

Pro Statement: Anacortes Ballot Measure February 11, 2020

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One-third of Anacortes homeowners and renters pay more than 30% of their income for rent and utilities. When family income is low, market rate housing is unaffordable. *We simply don't have enough affordable units for our working families - store clerks, health care workers, restaurant staff - and our elderly, veterans and disabled.* These are the people this sales measure will help.

For years, every study done regarding Anacortes' future identifies the lack of affordable housing as the #1 concern. Anacortes citizens have agreed. Although our Comprehensive Plan suggests ways we could support construction of new workforce housing, it has not resulted in any.

This year the Legislature gives us a *one-time opportunity* to truly guarantee creation of new affordable housing in Anacortes. This measure raises local sales tax by 0.1% and doubles our sales tax rebate from Washington State. This will help fund three projects of the Anacortes Family Center and the Anacortes Housing Authority to *help people who work in Anacortes to live in Anacortes*. It also creates a desperately needed new childcare center.

Your cost: a penny on every taxable \$10 you spend. For the average family of four it's less than \$20/year. Unlike property tax, tourists will help pay for this measure.

This proposal differs from all other affordable housing projects considered previously. VOTE YES, take the positive step to change Anacortes for the better, three housing projects and childcare at a time.

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