WHEREAS, the Central Puget Sound region has received a $4,999,700 Sustainable Communities Planning Grant from the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development to be used to develop a regional, collaborative policy framework for planning development within transit corridors located in King, Pierce and Snohomish Counties called the Growing Transit Communities Program; and

WHEREAS, the development of low income and affordable housing within transit corridors is a critical component of this policy framework; and

WHEREAS, the King County Housing Authority’s Board of Commissioners has identified the development of affordable housing along transit corridors as a core mission element; and

WHEREAS, the Central Puget Sound region has established a strong foundation for regional collaboration and planning with the adoption of VISION 2040, Transportation 2040, and a coordinated Regional Economic Strategy, which, combined together, provide a regional sustainable development vision and policy framework; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of elected officials; public agencies; leaders of and for affordable housing, communities and neighborhoods, business, education, the environment, philanthropy, finance, real estate, and transportation to cooperatively engage in the work related to the Growing Transit Communities program for its successful completion; and
WHEREAS, the Growing Transit Communities program will be managed by the Puget Sound Regional Council in cooperation with Consortium Partners; and

WHEREAS, the Growing Transit Communities program is organized around Consortium Partners’ participation in a planning process described in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that sets forth the Consortium’s goals, work plan, governance, and decision-making processes along with the roles and responsibilities of the Consortium and its individual partners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF KING:

1. The King County Housing Authority supports the goals, organization, governance, and work objectives of the Growing Transit Community Program.
2. The Executive Director is authorized to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Consortium Partners on behalf of KCHA.


THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF KING, WASHINGTON

NANCY HOLLAND-YOUNG, Chair
Board of Commissioners

STEPHEN J. NORMAN
Secretary-Treasurer