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Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: Housing Commission to Protect and Preserve Dynamic and Diverse Neighborhoods

DEPARTMENT: Planning & Community Development

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Bridgett White

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Briefing and Subcommittee discussion on items from the FY 2017 Housing Commission Work Plan to include the Vulnerable Communities Assessment and Unified Development Code

SUMMARY:

This item includes a staff briefing and Subcommittee discussion on items included in the approved FY 2017 Housing Commission Work Plan to include an update on the data analysis related to the Vulnerable Communities Assessment as well as policy recommendations to the Unified Development Code.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On October 27, 2015, the Housing Commission to Protect and Preserve Dynamic and Diverse Neighborhoods established the Policy and Infrastructure Subcommittee in order to discuss relevant items on the Commission's current Work Plan and to develop recommendations to bring back to the Commission for possible action. The Subcommittee currently includes six members from the Housing Commission: Jennifer Gonzalez, Richard Milk, Carol Rodriguez, Noah Garcia, Natalie Griffith, and Rod Radle.

Two tasks have been assigned to the Policy and Infrastructure Subcommittee for FY 2017: a Policy & Program Assessment, and a Vulnerable Communities Assessment & Toolkit. The purpose of the Policy & Program Assessment is to review existing City policies and programs to determine their impacts on displacement, loss of affordable housing, and neighborhood change. The goal is that this Policy & Program Assessment will lead to recommendations that strengthen and stabilize

neighborhoods, fostering more diverse and mixed-income communities throughout San Antonio. The Vulnerable Communities Assessment & Toolkit is designed to help the City identify those neighborhoods and residents most at-risk of displacement due to either disinvestment or rapid redevelopment pressures, and to develop a “toolkit” of policy responses to help mitigate those risks.

ISSUE:

The Policy & Infrastructure Subcommittee has discussed development of a Vulnerable Communities Assessment & Toolkit, which will be a geographic analysis of demographic and economic data related to housing stability and neighborhood change. Staff are procuring the data analysis component from a consultant. Staff will brief the Subcommittee on the status of the Vulnerable Communities Assessment. Additionally, staff will continue to collaborate with the Subcommittee to discuss potential revisions to the Unified Development Code that promote housing affordability as well as housing and neighborhood stability.

ALTERNATIVES:

This item is for briefing purposes only.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This item is for briefing purposes only.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item includes a staff briefing and Subcommittee discussion on items included in the approved FY 2017 Housing Commission Work Plan to include an update on the Vulnerable Communities Assessment as well as the Policy & Program Assessment.