



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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Agenda Date: November 29, 2023

In Control: San Antonio Housing Commission Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Neighborhood and Housing Services

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Veronica Garcia, Director

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Director to report updates on Neighborhood and Housing Services Department Programs

SUMMARY:

Each month the Director prepares a report on program updates directly affecting the Housing Commission and its charge.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Director's Report: (a) SHIP Event Update; (b) Housing Bond Update (c) Upcoming meetings

ISSUE:

a) SHIP Event Update

On January 27, 2024, the City of San Antonio's Neighborhood & Housing Services Department (NHSD), Opportunity Home, San Antonio Housing Trust (SAHT), and Bexar County will host the

2nd Annual SHIP Event. This event is a part of the Strategic Housing Implementation Plan (SHIP) strategy to meaningfully engage with the community regarding progress of SHIP's implementation and will include exhibits and panel discussions on housing affordability issues. The event will take place at Sam Houston School in District 2 from 10:00AM – 2:00PM.

b) Housing Bond Update

On May 7, 2022, San Antonio voters approved the first ever Housing Bond to increase and preserve affordable housing. The 2022-2027 Housing Bond program enables the City of San Antonio to use \$150 million for homeownership production, permanent supportive housing, rental housing production and acquisition, rental housing preservation and rehabilitation, and homeownership rehabilitation and preservation.

Last fiscal year, the Neighborhood and Housing Services Department awarded \$81 million to support 30 projects in creating and preserving over 4,800 homes. As of November 13, 2023, there are more than 2,800 homes in the development pipeline and more than 1,500 homes under construction with support of the Affordable Housing Bond.

The Affordable Housing Bond advances San Antonio's Strategic Housing Implementation Plan (SHIP) by accelerating housing production and preservation and incentivizing housing near jobs and transportation. Housing Bond projects are aligned with SHIP priorities, core values and our affordable housing goals.

c) Upcoming Meetings

No regular meeting of the Housing Commission will be in December due to holidays and the City's Winter Closure. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at City Tower.

Other important upcoming meetings include:

12/4: Public Engagement & Outreach Subcommittee

12/7: Renters' Solutions Subcommittee Meeting

12/19: Removing Barriers to Affordable Housing Development & Preservation Subcommittee

1/27: SHIP Annual Event

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact at this time.

ALTERNATIVES:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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