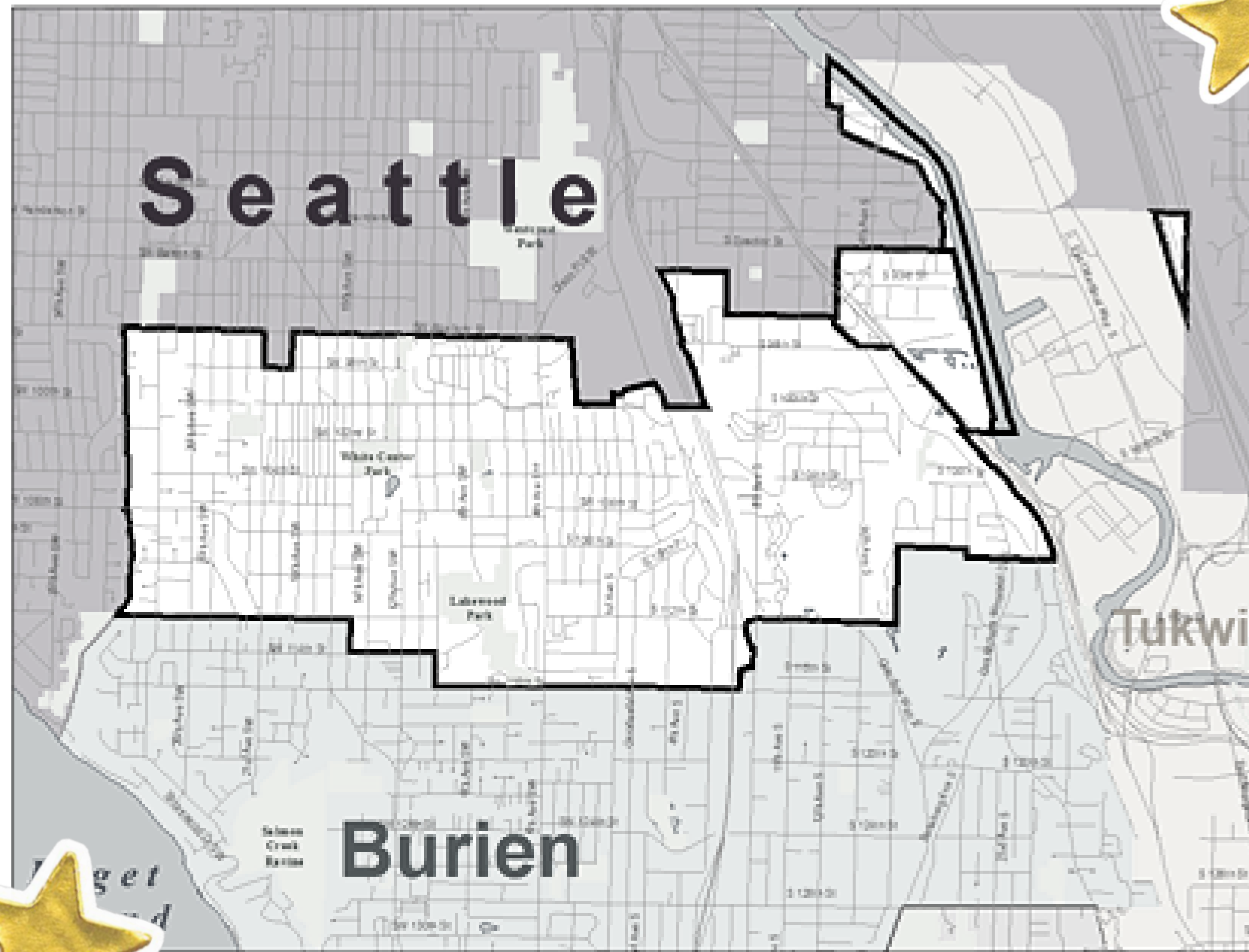




***North Highline/White Center
Community Needs List
and
Vision Statement***



? What is a Subarea Plan ?



A subarea plan contains long range planning (roughly 20 years) for a limited geographic area within a community.

The subarea plan focuses on goals and policies to form the framework for the plan as well as specific goals and policies for land-use, environmental protection, and transportation.

***So, what do we want to pack on your 20 year trip
through the future of White Center/North Highline?***





? What does our community need ?

? What is our vision for our neighborhood ?



honor north highline/white center's diversity

- Keep White Center's role as a “landing place” for refugees and immigrants
- Culturally specific housing for elders
- Culturally appropriate services and assistance are provided to the community by more diverse King County staff





protect and increase availability of affordable housing

- More community-owned housing developments are available and supported
- More publicly subsidized affordable rental units have for households at or below 60% of area median income (AMI)
- Permanently affordable homeownership units are funded for households at 50-80% AMI
- Mixed-use developments include affordable housing, commercial & non-profit office space, gathering spaces and accessible to transit

provide opportunities to build wealth

- Economic development opportunities such as additional jobs created with higher wages
- To protect and support small local owned businesses
- Increase investment in workforce development and job training
- More employment opportunities for non-English speaking families
- More child care options



increase access to opportunities

- Additional market rate units and affordable units are available Prefer new housing that integrates households at different income levels. More mixed income developments are built when private development takes place
- Increase density or other incentives exchanged for affordable units, especially in the commercial core
- Housing for immigrant and refugee populations located near community centers and cultural services and organizations



Improve public safety

- Reduce crime and violence
- Culturally-appropriate services and assistance are provided to the community by King County staff
- Funding to support King County staffing in community OR less emphasis on police response, focus more on community-led programs that create “upstream” solutions, prevention and intervention



reduce the risk of displacement

- Current and past residents are prioritized for new affordable housing units
- Eviction prevention, relocation and rental assistance is provided for low-income renters and tenant protections are implemented
- Down payment assistance is provided to low-income homebuyers
- Affordable housing options for families, including inter generational families living together (3-5 bedrooms)





protect our vibrant small business community

- Reduce the displacement risk of BIPOC and immigrant owned business
- Increase pathways to affordable commercial ownership
- A supportive community marketplace for microenterprises and small business vendors to sell goods

***retain the character of downtown White Center
(local businesses, diversity and landmarks)***

- Downtown White Center has a plaza for community events and outdoor dining
- National chains (like McDonalds) are limited or prohibited
- The character of lower density development (3-4 floors) is retained, but increased density (higher than 4 floors) may be supported if the scale is reasonable



Improve public health



- Sports/recreation after school program for young/adult programs for health and wellness are promoted.
- Safe injections sites are provided to combat drug overdose deaths and to provide education and treatment opportunities.
- Increased accessibility to healthy foods through: a grocery store in Top Hat; healthy food being more affordable; pea patches and community gardens; community kitchens and cooking demonstrations; a farmers market; additional places selling affordable healthy food



draft vision statement



North Highline is a diverse, inclusive, and family-friendly community that supports thriving small businesses; values its parks and green space; enjoys proximity to urban amenities; celebrates self-reliance, creativity, and caring for neighbors; and provides opportunities for people of all socioeconomic backgrounds to live, work, and thrive.



! THANK YOU !



any questions ?

