



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

September 16, 2016

Ray Stephanson
Mayor

Dear Neighbor,

Please join me on Tuesday, Oct. 4, for a chance to learn more about the permanent supportive housing facility that is planned for your neighborhood.

The City of Everett has been working with our community partners for the past two years to better understand and address street-level social issues in our city, including homelessness, mental illness and addiction. Last fall we launched the Safe Streets plan, a comprehensive approach to more effectively respond to individuals on the streets and to improve the health and safety of our entire community.

Housing is a key component of the Safe Streets plan. The City has committed to increasing housing opportunities for chronically homeless individuals, many of whom have a significant impact on emergency services and City resources, using the Housing First model. This approach prioritizes placing people in housing, and then surrounding them with case management and access to treatment and services when they are stabilized.

With support from Snohomish County and Providence Regional Medical Center, we are partnering with Catholic Housing Services to develop and operate a 70-unit permanent supportive housing facility on City-owned property off of Berkshire Drive. This will be a modern apartment building with 24/7 controlled access and around-the-clock staffing on site. This will not be a day center, shelter or treatment facility; services offered on site will be for residents only.

Meeting Details

The meeting will include presentations by Catholic Housing Services, Catholic Community Services, City of Everett staff and Everett Police and an opportunity for you to ask questions about the facility. I also encourage you to visit our website for more information and to sign up for updates on the project: www.everettwa.gov/housingfirst.

Tuesday, Oct. 4, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Evergreen Middle School cafeteria
7621 Beverly Ln

We are facing incredible challenges on our streets, and I am encouraged by how our community has supported us in finding new ways of addressing these problems. I hope you'll join me on Oct. 4 for a chance to learn more about the project and why I believe it's so critical for our community.

Sincerely,


Mayor Ray Stephanson