

Memorandum

To: Planning Commission

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Date: April 27, 2011

Subject: **Study Session, Housing Needs Analysis**

PURPOSE:

At the March 30, 2011 meeting Arthur Sullivan from A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) presented population, housing and employment data in the East King County Housing Needs Analysis. The Planning Commission began a discussion of how the information presented had implications for housing policy and possible implementation strategies. On April 27, 2011, the Commission will continue this discussion to identify areas where updates to policies in the Housing Element may be recommended; review of staff recommended updates to the Housing Element will begin on May 25, 2011.

BACKGROUND

The Housing Element is part of the 2010-11 Review and Update for Redmond's Comprehensive Plan. The Housing Needs Analysis is an up-to-date compilation of data which provides the foundation for further discussion of demographics, housing supply and future projections of housing need in East King County and Redmond and will inform updates to the Housing Element. In addition, the Planning Commission discussed how to integrate the concept of sustainability into the Housing Element policies during two meetings in August, 2010.

MEETING PREPARATION

A matrix to aid your preparation and discussion is provided which identifies some of the key findings from the Housing Needs Analysis as they relate to Redmond and existing policies that address these issues. In addition, there are notes and questions in the third column that suggest areas for consideration in the Housing Element update. Review of the Summary Findings of the Housing Needs Analysis and the Redmond segment along with the issues matrix will be helpful for discussion at the April 27th meeting. (*Note: the Housing Needs Analysis and Redmond segment were sent in March 30, 2011 packet.*)

QUESTIONS

Please contact Sarah Stiteler at (425) 556-2469 ssiteler@redmond.gov with questions and for additional information.

ATTACHMENT (SEPARATE DOCUMENT): Preliminary Review – Housing Issues Matrix