



## Call for *At Home in Greater Lowell* Steering Committee

NMCOG is seeking up to fifteen community members to serve on the At Home in Greater Lowell Steering Committee. *At Home in Greater Lowell* will be a comprehensive regional housing plan for the nine NMCOG member communities, using data and projections, housing market analysis, and stakeholder input to develop realistic affordable and market-rate housing production targets to be used in local plans and policies.

This plan will provide more than data and recommendations. It will include a storytelling and public education campaign about housing issues—from challenges to successes. It will also include a toolbox of educational materials that communities and agencies can use to make needed changes to meet our regional housing goals.

The Steering Committee will serve alongside NMCOG staff as community-focused advisors to us and our two consultants. We will meet up to six times via Zoom throughout the planning process, approximately every two months at times determined by a poll of members starting January and ending in November 2024. As a Steering Committee member, your responsibilities will include:

- Evaluate proposed content and public engagement; recommend improvements to make content and engagement more comprehensive, equitable, inclusive, and responsive to community needs;
- Share the word about opportunities for input to your networks through word-of-mouth, social media, or other appropriate communication channels;
- Review materials such as draft chapters, maps, lists of goals and objectives, and recommendations; provide feedback based on your expertise, knowledge of your community, and your lived experience.

NMCOG is seeking Steering Committee members with one or more of the following:

- Experience working for or with organizations that provide access to, manage, or develop affordable housing;
- Expertise in in real estate development, finance, or other housing-allied fields;
- Service in an elected or appointed role on a municipal board or committee which impacts housing development (e.g., Select Board or City Council, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Affordable Housing Trust, Affordable Housing Committee);
- Current or prior resident in affordable housing, participation in affordable housing programs, or have experienced homelessness, especially in Greater Lowell; and/or
- Represent an underrepresented viewpoint in age, race, ethnicity, immigrant status, neighborhood, gender identity, sexual orientation, geography, or other lived experience.

If interested, please email a brief statement to Chris Hayes, Housing and Economic Development Program Manager, at [chayes@nmcog.org](mailto:chayes@nmcog.org). Please send statements of interest by Friday, January 12, 2024. NMCOG will select members based on ensuring a diverse mix of the above qualities.