

## Debra Thompson

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**From:** Stephen Giesbrecht  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 29, 2022 9:43 AM  
**To:** Debra Thompson  
**Cc:** Assembly; Jody Tow  
**Subject:** FW: AML hopes for participation in our Housing Task Force + taxability question for you

For #1 the Assembly will need to weigh in.

Jody will respond for Petersburg for question 2.

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**Subject:** AML hopes for participation in our Housing Task Force + taxability question for you

I have a couple things to bring to your attention, hoping for feedback or response. I've included here about 40 members who might be experiencing these issues.

1. AML's board of directors yesterday approved the formation of a housing task force, within which we've included a child care subgroup. The intent is to gather data and information from members about their housing issues, processes, and potential solutions. As this conversation picks up across the state (and nation), we want to be prepared for potential legislative activity that may be directed at local governments. Will you please nominate someone to serve on this task force (shape the work and participate in meetings, help with analysis), and/or to be a point of contact (receive communications and respond to information requests)?
  - a. While the primary focus is on housing, members identified child care as a priority, as well, and it would be great if you could suggest someone who is looking at that issue from your perspective, or who could help inform ours. This is more like a small working group, to work through potential options or solutions for local governments, or positions we could take to advance statewide solutions.
2. A question has come up from a member about how those of you with a property tax handle taxability questions, and whether that is through your board of equalization. By taxability I mean whether an entity is taxable or exempt, and probably especially this comes up with nonprofits or religious organizations. Does your board of equalization handle this, or do you send it to superior court for a decision? Does it work well or is it challenging?

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