



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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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 will include: (a) Property Tax Help Campaign Update; (b) Community Land Trust (CLT) Update; (c) SHIP National Recognition; (d) Upcoming meetings.

ISSUE:

a) Property Tax Help Campaign Update

The Property Tax Help Campaign aims to help homeowners file for homestead exemptions and

learn how to protest their property tax valuations. NHSD has partnered with Texas True Tax to help facilitate the property tax help sessions. Attendees will have the opportunity to receive one on one assistance and file on site with the Bexar Appraisal District (BCAD).

Spanish and American Sign Language interpretation is also available at all sessions.

The first three sessions (3 in-person; 1 virtual) served over 114 households. The next session will be held at Reagan High School (19000 Ronald Reagan Dr, 78258) on Saturday, March 30th at 10:00 AM. Doors open at 9:30 AM.

The Mexican American Unity Council (MAUC) also assists residents year-round at satellite offices. Additional session dates, location, and information may be accessed online at www.sanantonio.gov/propertytaxhelp.

b) Community Land Trust (CLT) Update

NHSD is beginning to draft a Community Land Trust (CLT) designation policy to comply with state code requirements and support developing CLTs in San Antonio. Staff begun initial outreach with developing CLTs including Esperanza Peace and Justice Center, Culturingua, and the Mexican American Unity Council. This policy will ensure local CLTs receive proper appraisal treatment with the Bexar Appraisal District (BCAD). The CLT designation policy also supports the SHIP strategy to establish a new nonprofit or empower an existing organization to launch and operate a CLT.

c) SHIP National Recognition

The Strategic Housing Implementation Plan has been selected as a case study in the Housing Supply Accelerator Playbook, published in partnership with the National League of Cities and the American Planning Association. This playbook seeks to highlight case studies from cities across the country paving the way in their approaches to solving housing challenges and boosting housing supply.

d) Upcoming Meetings

The next regular meeting of the Housing Commission will be held on April 24, 2024. Other important upcoming meetings include:

4/3: Public Engagement & Outreach Subcommittee

4/2 & 4/15: Removing Barriers Technical Working Group

4/4: Renters' Solutions Subcommittee Meeting

4/16: Removing Barriers to Affordable Housing Development & Preservation Subcommittee

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact at this time.

ALTERNATIVES:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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