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MEMORANDUM

To: Housing Strategy Advisory Group

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Date: November 13, 2017

Subject: Housing Strategy Plan Update Meeting on November 15, 2017 (File PLN17-00111)

Please note – this meeting will be taking place in the Houghton Room on the upper floor of City Hall. It is down the hallway to the right when you enter from the north side of the building.

MEETING PURPOSE

The purpose of this Housing Strategy Advisory Group meeting is to provide additional background information in preparation for the housing workshop scheduled for Saturday, December 2nd. City and ARCH staff will present information and help guide the Advisory Group's discussion.

MEETING OVERVIEW

1. City Funding of Affordable Housing
2. Housing Issues at Washington State Legislature
3. Market and Regulatory Factors Affecting Housing
4. Housing Workshop

Following is a very brief summary of the items to be covered. There are no additional background materials.

1. City Funding of Affordable Housing

Discussion at the last Advisory Group meeting led us to the questions "What has the City provided in terms of direct support for affordable housing? And what has that support produced?" Answers to these questions will be discussed at the meeting.

2. Housing Issues at Washington State Legislature

Several items in the Housing Affordability group of strategies relate to regulatory changes that would be required by the State. Each year, a variety of housing bills are introduced to the legislature for consideration. Staff will provide a summary of bills that have been reviewed in the recent years.

3. Market and Regulatory Factors Affecting Housing Production and Prices

Questions have arisen during a number of Advisory Group meetings about the role of market factors and regulations in the cost and supply of housing. The purpose of this item is for staff to address these questions.

4. Community Housing Workshop

The housing workshop is scheduled for Saturday, December 2nd from 9:00 – noon on the Google campus. A subset of the Advisory Group met to discuss logistics for the event and concluded that a Saturday morning event would result in a better turnout than a weeknight evening.

The format for the workshop will focus on small group discussions of the three main strategy topic areas (Neighborhood Character, Housing Supply and Variety, Affordable and Special Needs Housing). In order to make sure that there is plenty of time for dialogue, participants will be able to attend two breakout sessions on the topics of their choice. There will be opportunities for attendees to share comments throughout the workshop.

The workshop planning group is meeting again on Tuesday, November 14th. More details of the workshop will be shared with the Advisory Group at the meeting on November 15th.