

JOINT NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Bellingham, WA

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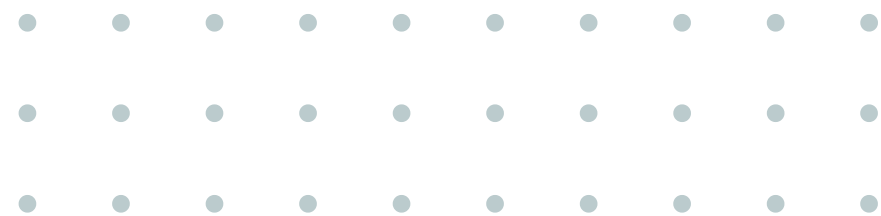


AGENDA



Mayor Lund

01. PUBLIC SAFETY AND PUBLIC WORKS
02. CITY'S FINANCIAL POSITION AND BUDGET
03. HOUSING DENSITY AND GROWTH
04. WATERFRONT AND QUIET ZONES
05. ROUND TABLE: QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS FOR NEIGHBORS
06. SOUTH HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ELECTION AND TREASURERS REPORT





PUBLIC SAFETY AND WORKS

Topics of Interest

POLICE

Personnel

Drugs / homelessness

Patrols

County Health Department

cob.org/gov/dept/police

PUBLIC WORKS

Parking

Waste Water

Multi Modal

Maintenance

cob.org/gov/dept/pw

BUDGET & FINANCIAL POSITION

Topics of Interest

BUDGET

How does the budget work?

Greenways - End of Year Reserves -
\$5.5mm -63%

Wastewater - \$8.7mm -78%

Beginning Reserves - \$313 million

End of Year Reserves - \$201 million -36%

“Other Services & Charges”?

cob.org/gov/budget

BUDGET & FINANCIAL POSITION

Topics of Interest

FINANCIAL POSITION

State of Property tax /
Sales tax / Business and
Occupation Tax / Utility Tax

1% Property Tax Increase
Our property taxes are already high.
Where does the money go?

Redirection & Fund Diversion

cob.org/gov/dept/finance/reports

WATERFRONT AND QUIET ZONES

Topics of Interest

WATERFRONT

The Budget for financing Waterfront Infrastructure projects does not have any expenditures planned *(371)*.

How is the Waterfront's Development?

QUIET ZONES

What is the status of the train crossings that are the City's responsibility?

