



**DISCUSSION:**

The Planning Division of the Community & Economic Development Department has partnered with Blue Zones Project Riverside to develop, with technical support from Blue Zones, a handbook for faith-based organizations and congregations to assist with the decision-making process and help navigate financing, design, approval, and all other aspects of the development process. The purpose of the handbook is to demystify the development process for nonexperts and congregations to encourage more faith-based organizations to rise to the challenge and help address the affordable housing shortage in the City and the state.

The handbook is presented to the Council as part of a multi-part effort to publicize its availability, which will also include events, panel discussion, media announcements and tours.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachments:

1. Housing on Faith Lands Handbook
2. Presentation