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In Control: Neighborhoods and Livability Committee

DEPARTMENT: Department of Planning and Community Development

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COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: District 1

SUBJECT:

Under 1 Roof Update

SUMMARY:

Under 1 Roof, is a pilot program to replace worn and damaged roofs in select neighborhoods in City Council District 1 using energy-efficient white shingles. This briefing will provide the Committee with an update on the status of the pilot program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The FY 2016 general fund budget included \$200,000 for the development of a residential roof repair pilot program for single-family houses in City Council District 1. The Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD), with assistance from the Transportation and Capital Improvements (TCI) Department and Office of Sustainability (OS), developed and is now implementing the pilot program. The goal of the program is to replace failing roofs for 12 to 15 qualifying homeowners with an energy-efficient white roof to improve energy efficiency and reduce utility bills, and demonstrate the benefits of energy-efficient white roofs to builders and residents.

ISSUE:

DPCD developed criteria for the Under 1 Roof pilot program to benefit qualifying homeowners and maximize the collective energy-efficiency benefits and the visual impact for demonstration purposes. As a result, Under 1

Roof is a needs-based grant program for eligible homeowners in qualifying areas within the Central Los Angeles Heights, Northmoor, and Edison neighborhoods. The qualifying areas were selected using a multi-criteria analysis that identified clusters of single-family homes in District 1 that are owner-occupied, with appraised values less than \$68,000, and with one or more appraisal district exemptions. To qualify for the program homeowners must be current on their taxes and meet at least one of the following conditions: 65 years of age or older, disabled, veteran, or family income is at or below 80% of Area Median Income (AMI).

The Homeowners selected to receive a grant will have their existing worn and damaged roof repaired and new energy-efficient white shingles installed. Repair and installation work will be completed by one or more of City's on-call contractors. The impact of the new energy-efficient white shingles will be monitored to demonstrate the benefits. DPCD is partnering with the Center for Cultural Sustainability at the University of Texas at San Antonio to monitor and evaluate the program over an 18-month period.

ALTERNATIVES:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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