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Dear King County Council Chair Balducci and Councilmembers,

On behalf of the Housing Development Consortium (HDC)'s 200 members, thank you for this opportunity to comment in strong support of the King County EDI motion (Proposed Motion 2021-046) and urge your support.

Equitable development is an approach to creating healthy, vibrant communities and includes the investments, programs, and policies that meet the needs of marginalized populations and reduce disparities. The Equitable Development Initiative (EDI) framework embraces two goals with the purpose of preventing displacement and increasing equitable access to opportunity. We need a King County EDI to invest in communities as currently low-income and Black Indigenous and People of Color communities (BIPOC) across the region, face an ongoing public health threat from displacement in the face of rising rents and home prices.

The City of Seattle has provided funding and opportunities for communities to lead and partner in their own development through the Seattle EDI. We believe this can serve as a model for creating a new community-driven EDI that serves the whole region. We urge your support in establishing a King County EDI.

Attached is our comment letter.

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