

Thank you for contacting the City of Kirkland. Service request ID 23356 that you filed on 1/18/2023 5:39 PM has been closed.

### Closing Comments

Dear Central Houghton Neighborhood Association,

Thank you for contacting the City of Kirkland. Council and staff have received your comments, and I have been assigned to respond on behalf of the Council.

#### A. Project Timeline

The timeline of this project is driven by the City's critical need to house people who are unhoused and the City's support of the County's efforts to achieve that end.

Any other financial benefits, incentives, opportunities, and burdens rest with King County as the owner of the property.

#### B. Eligibility, Screening and Background Checks

The City and County continue to work through the specific process for background screening. The two most recent background screening proposals were presented to Council in January. Please reference the packet documents in this link: [https://www.kirklandwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/city-council/agenda-documents/2023/january-17-2023/6a\\_public-hearing.pdf](https://www.kirklandwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/city-council/agenda-documents/2023/january-17-2023/6a_public-hearing.pdf). The primary focus of background screening has been Washington sex offenses, consistent with the requirements of the City's Resolution R-5552. A final decision on the background screening process has not been made.

Regarding the requirements for a prospective tenant's prior residency within King County, King County's definition of eligible tenants for permanent supportive housing (PSH) requires that an individual be homeless for a designated period of time but does not have a requirement for prior residency within King County.

The City will not receive information regarding residents transferred from other County facilities.

#### C. Learnings from Similar PSH Arrangements

The City of Kirkland remains committed to reviewing best practices around PSH. The PSHA provides opportunities for the City and County to properly evaluate the program. The City is also committed to updating its website with information and learnings throughout the project.

The operator of the facility will engage with the City and the County to incorporate best practices in the program. Finally, the concerns raised about the relevancy of the County's case studies, and the recent criminal activity at a permanent supportive housing facility in Seattle have been submitted to the Councilmembers for their consideration.

#### D. Code of Conduct, Guest Policy, Good Neighbor, and Service Agreements

As these questions are the same as those offered in question B above, please see that response.

#### E. Performance Metrics and Transparency in Reporting

All specific asks have been received by the Councilmembers for their review and consideration prior to making a decision

regarding this matter.

If you have any additional thoughts, please feel free to contact me directly.

Kind regards,

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