



# City of Edmonds Media Release

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## Open House on Housing to Be Held

A public open house to share information and get input on the work of the Edmonds Citizens' Housing Commission will be held Wednesday, February 12, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm at the Edmonds-Woodway High School Great Hall, 7600 212<sup>th</sup> St SW.

For the February 12 open house, attendees are encouraged to use the high school's south parking lot off 76<sup>th</sup> (across from the hospital) and enter the building from that parking lot.

The Housing Commission began monthly public meetings this fall. This is the first open house about the Commission's work. Prior monthly meetings were video-recorded and posted online at: <https://www.citizenshousingcommission.org/>. The meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, starting at 6:30 pm in the Brackett Room, third floor of City Hall. The public is welcome to attend the meetings in person or view them online.

Based on an adopted City Council Resolution, the Commission's mission is to: "Develop diverse housing policy options for Council consideration designed to expand the range of housing (including rental and owned) available in Edmonds; options that are irrespective of age, gender, race, religious affiliation, physical disability or sexual orientation." The recommendations are due to the Council at the end of 2020.

Then in 2021, the City Council will further consider the Commission's recommendations. This will include public input and, if appropriate, additional analysis by the Planning Board and others.

Mayor Mike Nelson said, "Our Citizens' Housing Commission members have a lot of different experiences and ideas and they want the whole community to share their ideas too."

The Commission has fifteen members and eight alternates, all residents of Edmonds. It was created in 2019 from a citywide application process that resulted in each City Council member appointing two Commissioners and one alternate and the former Mayor appointing one Commissioner and one alternate. None of the appointees were members of any other City board or commission.

The Housing Commission's early meetings focused on enabling the new members to gain a common understanding of housing issues in Edmonds, as well as city processes and legal framework. Additional public

events will be held during the coming months.

More information about the Commission is on the city website: <https://www.citizenshousingcommission.org/>.

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