

From: [Connie M. Allison](#)
To: [Contact Council](#)
Subject: Proposed Legislation
Date: Saturday, May 16, 2026 4:16:35 PM

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Dear Council,

I am a resident of Mill Creek and moved here in 2010 from King County, where I was born and raised.

The housing first experiment must come to an end and try something else to save as many people as possible from mental illness and drug dependency.

Please support Council Member Nehring's four pieces of legislation to shift away from the failed policies and try a different approach.

My family was torn apart my drug addition and I had to walk away and rebuild. My ex husband has been to treatment several times and still struggles. Accountability is necessary and the 12 steps work if people work them. I have seen many successes and there is always up hope.

Please have the courage to drive in a new direction as a county and thank you for the work you do in service of the community.

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From: [Mary Ann Monty](#)
To: [Contact Council](#)
Subject: Drug policies
Date: Friday, May 22, 2026 5:32:28 PM

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We totally support the policies proposed by Nate Nehring regarding drug abuse in Snohomish County. It's time for common sense to prevail.

Ralph and Mary Ann Monty

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From: [GREGORY T. KULSETH](#)
To: [Contact Council](#)
Subject: Support Councilmember Nate Nehring's Proposals to Address the Overdose Epidemic
Date: Monday, May 25, 2026 12:52:16 PM

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Snohomish County Councilmembers:

Please support and implement Snohomish County Councilmember Nate Nehring recently introduced four proposals aimed at addressing the worsening overdose epidemic and restoring accountability to public policy:

Removing restrictions which limit the treatment options available to those seeking help.

Redirecting funds from programs which enable drug use to recovery efforts that treat addiction issues.

Stopping taxpayer funding of distributing free drug tools/paraphernalia to those living on the street.

Protecting our youth by adding fentanyl and other harmful substances to the child exposure laws - this makes it a crime to allow minors access to lethal drugs.

Washington families deserve policies focused on recovery, treatment, and safer communities — not more excuses for failed policies that continue costing lives.

Thank you,

Greg Kulseth

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From: [Nancy Kulseth](#)
To: [Contact Council](#)
Subject: Support Councilmember Nate Nehring's Proposals to address the overdose epidemic
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 12:30:57 PM

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Thank you,

Nancy Kulseth



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Members of the Snohomish County Council
3000 Rockefeller Avenue
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RE: Support for Addiction and Recovery Legislative Package

Dear Members of the Council:

On behalf of the Snohomish County Camano Association of REALTORS® (SCCAR), this letter is submitted in support of the four-part legislative package introduced to address addiction, expand behavioral health treatment capacity, and better align county policy with accountability and recovery-oriented outcomes.

Our members work in communities throughout Snohomish County and see firsthand the impacts that untreated substance abuse, behavioral health instability, and unsafe public conditions have on neighborhoods, housing stability, and overall community well-being. As REALTORS®, our members have a direct interest in safe neighborhoods, stable housing conditions, healthy communities, and public policies that support long-term community vitality. SCCAR supports policies that strengthen communities, protect residents, and make effective use of public resources. In that regard, this legislative package represents a thoughtful effort to pair compassion with accountability while prioritizing treatment and recovery.

First, SCCAR supports the proposal to prevent the County from incentivizing county-funded housing programs to adhere exclusively to strict Housing First policies and instead allow greater flexibility for programs that prioritize accountability alongside compassion. Publicly funded housing responses should be structured to promote long-term recovery, better outcomes for participants, and improved conditions for the surrounding community.

Second, SCCAR supports increasing the share of funding from the County’s Affordable Housing and Behavioral Health Fund directed toward behavioral health facilities from the current \$3 million annually, or 12.2 percent, to 20 percent. Expanding treatment, recovery, and stabilization capacity is a practical and necessary investment that can better address substance abuse and mental health challenges affecting families and neighborhoods across Snohomish County.

Third, SCCAR supports the proposal to prohibit local taxpayer dollars from being used to purchase and distribute drug paraphernalia. County resources should be directed toward policies and programs that encourage treatment, recovery, and accountability rather than actions that may enable continued drug abuse.

Fourth, SCCAR supports the proposal to criminalize the exposure of minors to deadly drugs such as fentanyl. Protecting children from dangerous drug exposure is a fundamental public safety



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responsibility, and this ordinance would help ensure stronger accountability in situations involving serious risk to minors.

