



Human Relations Commission Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS DATE: JANUARY 22, 2026
FROM: HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION REGARDING HOUSING AD HOC COMMITTEE

ISSUE:

Discuss the original purpose of the Housing Ad Hoc Committee and determine whether the Commission wishes to re-form the Ad Hoc Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Human Relations Commission discuss the original purpose and scope of the Housing Ad Hoc Committee and determine whether to re-form the Ad Hoc Committee.

BACKGROUND:

At its meeting on August 22, 2024, the Human Relations Commission considered and approved the formation of a Housing Ad Hoc Committee. The Ad Hoc Committee was established in response to a request made during items for future consideration and aligned with the Commission's workplan goal to support and advocate for efforts to address housing disparities in the community.

The purpose of the Housing Ad Hoc was as follows:

- Compile available County information and local data on private equity and corporate hedge-fund ownership of housing stock in Riverside.
- Invite local and regional experts on housing justice/housing access to present to Commission, specifically on topics related to private equity ownership of Riverside housing stock and how that does/does not affect housing affordability, housing access, and housing supply.
- Assess potential impacts of private equity and corporate hedge-fund ownership of housing stock in Riverside, focusing on how (if at all) it affects housing affordability, supply of housing, and equitable access.
- Analyze the influence of private equity/hedge-fund ownership of housing stock as it relates to first-time homeownership opportunities.
- Examine racial and socio-economic diversity within neighborhood demographics.
- Provide any actionable recommendations to address identified housing disparities, as related to focus areas.

Per the terms approved by the Commission, the Housing Ad Hoc Committee was intended to complete its work by June 2025, at which time the Ad Hoc Committee would automatically dissolve.

DISCUSSION:

The Housing Ad Hoc Committee was approved with a defined scope and limited duration, with an automatic dissolution date of June 30, 2025. Following the formation, the Ad Hoc Committee did not convene any meetings and did not undertake work related to its original purpose. In addition, the Commissioner who initially requested the formation of the Ad Hoc and intended to lead the effort subsequently resigned from the Commission. The Housing Ad Hoc Committee has dissolved pursuant to its original terms and is no longer active.

The Commission is being asked to discuss whether there is interest in re-forming a Housing Ad Hoc Committee to pursue the goals previously identified or whether no further action is desired at this time. In considering whether to re-form the Ad Hoc Committee, the Commission may wish to evaluate its current capacity, availability of interested Commissioners, and the level of time commitment required to meaningfully advance the Ad Hoc Committee's stated objectives.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

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