

A woman with blonde hair is smiling and teaching two children to paint Easter eggs. She is holding a green marker and pointing at a red egg. The children, a boy with glasses and a girl with curly hair, are looking at the egg. They are sitting at a table with a tray of paint and brushes. The background is a blurred indoor setting with warm lighting.

She teaches our kids...

But we can't call
her our neighbor.

*Like many other people in Washington,
some teachers can't afford to buy a home in
the same town in which they work.*

Diversity within our communities is key to our continued growth and vitality. But when a segment of the population is forced to live elsewhere, the community ultimately suffers. Businesses can't find the employees they need to expand, community services disappear, and the community that was once so desirable isn't anymore.

The ability of our community to provide a variety of housing opportunities is critical to our success.

Effective planning for housing now will ensure that hard working teachers, firefighters, nurses and other middle-income families can find homes in our community.

But we'll need land that is zoned and ready for new homes, and integrates a variety of housing choices with community priorities like parks and efficient transportation.

*And it starts with a good community plan that makes
housing a priority so we can provide homes in our community
for those we care about.*



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