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## **Press Release**

### **CBJ HOUSING ACTION PLAN**

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March 21, 2016 – A six month planning process involving Juneau’s public and private housing providers, developers, planners, social service agencies, neighborhood associations, homeowners and renters was completed by Arlington VA consulting firm czb, Inc. in December 2015. The Housing Action Plan project was spearheaded by the Juneau Affordable Housing Commission, which served as the steering committee during plan development. There will be two public meetings to present the plan to the community and collect feedback about the plan and the Affordable Housing Commission’s prioritization of the plan recommendations. These meetings will be from 6-8 PM on March 30 in the KTOO’s 360 room and on March 31 in the large conference room at the Valley Public Library.

The Housing Action Plan was the top priority of the Affordable Housing Commission for the past two years. Following the recommendations of the Juneau Economic Plan, the Commission proposes the Housing Action Plan be incorporated into Juneau’s Comprehensive Plan.

The plan describes Juneau’s housing market as “stuck” – where renters and buyers do not have adequate choice in terms of price, size, location and type of housing – resulting more from lack of inventory than overly high prices. Juneau’s housing shortage has been a long observed obstacle to economic growth.

The Housing Action Plan recommends 30-year goals to build 1,980 new housing units and preserve 750 existing units. The plan includes a wide range of strategies and recommended actions intended to:

- promote economic growth;
- give homeowners more options for up-sizing, down-sizing and relocating within Juneau;
- allow more families to move from renting to owning at an affordable price;
- ease stress on the rental market and reduce homelessness;
- enable younger workers and students to continue to live or move back to Juneau to enjoy the support of their families; and
- help seniors to remain in Juneau and afford the services they require.

The Plan is available for public review and comment, on-line, at:

<http://www.juneau.org/cddftp/documents/FinalDRAFTReportHAPrev031116.pdf>

For more information about the Housing Action Plan, the public meetings or to provide comment, please contact Beth McKibben, Planning Manager, CBJ Community Development at 907-586-0770 or [beth.mckibben@juneau.org](mailto:beth.mckibben@juneau.org).