

# HIGHLANDS COUNCIL

## BUILDING COMMUNITY AT ISSAQUAH HIGHLANDS

### **I. Vision Statement**

The Highlands Council will create a community that embodies the values of its residents and serves current and future generations.

### **II. Mission Statement**

The mission of the Highlands Council is to foster the development of a vibrant and caring community committed to service, diversity, stewardship and well-being.

### **III. Values & Assurances**

#### ***a. Collaboration***

- To encourage collaboration between the public and private interests.

#### ***b. Community Relationships***

- To provide all stakeholders a voice in community matters, and to foster communication within the community.
- To build community while respecting value and privacy of each individual.
- To be proactive in addressing issues and community needs.

#### ***c. Diversity***

- To value and promote diversity and to foster a sense of inclusiveness.

#### ***d. Greater Community***

- To create and maintain a safe and secure community.
- To participate in and contribute to regional governance and affairs, maintain quality relationships within, and connection to, the greater community of which we are a part.
- To commemorate and celebrate the rich history of the region.

#### ***e. Involvement***

- To provide opportunities for an active and collaborative community life.

#### ***f. Life Enrichment***

- To establish community traditions that will engender pride in Issaquah Highlands.
- To encourage stakeholder participation by offering a variety of life-enriching opportunities.

- To make a significant contribution to the quality of life at Issaquah Highlands.
- To provide an orderly, regular, and informative communication system within and about Issaquah Highlands.
- Celebrate success and recognize achievements.

**g. Sustainability**

- To balance economic, environmental and social sustainability for present and future generations.

**h. Financial Accountability**

- Prepare and plan short and long term goals in balance with values and assurances.
- Weigh costs relative to benefits with consideration of environmental and social impacts.
- Recognize value of residents' participation.
- To promote trust through transparency.

**i. Environmental Sustainability**

- To reduce our dependence on non-renewable resources through energy conservation, green building options, waste reduction and alternatives to auto travel within the community.
- To protect and enhance wildlife habitat.
- To preserve water quality and quantity in ground and surface water and maintain the area's natural water cycle.
- To foster an awareness of our shared responsibility as stewards of our built and natural environment.

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