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

DEPARTMENT: Planning and Community Development

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COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Briefing on the OUR SA/SAAH Infill Pilot Program, REnewSA Acquisition & Infill Program and NSP Land Banking Program

SUMMARY:

This item includes a briefing by staff from the Office of Urban Redevelopment San Antonio (OUR SA)/San Antonio Affordable Housing (SAAH) on its three single-family housing development programs: Infill Pilot Program; REnewSA Acquisition & Infill Program; and NSP Land Banking Program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In 1957, the City of San Antonio elected to approve a resolution authorizing the creation of an Urban Renewal Agency, known today as the Office of Urban Redevelopment San Antonio (OUR SA). OUR SA, originally referred to as the San Antonio Development Agency (SADA), was tasked with developing and carrying out strategies to eliminate areas of distress, and implementing revitalization directives from the City Council.

In 1995, San Antonio Affordable Housing, Inc. (SAAH) was established by authority of the City Council as a non-profit component of SADA. The mission of SAAH was to develop housing that was affordable in targeted areas of the City. This mission was later expanded by amendment to include technical and economic assistance to promote both housing and business and commercial development.

In 2010, the Urban Renewal Agency was re-branded as OUR SA to promote name recognition within the community. SAAH remains a separate but associated entity. OUR SA, through its non-profit SAAH, is

responsible for acquisition, maintenance and disposal of properties in targeted areas.

ISSUE:

OUR SA/SAAH currently operates three single-family housing development programs, each for the purpose of implementing the neighborhood revitalization goals of the City of San Antonio.

The Infill Pilot Program was funded in FY 2012 and is intended to assist in the creation of affordable housing as a pilot program in Districts 1, 3, and 6.

The REnewSA Acquisition & Infill Program was established with Council adoption of five targeted reinvestment areas in 2014. The program was initiated to acquire vacant properties and resell to nonprofit and private developers for the purpose of creating affordable housing.

The NSP Land Banking Program uses Neighborhood Stabilization Program grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to acquire foreclosed homes for the purpose of rehabilitation and resale of the homes to families earning at or below 120 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI).

ALTERNATIVES:

This item is for briefing purposes only.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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