HOMELESS, DENSITY & GROWTH

Topics of Interest

HOUSING

Comprehensive Plan

Encampments

Relation to mental illness

Goal to help residents

<https://cob.org/services/planning>

DENSITY AND GROWTH

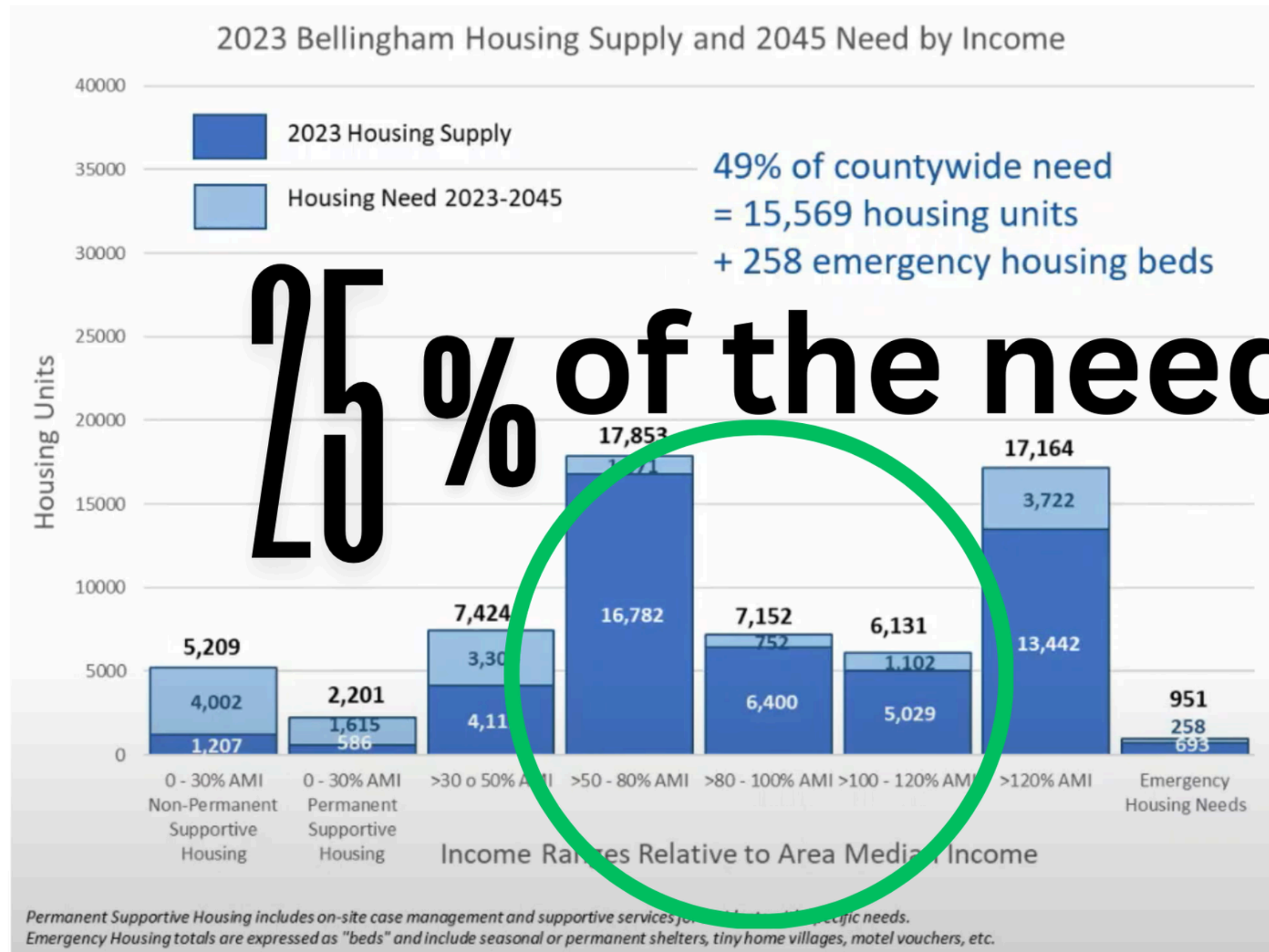
HB 1110 - Up to Quadplexes

HB 1220 - All income levels

HB 5287 - Multi-family Tax

Exemption Study.

<https://cob.org/>
Search: Zoning Reform



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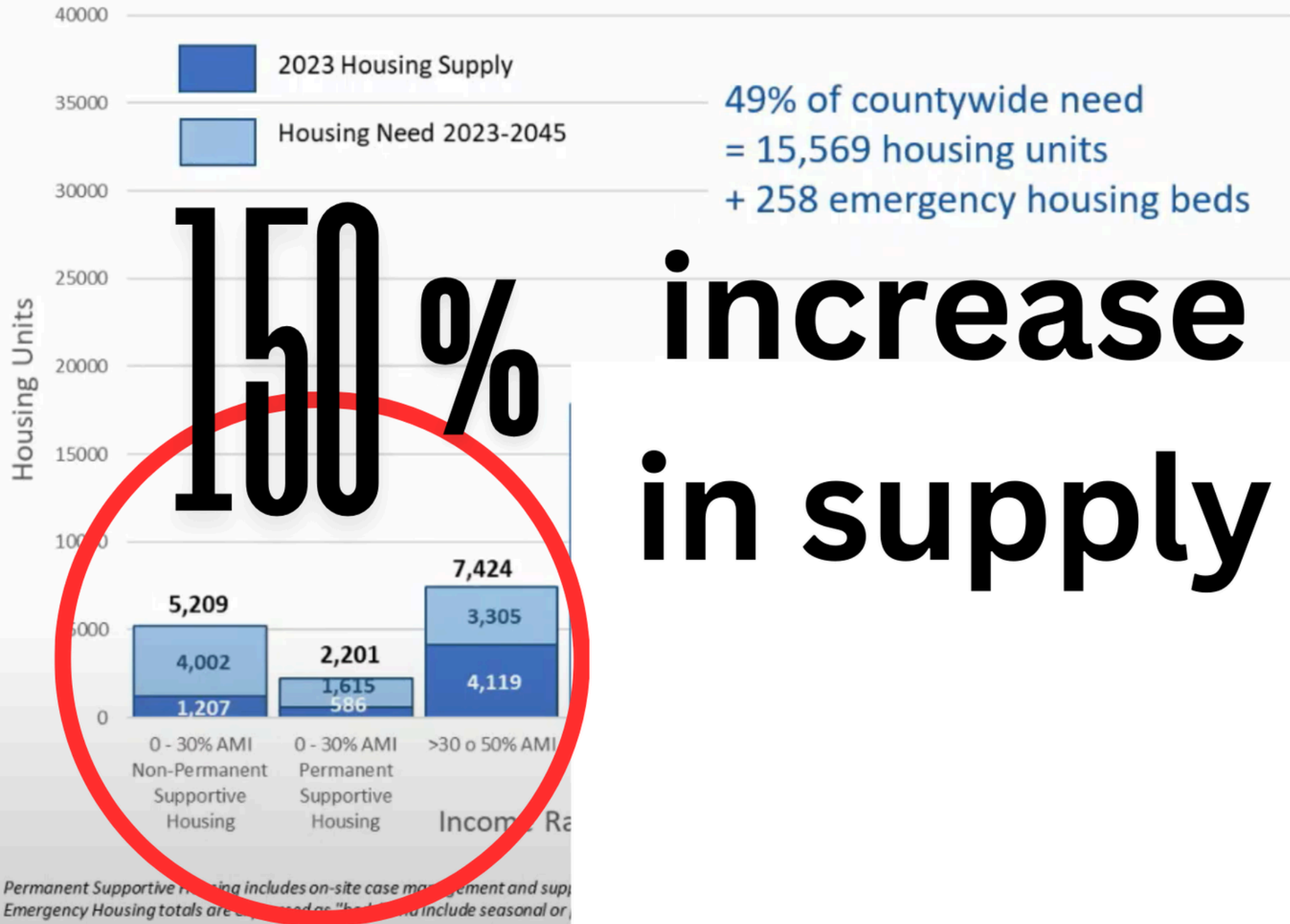
15% of the need

