



ARCH
A Regional Coalition for Housing

2026 Legislative Priorities

ARCH members are currently planning for over 80,000 additional affordable homes by 2044. To meet this need, ARCH is focused on funding and policy solutions that will help build more affordable housing faster.

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ARCH Priority 1: Increase funding for affordable housing at the state and local levels

1A: Provide local revenue options to support affordable housing (such as a graduated local Real Estate Excise Tax)

1B: Encourage state investments and provide funding incentives for local jurisdictions to promote affordable housing (such as expanding the HB 1406 state sales tax credit)

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ARCH Priority 2: Continue to reduce barriers and support local efforts to build more affordable housing faster

2A: Establish development and tax incentives to support affordable rental and ownership housing on properties owned by religious organizations

2B: Support other policies that expand access to land for a range of affordable housing types (such as surplus property policies)



General Policy Positions

- ARCH supports policies and continued state assistance that ensure strong local affordable housing projects, plans, and programs (such as the Multifamily Tax Exemption and inclusionary policies).
- ARCH recognizes the importance of maintaining the existing stock of affordable housing in East King County and protecting prior investments

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ARCH is a partnership of local jurisdictions working to preserve and increase housing for low- and moderate income households in East King County.