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Agenda Date: October 23, 2024

In Control: San Antonio Housing Commission Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Neighborhood and Housing Services

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Veronica Garcia, Director

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

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

SUMMARY:

Briefing and discussion 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.

A steering committee was formed 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:

On September 25th the steering committee decided to further workshop several recommendations. Staff will brief the commission on the progress of these conversations and hear the Commission's feedback.

The recommendations will be finalized in November and later presented to the Housing Commission.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact at this time.

ALTERNATIVES:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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