

State law requires that the dollars raised by this 0.1% increase in sales tax remain for use in the city of Anacortes - not to go back to Olympia - to be used exclusively to support affordable housing and related programs. These programs must, by state law, serve specific groups whose income is at or below 60% of the local Area Median Income or as it is also called the MFI. The ordinance passed by the Anacortes City Council also specifies that these funds will be used for three specific buildings to be owned and operated by two local non-profits, the Anacortes Family Center and the Anacortes Housing Authority. The AFC workforce housing building will also include a new childcare center. These **PEOPLE** to be served include:

- Veterans;
- Senior citizens;
- Homeless, or at-risk of being homeless, families with children;
- Unaccompanied homeless youth or young adults;
- People with disabilities;
- Domestic violence survivors;

- People with mental illness.

It isn't only people who will be helped, but local **BUSINESSES** as well. Lack of affordable childcare is the number one reason some parents cannot return to work. And some employers find the lack of an affordable place to live a problem in recruiting and retaining employees here.

Finally, it is our **COMMUNITY** as a whole that will benefit. As former councilman Eric Johnson said, "A city is made of bricks and pavement, but a community is made by the people who live there. The best communities are whole communities where people can live and work."