



AGE-FRIENDLY HOUSING FORUM:

WHERE WILL SEATTLE'S OLDER ADULTS LIVE?

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**Co-hosted by AARP, Age Friendly
Seattle, King County Department
of Community and Human
Services, and the Northwest
Universal Design Council**

WELCOME TO THE EVENT

Older adults across Seattle and King County consistently cite housing as a top concern. From affordability to accessible design, this forum explores the current housing challenges experienced by older adults in our region, elements of age-friendly home design, and innovative efforts underway to ensure people have access to housing as they age. Featuring national and local experts and community leaders, three moderated panel discussions will highlight current barriers to age-friendly housing and present potential solutions.

All attendees are invited to enjoy lunch, networking, and resource tables prior to the program start, and to stay after the program closes to continue engaging in conversations about how to improve housing options for Seattle and King County's older adults.

FORUM AGENDA

11:30 AM

Doors open, lunch served, resource tables available for circulation

12:00

Opening Remarks

Marco Lowe, City of Seattle Chief Operating Officer

12:20 PM

Panel 1: Housing Challenges

Older adults face unique vulnerabilities when it comes to housing, especially in a region where the cost of living is rapidly increasing. Gain insight into the diverse challenges different communities experience, including affordability, gentrification, and displacement, and the ripple effects housing instability has on the health and well-being of older adults.

Moderated by Cliff Cawthon, Habitat for Humanity

- Mary Rita Hurley, GenPride
- Emily Jones, Northeast Seattle Together
- Jennifer LaBrecque, Seattle Office of Housing
- Inye Wakoma, Wa Na Wari

AGENDA CONTINUED

1:30 PM

Panel 2: Age-Friendly Housing Design

Age-friendly home design is an important component of successful aging. Many people experience disabilities as they grow older, and typical homes can be unsafe and can even limit someone's activities. The costs of home modifications, repairs, and maintenance can be prohibitive. Hear from experts about Universal Design, SMART home technologies, and assistance programs that help people extend the years they can live safely and comfortably at home.

Moderated by Richard Duncan, RL Mace Universal Design Institute

- Sokha Danh, Seattle Office of Housing
- Naomi Namekata & Maria Kelley, Washington Assistive Technologies Act Program
- Tyler Schrenk, Tyler Schrenk Foundation

TIME FOR MAKING CONNECTIONS AND BROWSING RESOURCE TABLES

3:00 PM

Panel 3: The Future of Housing Options

Across King County, efforts are underway to increase access to affordable and accessible housing that keeps communities together and enables people to age in place in the neighborhoods they love. Learn about policies that promote the development of Accessory Dwelling Units, strategies to transform church-owned property into housing in historically Black communities, and efforts to raise funds and develop affordable housing.

Moderated by Denise Klein, Wider Horizons Village Network

- Curtis Brown, Southeast Seattle Senior Foundation / Brighton Development Group
- Donald King, Nehemiah Initiative / Coalition for More Housing Choices
- Agnes Navarro, Filipino Community of Seattle
- Nicolas Welch, Seattle Office of Planning and Community Development

4:10 PM

Group Discussion

After three content-packed panels, a facilitated discussion will invite attendees to share their own thoughts, reactions, and ideas for meeting the housing needs of older adults in our region. The input will be captured and incorporated into future actions following this convening.

4:30 – 5:00 PM

Participants are encouraged to stay after the close of the formal program to continue discussing topics of interest with panelists and attendees and to explore the resource tables that will feature materials from a range of organizations doing work related to older adults and housing.