Tacoma Housing Authority (THA) provides high quality, stable, and sustainable housing and supportive services to people in need, which in turn helps the community become prosperous, safe, and just. The City Council of Tacoma created THA in 1940 to address the shortage of safe and sanitary dwelling accommodations in the city. Since its inception, THA has diversified and increased its housing portfolio for a variety of target populations, as well as managing Section 8 and home purchasing programs. In addition, they also provide or arrange for supportive services to allow the elderly, disabled persons, and others to live independently.

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James Center North will be a 300-500 unit project situated on the site of an existing, underutilized commercial center. The development will provide multifamily housing and a range of amenities for students, families, and seniors in a mixed-income setting. An additional 30,000 sq. ft. of retail/commercial space will be provided – with priorities given to current retailers, some of which are small or minority-owned businesses – to support them through provision of affordable commercial space.

NEIGHBORHOOD TYPOLOGY
- Urban
- Suburban
- Rural

SPECIFIC POPULATIONS
- Seniors
- Veterans
- Supportive
- Families

DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY
- New Construction
- Rehabilitation
- Transit-Orientation
- Large Site Redevelopment

HOUSING TYPOLOGY
- Multi-family
- Single Family
- Mixed Use
- Supportive Housing
INSTITUTE GOALS

- Equip themselves to establish effective partnerships with community colleges, transit agencies, and competing commercial landlords to improve satisfaction for residents and surrounding communities
- Implement best practices and techniques for culturally and environmentally sustainable projects
- Create framework for predevelopment, entitlement, and infrastructural work in redevelopment of an infill commercial site
- Develop strategies to maximize investment return, mitigate competing interest, and prepare for unknown future demands

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Project management, public-private partnership, financial and compliance expertise