



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**Agenda Date:** November 20, 2024

**In Control:** San Antonio Housing Commission Meeting

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**DEPARTMENT:** Neighborhood and Housing Services

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Veronica Garcia, Director

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Briefing, discussion, and possible action related to the Rental Engagement & Assistance to Connect with Housing (REACH) Initiative.

**SUMMARY:**

Briefing, discussion, and possible action related to the Rental Engagement & Assistance to Connect with Housing (REACH) Initiative.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

On April 25th, Neighborhood & Housing Services Department (NHSD) staff briefed the Planning & Community Development Committee on source of income protections for voucher holders. The Committee requested staff convene discussions between the housing authorities, rental housing providers, and other stakeholders to discuss ways to implement the SHIP strategy on improving access to housing for voucher holders. NHSD staff began collaborating with Close to Home to convene stakeholders on this issue.

Close to Home formed a steering committee in July to help brainstorm recommended systemic, policy and programmatic improvements to rental subsidies including voucher usage. On August 23rd, a larger group of stakeholders met to review the ideas and prioritize them based on impact, population served, feasibility, resources, and timeline to develop a list of top recommendations.

**ISSUE:**

Housing Commission was briefed on the recommendations on October 23, 2024, and expressed interest in taking action related to the recommendations.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact at this time.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Housing Commission can amend the recommendations or make no recommendation related to the REACH initiative.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends Housing Commission support the recommendations developed by the REACH Initiative Stakeholders.