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## **CITY LAUNCHES HOUSING STRATEGY WEBSITE**

**(Edmonds - WA)** A housing website has been launched to let people know about a housing strategy that is being developed by the City of Edmonds. The website is: <https://www.edmondshousingstrategy.org/>.

The Housing Strategy will identify how the City can help increase the supply of affordable housing and meet diverse housing needs. A draft version is expected to be ready for public review in late spring.

Development of the housing strategy is one of the steps required in the City's Comprehensive Plan. Several months ago, a Housing Strategy Task Force was appointed by Mayor Dave Earling to recommend actions that could be incorporated into the strategy.

Since then, the Task Force has met three times. Meeting information is included on the City's website (above).

"I'm excited about collaborating with people," said City Council member Adrienne Fraley-Monillas, who also serves on the Housing Task Force. "We want to come up with a strategic set of actions the City can take to ensure more affordable housing—whether for moderate-income families or a whole range of folks who are struggling to pay for housing in our community."

When a draft Strategy is ready, it will be posted on the City's new website and discussed in public meetings.

"We are fortunate to have an excellent task force," noted Shane Hope, the City's development services director who is organizing the effort. "The members have different housing expertise, some from the public side, some from the private side. I have no doubt they will come up with—not just great ideas and goals—but real things the City can do or partner on to make a significant difference."

The new website is meant to help people keep track of the housing strategy project, including task force meetings. On the website, anyone interested can sign up for email notices.

For more information, call 425-771-0220.

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