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The following questions are about your experience in the Citizen Deliberation. The questions use a five point scale, with one being a waste of time and five being very valuable. For each question, please circle a number on the scale that best represents your answer. If you are not sure, please circle six (6).

1. On a scale of one (1) to five (5), with one (1) being generally a waste of time and five (5) being very valuable, please rate your overall experience in the Citizen Deliberation.

Waste of time	Neither a waste of time nor valuable	Very valuable	Don't know		
1	2	3	4	5	6

2. How valuable was the briefing document in helping you clarify your positions?

Waste of time	Neither a waste of time nor valuable	Very valuable	Don't know		
1	2	3	4	5	6

3. How valuable were the group discussions in helping you clarify your positions?

Waste of time	Neither a waste of time nor valuable	Very valuable	Don't know		
1	2	3	4	5	6

4. How valuable was the panel in helping you clarify your positions?

Waste of time	Neither a waste of time nor valuable	Very valuable	Don't know		
1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5.....	6

Please tell us how much you agree or disagree with the following statement.

5. My small group moderator provided the opportunity for everyone to express his or her opinion.

Strongly disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Strongly agree	Don't know		
1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5.....	6

The following are questions about the government. For each question, please circle the number on the scale that best represents your answer. If you are not sure, circle 8.

6. If a one (1) represents the view that the federal government should see to it that every person has a job and a good standard of living and a seven (7) represents the view that the government should just let each person get ahead on their own, where would you place yourself on this scale?

Government involvement	People get ahead on own	Don't know					
1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5.....	6.....	7.....	8

7. If a one (1) represents the view that the government in Washington ought to reduce income differences between the rich and the poor and a seven (7) represents the view that the government should not concern itself with reducing income differences between the rich and the poor, where would you place yourself on this scale?

Government involvement	Government <u>not</u> involved	Don't know					
1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5.....	6.....	7.....	8

8. If a one (1) represents the view that the government should provide fewer services, even in areas such as health and education, in order to reduce spending and a seven (7) represents the view that the government should provide many more services, even if it means an increase in spending, where would you place yourself on this scale?

Reduced spending	More services	Don't know					
1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5.....	6.....	7.....	8

9. If a one (1) represents the view that the government is trying to do too many things that should be left to individuals and businesses and a seven (7) represents the view that the government is not doing enough to solve our country's problems, where would you place yourself on this scale?

Government doing too much		Government not doing enough	Don't know
1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8

10. Some people think the government should promote traditional values in our society. Others think the government should not favor any particular set of values. Which comes closer to your own view? (Please circle one)

- A. Government should promote traditional values
- B. Government should not favor any set of values
- C. No opinion

On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 is completely unimportant, 10 is extremely important, and 5 is exactly in between, how important do you think each of the following is to being a good citizen? If you have no opinion, please circle 11.

11. Voting in elections

Completely unimportant		Exactly in between		Extremely important	Don't know
0	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11

12. Discussing politics with others

Completely unimportant		Exactly in between		Extremely important	Don't know
0	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11

13. Being informed about politics and political issues

Completely unimportant		Exactly in between		Extremely important	Don't know
0	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11

14. Serving one's country through military or other public service

**Completely
unimportant**

**Exactly
in between**

**Extremely
important**

**Don't
know**

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15. Actively participating as a member of a civic, political or community organization

**Completely
unimportant**

**Exactly
in between**

**Extremely
important**

**Don't
know**

01234567891011

16. How much influence do you think someone like you can have over local government decisions?
(Please circle one)

- A. A lot
- B. Some
- C. Very little
- D. None at all

17. In general, do you think of yourself as...? (Please circle one)

- A. Very liberal
- B. Liberal
- C. Somewhat liberal
- D. Moderate, middle of the road
- E. Somewhat conservative
- F. Conservative
- G. Very conservative
- H. Haven't thought much about it

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5. Finding solutions for the high cost of housing is the single most important issue facing our region today.

Strongly Disagree							Strongly Agree	Don't Know
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	

6. The government should put limits on the number of apartments converted to condominiums each year.

Strongly Disagree							Strongly Agree	Don't Know
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	

7. The government should not restrict new housing development.

Strongly Disagree							Strongly Agree	Don't Know
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	

Please tell us if the following statement is true or false.

8. There are sufficient housing options available to people at all income levels in our community.

- A. True
- B. False

9. What annual income does a household need to be able to afford the median priced home in King County? (The median priced home in King County is \$477,000.)

- A. \$60,000
- B. \$80,000
- C. \$100,000
- D. \$120,000
- E. \$140,000

10. From the list below, please rank the 3 most urgent housing problems in King County right now, with 1 being the most urgent, 2 being second most urgent and 3 being third most urgent. Please only rank each housing problem once.

- _____ Homelessness
- _____ The shortage of affordable rental units
- _____ The lack of supply of affordable homes for sale
- _____ The number of apartment buildings that are being converted into condominiums
- _____ Shortage of housing options for King County's workforce
- _____ Other: _____

11. What percentage of renters in King County cannot afford the average two bedroom apartment? (The average rent of a two bedroom apartment is \$710 per month.)

- A. 10%
- B. 20%
- C. 30%
- D. 40%
- E. 50%

12. Which one of the following factors do you believe contributes most to the housing crisis in King County? Please only circle the one you believe contributes most.

- A. The cost of land
- B. The cost of construction
- C. Developers want large profits
- D. Wages are too low
- E. Not enough supply of houses and apartments to meet the demand
- F. Other (please specify) _____
- G. Don't know

13. How much influence do you think someone like you can have over local government decisions?

- A. A lot
- B. Some
- C. Very little
- D. None at all

Please tell us how much you agree or disagree with the following two statements.

14. Deliberation in my group today produced ideas that were new to me that I had not previously considered. If you disagree strongly, circle 1. If you agree strongly, circle 7. If you don't know, circle 8.

Strongly Disagree	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5.....	6.....	Strongly Agree	7.....	Don't Know	8
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15. On a scale from 1 for "extremely valuable" to 7 for "not valuable at all" how valuable in helping you clarify your opinions on housing issues was talking with you fellow citizens during today's deliberations? If you don't know, circle 8.

Extremely Valuable	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5.....	6.....	Not at all Valuable	7.....	Don't Know	8
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