



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Verónica R. Soto, AICP, Neighborhood and Housing Services Department Director

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUMMARY:** Special session on the draft recommendations for recalibration of the City's affordable housing goals to be included in the Strategic Housing Implementation Plan

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

San Antonio's Housing Policy Framework is the city's affordable housing policy document that was accepted by the City Council in 2018. The document is intended to be reviewed and refined continuously to ensure that the City's housing stakeholders are responding to the needs of the community strategically and collaboratively; thus, ensuring the most efficient provision of housing development and related services.

The next step in the process of implementing the framework plan is the development of a more specific and strategic implementation plan, the Strategic Housing Implementation Plan (SHIP). The foundation for the SHIP would continue to be the Housing Policy Framework and would serve to guide any future framework plan refinements. The SHIP will be developed in collaboration with the Strategic Housing Partners Committee, which would consist of community housing stakeholders, including but not limited to: San Antonio Housing Trust (SAHT), San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA), South Alamo Regional Alliance for the Homeless (SARAH), Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), Bexar County and applicable COSA departments. In addition, the SHIP will include an outreach and input process to receive community input.

The Housing Commission has been identified as the most appropriate entity to provide oversight of the SHIP's development and would be responsible for facilitating the public input process.

### **ISSUE:**

The SHIP will be completed in two Phases, 1) Synthesis and Strategy and; 2) Management and Operations and is projected to be presented to City Council in June 2020. The current stage launched in October 2019, as the report's goals were analyzed and recalibrated to reflect the community's need for affordable housing.

Economic and Planning Systems, the consulting firm that assisted in the creation of the Framework Report, is overseeing the recalibration. This special session will be to present the draft recommendations for Housing Commission feedback before moving onto the second phase.

The second phase will set a baseline and develop metrics for each goal, identifying responsible parties for the collection of data. In order to accomplish the housing goals and track their success, the roles of several organizations, including the Housing Commission, must be identified. The Housing Commission would provide feedback on the scope of the SHIP; receive regular briefings on the progress; facilitate community input processes and formally consider the plan. Phase two will begin in early April. In addition to the Housing Commission members serving on the SHIP committee, NHSD will provide regular updates to the Housing Commission, the community, council committees and City council.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

Housing Commission can accept the staff recommendations for the recalibration of housing goals as presented or provide feedback to be incorporated.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact at this time.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Housing Commission review and provide formal feedback on the draft recommendation for the recalibration of housing goals to be included into the Strategic Housing Implementation Plan.