

Resolution in Support of Affordable Talaris

WHEREAS the City of Seattle declared a homeless emergency November 2nd, 2015; and

WHEREAS the January 26th, 2018 “Count Us In” point-in-time count found 12,112 people experiencing homelessness in King County and that the unsheltered population increased by 15% from 2017; and

WHEREAS The City of Seattle has determined that to solve this crisis additional affordable housing must be built throughout Seattle in areas of high opportunity and low displacement; and

WHEREAS the 18 acres Talaris site is located in such an area, providing access to nearby schools, grocery stores, the University of Washington, Burke Gilman Trail, and Husky Stadium Link Light Rail Station; and

WHEREAS the city of Seattle found that the Talaris site could potentially accommodate 238 affordable housing units (Fort Lawton EIS Alternatives); and

WHEREAS Quadrant Homes (Weyerhaeuser Real Estate Group) has agreed to buy the Talaris site and build 63 single family homes estimated to sell for approximately \$2 million dollars each; and

WHEREAS the city of Seattle has the well-established right to rezone this property; and

WHEREAS Talaris is one of a handful of undeveloped sites within the city where affordable housing could be built without displacing any existing residents; and

WHEREAS All parts of our city bear a responsibility to help solve our housing crisis, and the construction of housing in one neighborhood affects housing prices across the region;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 46th District Democrats endorse the Affordable Talaris petition to ask Seattle City Council to halt the current plan for Talaris and use the City's Race and Social Justice Initiative to ensure an equitable development outreach process and implementation plan to build more affordable homes on or near Talaris and prioritize public green spaces.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent by the Chair of the 46th District Democrats or their designee to Affordable Talaris, each member of the Seattle City Council, and Mayor Jenny Durkan.