

1. 6:30 P.M. Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC)

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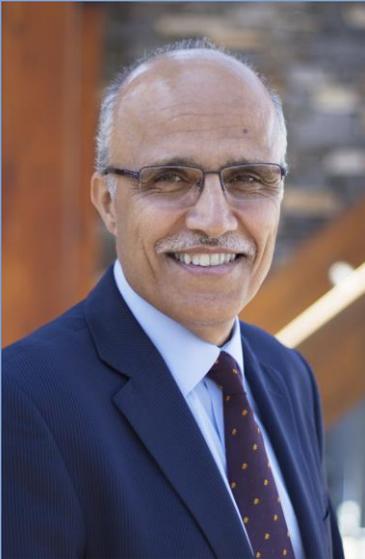
Thursday, February 20, 2020

5:30 PM Dinner | 6:30 PM Call to Order

Pierce County Skills Center  
16117 Canyon Road East, Puyallup, WA

- 1. Call to Order** **6:30 p.m.**  
*Justin Evans, PCRC Chair and Deputy Mayor, City of Bonney Lake*
- 2. Roll Call of Cities** **6:35 p.m.**  
*Shannon Reynolds, PCRC Vice Chair and Councilmember, City of Fircrest*
- 3. Welcome** **6:40 p.m.**  
*Pierce County Skills Center*
- 4. PCRC 2019 Annual Report** **6:50 p.m.**  
*Justin Evans, PCRC Chair and Deputy Mayor, City of Bonney Lake*
- 5. PCRC 2020 Budget (Action Item)** **7:00 p.m.**  
*Justin Evans, PCRC Chair*
- 6. PCRC Zoo & Trek Authority** **7:05 p.m.**  
*Small Cities Representative*
- 7. PCRC, GMCC, and TCC 2020 Work Plan (Action Item)** **7:10 p.m.**  
*Justin Evans, PCRC Chair*  
*Chris Larson, GMCC Chair*  
*Russ Blount, TCC Chair*
- 8. Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department – Healthy Communities Awards** **7:25 p.m.**  
*Catherine Ushka, Chair of Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health*
- 9. Introduction of the Keynote Speaker** **7:55 p.m.**  
*Justin Evans, PCRC Chair*
- 10. Keynote Address: Affordable Housing - Challenges & Opportunities** **8:00 p.m.**  
*Ali Modarres, Ph.D., Director and Professor*  
*University of Washington Tacoma, Urban Studies*
- 11. Closing/Adjourn**  
*Justin Evans, PCRC Chair*

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**Ali Modarres** is the Director of Urban Studies and the Assistant Chancellor for Community Engagement at University of Washington Tacoma. From 1999 to 2017, he served as the Editor-in-Chief of *Cities: The International Journal of Urban Policy and Planning*. Dr. Modarres earned his Ph.D. in geography from the University of Arizona and holds masters and bachelors' degrees in landscape architecture from the same institution. He has published in the areas of social geography, immigration, urban development, planning, and policy. Dr. Modarres has focused a significant portion of his public scholarship on economic development through an equity lens that includes global labor migration.

Dr. Modarres serves on a number of governing and advisory boards of academic associations, nonprofits, and policy centers including Economic Roundtable (Los Angeles), South Sound Regional Leadership Council of Forterra, the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation, and Goodwill of the Olympics & Rainier Region. He has also served on city task forces and committees, including the Affordable Housing Technical Advisory Group for City of Tacoma. Throughout his academic career, he has built bridges between university and the community, promoting and supporting the mission of urban serving universities.