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Your recent executive order on housing supply seemed to focus on housing across the spectrum. A recent City study on the Multi Family Tax Exemption was narrowly focused, limiting solutions for affordable housing. Recent acts by the City Council will make it so that parking is no longer required, although it was a known tool that could have helped create affordable housing in exchange for the reduced costs of less parking by the developer.

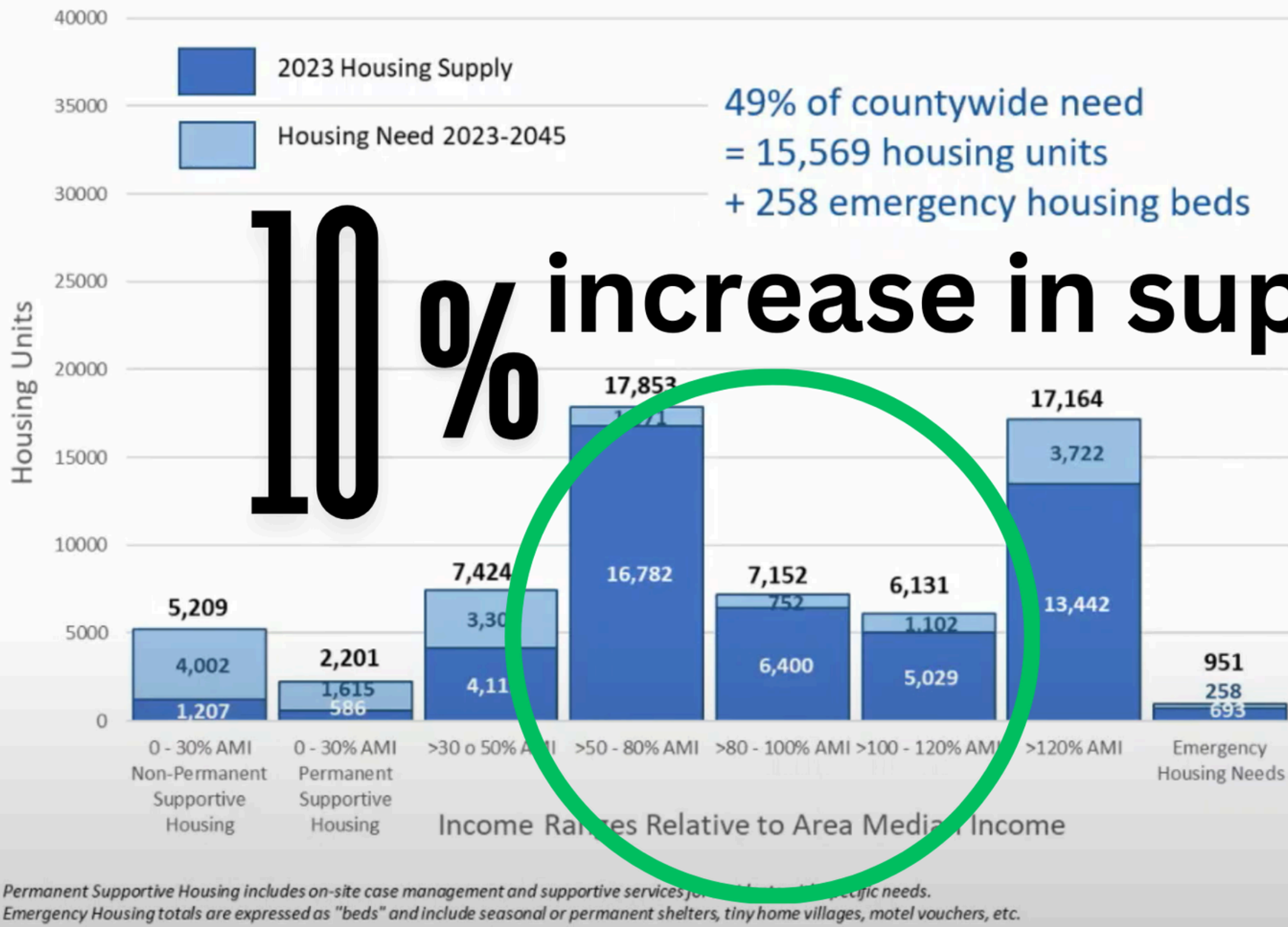
What market rate tools are left to create the required work force housing needed by a large swath of our residents without building it through non-profit means, which is cost prohibitive?

2023 Bellingham Housing Supply and 2045 Need by Income



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