

K2044 Comprehensive Plan Update Briefing for the Human Services Element

Summary of new or revised policies and/or regulatory changes for consistency with State, Regional, King County Planning Policies, and local goals for the Human Services Element

- **Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA)** – goals and amendments since the last update;¹
- **Washington State Department of Commerce (DOC)** – periodic review checklists will address requirements of state law, and identify policy and regulatory updates required under new state laws;²
- **Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC)** – periodic review checklist for cities and regional centers, the Regional Growth Strategy and multi-county planning policies provided for in PSRC’s Vision 2050 Growth Strategy Plan;³ 2050 Regional Transportation Plan;⁴
 - Housing: Displacement and Racially-Disparate Impacts
 - Equity
- **King County Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs)**⁵ adopted by King County which address growth management issues in King County and allocates employment and housing growth targets to each city
 - Support a range of affordable, accessible, and healthy housing choices
 - Weaving equity into all policies
 - Equitable access to public services

Local plans, goals and requirements

- **EcoNorthwest Equity Review Report**⁶
Specific recommendations for the Human Services element and related guidance:
 - Align with the City’s DEIB Plan
 - More in-depth consideration of the equitable distribution of the City’s funding and engagement with Human Service providers/organizations
 - Avoid using the terminology “special needs” and update outdated language

¹ <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=36.70A.020>

² <https://deptofcommerce.app.box.com/s/lzqh1lwfi2qn6drg964412r43tv780hh>

³ <https://www.psrc.org/sites/default/files/2022-11/vision-2050-plan.pdf>

⁴ <https://www.psrc.org/planning-2050/regional-transportation-plan>

⁵ https://cdn.kingcounty.gov/-/media/king-county/depts/executive/performance-strategy-budget/regional-planning/cpps/2021_cpps-adopted_19384-amended_19553.pdf?rev=7ea6e59c9810495db4335e3b6b6d35e8&hash=F3190536F7D2C1A28BE15E62E82C42D9

⁶ <https://www.kirklandwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/planning-amp-building/kirkland-2044-comp-plan/equity-review-report-kirkland-comprehensive-plan-econorthwest-final20221108.pdf>

- Use of asset-based language (instead of using term homeless, instead use unhoused)
- Use of inclusive language and assumptions by using specific descriptors to convey meaning that is easily understood
- **Kirkland Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging (DEIB) 5 Year Roadmap⁷**
The City will identify and utilize an equity-centered third-party review process for the City's Comprehensive Plan and other long-range planning processes. This will ensure that the perspectives, insights, and voices of underrepresented groups and communities are included in the creation and review of such plans helps them be reflective of Kirkland's diverse community.

Recommendations related to Human Services include:

- Shared application for Human Services funding
- Welcoming America certification
- Support national racial justice initiatives
- Regular tracking and reporting of data
- CMO in coordination with the Human Service Division and other relevant departments will continue to contribute to regional events and conferences to develop shared analysis, learning, and planning with government and community groups within the Northwest Region
- **City Council Goals 2023-2024⁸**
City Council Goal: Community Safety, Inclusive & Equitable Community, and Supportive Human Services

Implement the Regional Crisis Response Agency and establish a North End Behavioral Health Crisis Clinic with the cities of Bothell, Kenmore, Lake Forest Park, and Shoreline in partnership with King County and the State of Washington.

City Council Goal: Inclusive and Equitable Community

Complete priority tasks of the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Five Year Roadmap and update the Roadmap with new tasks identified by the community, the Council and the staff.

City Council Goal: Attainable Housing and Vibrant Neighborhoods

Prioritize the retention and construction of attainable and diverse housing throughout the City. Partner with King County to implement the Health Through Housing permanent supportive housing project in Lakeview. Partner with ARCH, developers, and non-profit agencies to implement the affordable housing projects Polaris and Ardea in Totem Lake, and the Kirkland Heights renovation and expansion in Evergreen Hill. Complete

⁷ https://www.kirklandwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/city-managers-office/roadmap-as-adopted_1.pdf

⁸ <https://www.kirklandwa.gov/Government/City-Council/City-Work-Program>

affordable housing requirements and incentive zoning for the NE 85th Street Station Area Plan. Monitor implementation through Kirkland's Housing Dashboard.

- **Sustainability Master Plan (SMP)⁹**

Goals related to Human Services include:

- Goal HC-6: Address the homelessness crisis in Kirkland and regionally. Ensure that unhoused residents are connected to life-safety services by coordinating the City's response to the homelessness crisis and providing ongoing case management support.
- Goal HC-7: Build a community in which families, neighbors, schools, and organizations all work together to help young people become engaged, competent and responsible members of the community.
- Goal HC-8: Enhance the City of Kirkland as a safe, inclusive, and welcoming place for all.
- Goal HC-9: Cultivate a welcoming and inclusive community for immigrants and refugees.
- Goal HC-10: Dismantle institutional and structural racism in Kirkland to increase social equity and environmental justice city-wide.

⁹ <https://www.kirklandwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/public-works/recycling/sustainability/sustainability-master-plan-adopted-dec-2020.pdf>