

King County Regional Homelessness Authority
“Listen, Change, Check” on SCA Questions and Interests

Issue Area	What We Heard	How We Incorporated What We Heard	What Key Interests We are Still Hearing
Role of Elected Leaders	“Elected officials need a role in oversight and providing accountability”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Created a Steering Committee comprised primarily of elected officials • S.C. approval required for every annual budget and 5-year implementation plan • S.C. always confirms Governing Board • S.C. may remove Governing Board • S.C. must receive effectiveness reports • All Councils/Mayors retain existing controls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Authority over budget decisions ○ Representation on Joint Recommendations Committee, MIDD Advisory Committee, and VSHSL Advisory Board ○ RPC/KCC fund source implementation plan approval 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steering Committee powers should enable accountability • Elected Officials should have final approval of KCRHA goals and top-level metrics
Regional Representation	“Equal authority should be given to King County, Seattle, and the Sound Cities Association cities”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added a second SCA seat to the Steering Committee, contingent upon ILA participation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equal S.C. seats without condition • S.C. seats should reflect variety of communities in King County • Governing Board make-up and appointments
Sub-Regional Planning	<p>“There is no one size fits all approach to addressing homelessness in diverse communities”</p> <p>“Different communities have different needs/priorities and background in homelessness issues”</p> <p>“These different needs and priorities should be reflected and valued in KCRHA’s work”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stated in principle that the organization “<i>shall value distinctions in local context, needs and priorities</i>” • Specify that sub-regional planning, “<i>with capacity to work with stakeholders from geographically diverse parts of the region, to be a critical part of the organization’s planning framework</i>” • Require that KCRHA provide sub-regions with planning staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation that this supports bottom-up rather than top-down planning • Clarify how sub-regional plans will drive KCRHA’s 5-year implementation plans
ILA Participation	<p>“Participation should not require funding and be completely optional”</p> <p>“Cities should be able to decide to join on a timeline that works for them”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removed any requirement for dues to fund sub-regional planning capacity • Specified that services shall be funded countywide regardless of jurisdictional participation • Eliminated any specified timeline for a city join—cities may join whenever 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “What happens if my city does NOT join the ILA?”
Why a Public Development Authority?	“Why did you propose a PDA instead of any other legal form?”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to create a specialized but accountable single agency that multiple jurisdictions can trust • Need to avoid forms that are created to exercise State-delegated power, even without local agreement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure legal form is not a path to future ability to supersede local control • Ensure that PDA is in fact more efficient and that admin costs do not balloon
Do not take over existing Municipal	“Will KCRHA be able to force siting a shelter/service in a city, have eminent domain, or create new taxes?”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed a legal form (PDA) that state law does not allow to levy taxes or exercise eminent domain • Ensured that proposed PDA has no ability to compel a local jurisdiction to take any action 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide robust and mandatory role for Steering Committee in asking for additional resources

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WHAT THIS IS	WHAT THIS ISN'T
Unified crisis response system that recognizes that crisis response is a different discipline and skill set than homelessness prevention	Does not abandon regional efforts to address root causes— instead it allows specialization
Re-Balancing authority to formally integrate SCA jurisdictions and people experiencing homelessness, neither of whom have a structurally guaranteed role in our current system (there is no formal sub-regional planning in our current system)	Cannot impose taxes, exercise police powers, land use authority, or eminent domain
Bottom-Up Integration of Sub-regional planning	Will not engage in top-down planning or impose Seattle policies
Voluntary	Does not require membership or penalize non-members

REMAINING QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

- ? What are the goals/objectives of the authority?
- ? Can it impose new taxes?
- ? What is the Regional Action Plan, and when will it be complete?
- ? What is motivating the timeline?
- ? How would this Authority be dissolved? What if it doesn't work?

AGENDA
SCA Homelessness Governance Discussion

Tukwila Community Center
October 25, 2019, 3-4:30pm

1. Introductions and Opening Remarks
2. Review and Discussion of:
 - a. What King County has heard,
 - b. What has been incorporated into the existing proposal,
 - c. What interests King Count is still hearing
3. Additional Q&A
4. Next Steps