



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

RON NIRENBERG
MAYOR

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TO: Mayor's Housing Policy Task Force

I am honored that you have accepted my invitation to be part of the Mayor's Housing Policy Task Force. On behalf of our City, thank you for agreeing to be part of this important initiative. My hope is that you can work together to develop a framework for a comprehensive housing policy.

I have full confidence in each member and value each person's unique contribution to the task force. I want you to examine any area of housing policy you feel is necessary to help solve the difficult housing issues our City faces today and in the future. I envision the Mayor's Housing Policy Task Force will work in tandem with City and agency staff to develop policy recommendations. Through your discussion, you may find that "technical working groups" may be necessary to support your discussion on topics, including, but not limited to:

- Strategies to protect neighborhood stability and assist owners to address short-term hardships in high-demand areas.
- Incentives for private and public development of affordable housing in high-growth areas.
- Revamping policies and regulations to ensure housing is constructed with long-term quality and maintenance in mind.
- Changes to parts of the City's UDC that now hinder affordable housing development.
- Changes to City policies related to State tax-credit supported affordable housing to ensure alignment with areas targeted for future development.
- Alignment or reorganization of agencies to support City housing and development strategies.
- Strategies to preserve and rehabilitate existing apartment complexes that provide quality affordable housing.
- Use of federal programs to support City strategies.
- Future governance and oversight of housing policies.

Please know that you have the support of my office, as well as City and agency staff. Together, we can develop action-oriented strategies to address the immediate need for housing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ron Nirenberg', enclosed within a large, loopy blue oval scribble.

Ron Nirenberg
Mayor