAL JURISDICTION ADOPTION OF HOUSING STABILITY POLICIES, INFORMED BY BOTH TENANTS AND LANDLORDS

WHEREAS, earlier this year, the World Health Organization announced novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is officially a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Governor declared a State of Emergency due to new cases of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the COVID-19 challenges that can affect payment of residential rent, it is appropriate for local jurisdictions to establish regulations supporting the issues of increasing housing security and enforcement mechanism as they relate to rental housing; and

WHEREAS, it is a South King Housing and Homelessness Partners (SKHHP) priority to provide input on housing policy and programs in South King County and to complement the efforts of existing public and private organizations to address housing needs in South King County; and

WHEREAS, as a result of rising housing costs and housing cost burden rates in South King County, displacement was occurring prior to the current pandemic. Between 2012 and 2018 South King County saw a sharp reduction in the number of households with incomes under 30% of the Area Median Income. This trend was particularly acute for renter households; and

WHEREAS, local tenant protection and housing stability policies are proactive strategies that help keep people in place, improve housing stability, and mitigate displacement and other unintended consequences of regional growth.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE EXECUTIVE BOARD RESOLVES as follows:

Section 1. The SKHHP Executive Board supports local and statewide efforts to improve and implement tenant protection and housing stability policies for those who live in manufactured housing communities and in traditional rental housing.

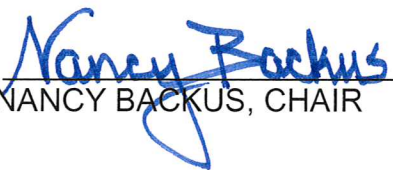
Section 2. SKHHP recognizes that in order to fully address displacement and other unintended negative consequences of regional growth the region needs a strategic set of comprehensive policies and programs that includes both tenant protection laws, housing stability and preservation policies, and housing production of both market-rate and subsidized housing.

Section 3. It is SKHHP's intent to support vibrant and diverse neighborhoods within the South King County subregion that balance the needs of landlords and tenants.

Section 4. This Resolution will take effect and be in full force on passage and signature.

Dated and Signed this 28th day of October, 2020.

SOUTH KING COUNTY HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS PARTNERS



NANCY BACKUS, CHAIR