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## **Media Advisory – March 5, 2008**

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### **Housing/Homelessness committee to meet Friday**

The Snohomish County Housing and Homelessness Policy Oversight Committee will meet again Friday, March 7 to discuss ongoing plans to end homelessness and increase affordable housing options.

The meeting will be held from 8 to 10 a.m. in the First Floor Conference Room of the Administration East Building of the County campus, 3000 Rockefeller Ave., Everett.

Executive Aaron Reardon convened the committee in January as a way to jumpstart this year's focus on ways to improve living conditions for low- and middle-class residents residing in Snohomish County. The committee has been charged with making suggestions on how best to establish benchmarks for forthcoming homeless and housing initiatives in addition to guiding long-term strategies.

The committee is expected to work in collaboration with the Housing Consortium of Everett and Snohomish County – a nonprofit membership organization searching for solutions to the county's housing challenges. The group is writing an Affordable Housing Action Plan and targeting housing issues facing seniors, the homeless and persons with disabilities.

Agenda items for Friday's meeting are expected to include a panel discussion on the cost of housing development and an update on the annual Point in Time count. This year's initial count was 1,819.

Members of the oversight committee are:

County Executive Aaron Reardon; County Councilman Brian Sullivan; County Councilman Mike Cooper; State Rep. Maralyn Chase; State Sen. Steve Hobbs; County Sheriff John Lovick; Cindy Portmann, County Assessor; Carolyn Eslick, mayor of Sultan; Mark Lamb, mayor of Bothell; Dianne White, mayor of Stanwood; Michelle Robles, Mountlake Terrace City Council; Brenda Stonecipher, Everett City Council; Sue Ambler, WDC Executive Director; Sam Anderson, Master Builders; Dyann Arthur, Washington Mutual Bank; Dr. David Beyer, Everett Community College president; Jim Bloss, NAMI; Pastor Chris Boyer, Good Shepherd Baptist Church; Linda Byrnes, Arlington School District superintendent; Pat Cordova, former Mountlake Terrace Mayor and Alderwood Rotary Hispanic Center director; Adam Cornell, US Attorney's Office, Foster Care advocate; Teresa Cox, Everett DV Prosecutor, CBW Board Member; Dave Dorsey, Frontier Bank; Barbara Earl, BETS Consulting, community leader; Allen Funk, Everett Herald; Chief Merlin Halverson, Snohomish County Fire District 5; Deborah Knudsen, EDC president; Commander Robb Lamoureux, Marysville Police; Darryl

Lewis, John L. Scott Real Estate; Theresa Milligan, Snohomish County Legal Services; Todd Morrow, Community Transit; Jerry Otis, United Brotherhood of Carpenters Carpenter's Local 131; Regional Access Mobility Program (RAMP); Kylin Parks, manufactured-housing advocate; John Reed, Edmonds Planning Board; Karen Schweinfurth, REALTORS Association; Melvin Sheldon Jr., Chairman, Tulalip Tribes; Larry Sundquist, developer, community leader; David Toyer, Marysville-Tulalip Chamber of Commerce president; Michelle Sosin Trautman, Everett Planning Board; Ed Triezenberg, United Brotherhood of Carpenters Local 562; Bill Yoakum, Boeing; Carl Zapora, United Way.

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