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City selects Catholic Housing Services to develop and operate low-barrier housing facility

EVERETT - On Wednesday, June 1, the City Council authorized Mayor Stephanson to negotiate a contract with [Catholic Housing Services \(CHS\) of Western Washington](#) to develop and operate a low-barrier, permanent supportive housing facility in Everett. CHS' sister agency, Catholic Community Services (CCS) of Western Washington, will provide case management and other clinical services to the facility's tenants.

CCS and CHS have a long history of [providing housing](#) and services in Everett and Snohomish County. CHS currently manages 69 units of affordable housing at the Monte Cristo Hotel in downtown Everett, including 12 units of supportive housing for the homeless.

CHS' proposal includes a description of the agency's mission, and how it applies to this project:

“Post-recession, cities and towns all over Washington have seen increases in the number of people experiencing homelessness, and as one of the few affordable housing developers that works throughout the western half of the state, we are being called upon more than ever to develop and operate housing with supportive services. Creating safety and stability for vulnerable people and building community are the heart and soul of CHS' mission. There is a clear sense in CHS that we meet the people we serve right where they are, not where we wish they were. It is this affirmation of the individual's dignity that is the basis for our work and community.”

The City has [identified a potential site](#) on the east side of Evergreen Way at Pecks Drive. CHS' proposed timeline calls for construction beginning in fall 2017. Visit our website for the [full CHS proposal](#), including development concepts for the facility, and to learn more about [Housing First](#): www.everettwa.gov/housingfirst.

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