Mandatory Housing Affordability

Mandatory Housing Affordability (MHA) is part of Seattle’s Housing Affordability and Livability Agenda (HALA) that strives to create 50,000 homes by 2025, including 20,000 affordable homes. MHA will require new development to include affordable homes or contribute to a City fund for affordable housing. To put MHA into effect, the City will need to make zoning changes that add development capacity and expand housing choices.

After putting MHA in place in six Seattle neighborhoods in 2017 (University District, Downtown, South Lake Union, Chinatown–International District, along 23rd Ave in the Central Area, and Uptown), the city is working to implement MHA citywide. This proposal – called Citywide MHA Implementation – will rezone (and in some cases expand) urban villages throughout Seattle.

Architects need to weigh in on this issue!

The City Council is holding public hearings throughout the spring to hear public feedback on the MHA legislation. See dates on back.

AIA Seattle’s Homelessness Task Force is organizing groups to attend and testify. We’ll give you a t-shirt and provide tips for testifying. You can also attend as part of the AIA Seattle group and provide support while others testify.

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You can also send your comments to all City Council-members via email at: citywideMHA@seattle.gov
MHA City Council Public Hearings
Provide comments on MHA directly to City Council members or join with other AIA members to testify as a group

Districts 3 & 7
Monday, April 16
6:00 pm
Seattle Central College (Broadway Performance Hall)
1625 Broadway

District 2
Monday, May 7
6:00 pm
Franklin High School (Auditorium)
3013 S Mt Baker Blvd

District 1
Tuesday, June 5
6:00 pm
Chief Sealth High School (Auditorium)
2600 SW Thistle St

Citywide
Monday, June 25
6:00 pm
Seattle City Hall, Council Chambers
600 4th Ave

MHA Open Houses
Review maps of proposed MHA zoning changes to district urban villages & speak with city officials

District 3 & 7
Thursday, March 29
6:00 – 8:00 pm
Washington Hall, 153 14th Ave., 2nd floor

District 2
Saturday, April 28
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
New Holly Gathering Hall
7054 32nd Ave. South

District 1
Wednesday, May 9
6:00 – 8:00 pm
Louisa Boren K-8
5950 Delridge Way SW

Read more about HALA and MHA here:
www.seattle.gov/hala/about