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# Housing and Homelessness Committee Memorandum

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**TO:** **HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE MEMBERS** **DATE:** **DECEMBER 20, 2021**

**FROM:** **OFFICE OF HOMELESS SOLUTIONS** **WARDS:** **ALL**

**SUBJECT:** **HOUSING AUTHORITY HOUSING PROJECT UPDATE**

**ISSUE:**

Receive and file an update regarding Housing Authority housing projects.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Housing and Homelessness Committee receive and file an update regarding Housing Authority housing projects.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Office of Homeless Solutions has a standing item on the Housing and Homelessness Committee agenda to provide ongoing updates on the Housing Authority's housing projects.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Housing Authority has 689 affordable housing units in the development pipeline, with units that will serve very low- to low-income seniors, families, foster youth, formerly homeless individuals, and those with behavioral health conditions. The City and/or Housing Authority will record affordability covenants on developed properties that range from 20 years to 55 years depending upon the funding source.

The Housing Authority projects update is provided in the attachment of this staff report.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

The Housing Authority projects align with the **Community Well-Being** Strategic Priority and **Goal No. 2.1** to facilitate the development of quality and diverse housing developments that are made available and affordable to a wide range of income levels and **Goal 2.3.** to strengthen neighborhood identities and improve community health and the physical environment through amenities and programs that foster an increased sense of community and enhanced feelings of pride and belonging citywide.

The Project aligns with each of the Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – The Housing First Plan was developed with community input to identify affordable housing development sites that meet the greatest needs of residents in the City. Priorities are based on the City's Annual Action Plan and Five-Year Consolidated Action Plan for federal funding, the Permanent Local Housing Allocation Five Year Spending Plan, and the Housing Element.
2. **Equity** – The Housing Authority provides critical funding to develop affordable housing projects that ensure all eligible persons receive equitable access to housing with dignity, respect, and compassion regardless of the circumstances, ability, or identity.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – The Housing Authority utilizes federal and state housing funds to create very low- to low-income housing that result in economic stability for very low to low-income residents. The Housing Authority's investment will result in a 20:1 return when the projects are fully funded.
4. **Innovation** – The affordable housing projects update will inform City residents and partners on how the Housing Authority is meeting the ongoing and changing needs of very-low to low-income members of the community.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – To plan for housing development, the HUD Annual Action Plan and Housing Element describes specific actions that will be undertaken to promote sustainable community and economic development and housing projects to encourage community engagement and resiliency.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact related to this staff report.

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Attachment: Affordable Housing Projects Update