On May 19, 2023, the Anchorage Assembly gathered with dozens of housing subject matter experts, thought leaders, municipal employees, and community members for the Assembly Housing Action Retreat. These voices identified actions and tactics to address Anchorage's housing crisis through a survey, written comments, and a facilitated process at the event.

These actions and tactics fall into four broad strategies: Reducing Barriers, Zoning, Incentives, and lastly, Funding, Capital, and Infrastructure.

Many of the actions and tactics identified at the Spring Retreat align with the vision and strategy detailed in Anchorage’s 2040 Land Use Plan (2040 LUP). The 2040 LUP lays the foundation to increase housing choice at different affordability levels and types. The synergy and cohesion between the findings at the Spring Retreat and 2040 LUP present an opportunity for a deliberate and judicious approach to address the housing crisis.

To provide a connection between the Spring Retreat and the Fall Summit, efforts are underway to convene the four strategy groups. A subject matter expert will lead each of the strategy groups. The groups will review the findings from the Spring Retreat and the actions and tactics in the 2040 LUP. They will provide due diligence and a vetting process to identify a selection of tactics to encourage abundant housing. This information will be available at the Housing Summit to support the Assembly’s efforts for attainable housing to community members across economic backgrounds.

Broad and diverse factors caused Anchorage’s housing crisis - and it will require identifying and deploying a multitude of strategies to solve the problem by increasing housing production.