



A REGIONAL COALITION FOR HOUSING

## LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

### BUILDING MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FASTER

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.**

#### PRIORITIES FOR 2025

- 1. Increase funding for affordable housing at the state and local level and through local options, such as changes to real estate excise tax (REET).** Specific proposals include:
  - Allow greater flexibility in existing REET revenues to be dedicated to affordable housing, including through regional efforts such as ARCH.
  - Direct the Department of Revenue and other relevant agencies to explore and direct what would be necessary for a graduated local option REET for affordable housing.
- 2. Continue to reduce barriers and support local efforts to build more affordable housing faster,** such as:
  - Provide policy and funding support to promote affordable housing development on properties owned by religious organizations.

#### ABOUT US

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

#### ARCH MEMBERS

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