



Dialogues in Democracy: Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness

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NATIONAL SELF ADMINISTERED REGISTRATION QUESTIONNAIRE

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4. 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

5. 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 an opinion, please circle 11.

6. 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

7. 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

8. 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

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

**Completely
unimportant**

**Exactly
in between**

**Extremely
important**

**Don't
know**

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

**Completely
unimportant**

**Exactly
in between**

**Extremely
important**

**Don't
know**

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11. 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

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Please take a moment to respond to these questions to tell us a little about yourself, the place you live in now, and your experience with housing. Please circle one answer for each question.

1. Do you currently own or rent your home?
 - A. Rent
 - B. Own

2. Did your family ever own the home you lived in when you were a child or teenager?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No
 - C. Don't know

3. Which of the following describes your current housing?
 - A. I live in building with more than one housing unit
 - B. I live in a single family house
 - C. I live in a manufactured or mobile home
 - D. I live in a town house
 - E. I don't have a house right now
 - F. I live in another type of housing: _____

4. Roughly speaking, what percent of your monthly paycheck is spent on your rent or mortgage?
- A. 20 to 30%
 - B. 30 to 40%
 - C. 40 to 50%
 - D. 50 to 60%
 - E. More than 60%
5. How long have you lived in King County?
- A. Less than two years
 - B. 2-5 years
 - C. 5-10 years
 - D. 10-20 years
 - E. More than 20 years

We'd like to learn a little about your opinions about housing issues. As you answer these questions, please circle a number to indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. One (1) represents strongly disagree; 7 represents strongly agree. If you don't know, please circle 8.

6. Housing should be a legal right guaranteed to everyone.

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

7. People with lower incomes should have housing options in every part of King County.

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

8. Public funds should not be spent to help middle-income residents buy a home.

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

9. I am willing to pay higher taxes so that the government can provide affordable housing for low-income residents in King County.

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

10. 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	

11. 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	

12. 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.

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

- A. True
- B. False

14. 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

15. 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: _____

16. 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%

17. 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

18. 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.

19. I expect today's deliberations to be fair and balanced.

Strongly Disagree	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5.....	6.....	7.....	8	Strongly Agree	Don't Know
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20. Even if at the end of the day I disagree with the majority of people here about what is the best policy to address the high cost of housing in King County, I will still support the policy recommendations that emerge from the survey we fill out at the end of today's deliberations.

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