Taken together, these four proposals reflect a more balanced and responsible county approach to addiction and recovery, one that supports treatment and behavioral health investment while also reinforcing accountability and community safety. For these reasons, the Snohomish County Camano Association of REALTORS® respectfully urges the full County Council to advance and approve this legislative package.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Glenda Krull

Glenda Krull, 2026 President
Snohomish County Camano Association of REALTORS®

From: [Alex Konicke](#)
To: [Contact Council](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment in Support of Proposals #1 and #2
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 11:52:24 AM

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Dear Snohomish County Council Members,

My name is Alex Konicke, and I am a Snohomish County resident, small business owner, author, and mental health advocate.

I had hoped to provide public comment during today's meeting, but since I was not called upon, I wanted to submit my comments in writing for your consideration.

In 2016, my family experienced a severe mental health crisis that resulted in the loss of my mother's life. It was a devastating event that changed my life forever. In the years since, I've dedicated much of my time to sharing our story through public speaking, writing, and community engagement to raise awareness about mental illness, addiction, recovery, and the importance of accessible support systems.

Through that work, I've had the privilege of connecting with countless individuals and families throughout our region. I've heard stories from parents searching for help for their children, spouses trying to support loved ones in crisis, and individuals who desperately wanted treatment but couldn't find it when they needed it most. One theme comes up again and again: people often don't receive meaningful support until a crisis has already occurred.

I support Proposal #1 and efforts to criminalize the exposure of minors to deadly drugs such as fentanyl. Protecting children from substances that are fueling addiction, overdoses, and loss throughout our communities is an important public safety measure.

While I can't speak to every detail of the proposals before you today, I can speak to the reality that behavioral health challenges affect every part of our community. They affect families, schools, workplaces, public safety, healthcare systems, and local economies. Mental illness and substance use disorders do not discriminate, and the need for treatment continues to grow.

If sharing my family's story has taught me anything, it's that awareness is important, but awareness without action doesn't change outcomes. Treatment and support matter. Access matters. Capacity matters. When people are able to receive care before reaching a breaking point, lives can be changed, families can stay together, and communities become stronger.

For that reason, I also support Proposal #2 and efforts to direct more resources toward behavioral health treatment, recovery, and stabilization services. Investing in treatment is not only compassionate, it's proactive. It recognizes that people deserve opportunities for recovery and that communities benefit when those opportunities exist.

I believe that expanding access to behavioral health services is an investment in the health and well-being of Snohomish County. It is an investment in prevention, recovery, and hope for

individuals and families who may be facing some of the most difficult moments of their lives.

Thank you for your time, your service, and your consideration of these proposals.

Sincerely,

Alex Konicke
Snohomish County Resident
Author, Speaker, and Mental Health Advocate

Note: I was on the Zoom call today, and no one called on me, even though I had my hand raised. If there was something else I needed to do to get called on, please let me know.

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From: [Nelson, Erik](#)
To: [Contact Council](#)
Subject: Ordinance 26-013, 018 & 019
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 12:15:32 PM

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Erik Nelson, Edmonds, Washington

26-013: This vote should be a simple yes for all of you. Should not need any comments from the public encouraging you it is a good idea.

26-018 & 019:

I've been sober for 23 years and I am active on an ongoing basis in the recovery community of Snohomish County. Giving someone a bed, without requiring them to commit to living clean and sober, is simply enabling addicts and alcoholics to have a more comfortable place to use and rest.

We are not bad people, we are sick people who need help. That help does not come first in the form of a roof and a pillow. It needs to come first in the form of the opportunity to access treatment. The counties part needs to be to offer treatment of some sort, it is the addict & alcoholics part to commit to live clean.

The oxford houses have an amazing success rating, but they have rules. If you want to live there you have to be clean. If you break the rules you get kicked out.

This is truly a compassionate position, designed to help the addict and alcoholic.

Each of us who are living clean and sober had to hit our bottom. That bottom is different for each individual, but what is consistent after hitting your bottom is a willingness. A willingness to live differently, to acknowledge our addiction and to finally be willing to accept help.

I encourage you to pass all three ordinances. Tax dollars for housing for addicts and alcoholics should only be spent when the housing requires a commitment to sober living.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments.

Erik Nelson