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Wake County Invites Public to Permanent Supportive Housing Meeting

Wake County is taking another step forward in its efforts to improve housing affordability. The county is holding a public engagement workshop on Thursday, Sept. 6, to discuss what permanent supportive housing should look like in our community.

“We don’t currently have enough high-quality, permanent supportive housing to meet the demand,” said Wake County Board of Commissioners Chair Jessica Holmes. “As we work to increase the supply, we want to hear from our partner organizations, as well as local residents, about how we can do that successfully.”

Supportive housing combines support services with housing to offer tenants a wide range of opportunities designed to improve the quality and stability of their lives while increasing independence.

The workshop will take place from 4 p.m.-7 p.m. at Pullen Community Center, which is located at 408 Ashe Avenue in Raleigh. You don’t have to be a housing expert to participate. All perspectives and levels of experience are welcome.

Through a series of engaging sessions, workshop participants will address many questions, including:

- What design elements should be considered?
- How can neighborhoods and community organizations partner with properties that have supportive housing?
- How do we as a community help ensure social needs are met for tenants?
- What location features should be favored when siting permanent supportive housing properties?

The responses to these questions and others will help the county finalize a request for proposals for projects with permanent supportive housing. They will also enable the county to develop the evaluation metrics for scoring the project proposals and further partnership opportunities to address the housing needs of many vulnerable people in our community.

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