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DEPARTMENT: Neighborhood and Housing Services

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Veronica Garcia, Director

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Council Consideration Request by Councilmember Adriana Rocha Garcia (District 4) regarding a Declaration of a Housing Crisis

SUMMARY:

On October 4, 2022, Councilmember Adriana Rocha-Garcia (District 4) submitted a Council Consideration Request (CCR) regarding the development a Housing Crisis Index, criteria for City Council to declare a Housing Crisis, recommendations for appropriate responses, and how to activate responses.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

With the adoption of the Strategic Housing Implementation Plan (SHIP) in December 2021, housing was declared a crisis in San Antonio. The SHIP identified 95,000 households as being cost-burdened and unable to locate an affordable housing option in their neighborhood putting them at risk of housing instability and possible displacement. The SHIP placed particular emphasis

on meeting the need for households with incomes at or below 30% area median income as well as the shortage of permanent supportive housing. The 10-year plan highlights strategic alignment and deployment of resources to address our local housing crisis.

ISSUE:

NHSD reports progress towards the SHIP quarterly online on the SHIP Strategy Progress Page and Affordable Housing Dashboard. The progress page shares the SHIP's production, preservation, and strategy progress, public investment sources/amounts, community metrics, and features an interactive map.

Since the adoption of the SHIP, the City has worked with multiple partners to implement and expand various programs to help respond to housing instability, including rental assistance, eviction prevention efforts which include relocation assistance and free legal services, and created an online affordable housing locator tool. To help homeowners remain housed, the city has expanded funding for home rehabilitation programs and reduced homeowners' tax burden by lowering property taxes and helping homeowners apply for property tax exemptions. The City has also partnered with various nonprofit organizations to offer additional housing services including case management to navigate and apply for resources. By coordinating homeless response systems, the City has focused efforts to help unhoused individuals by adding emergency shelter options and rapid rehousing resources plus producing permanent supportive housing units.

The declaration will be revisited in 2026, year five of the SHIP.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact at this time.

ALTERNATIVES:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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