

Item #4

DEPARTMENT: Development Services

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Michael Shannon

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT: Response to “Ousted: The City of San Antonio’s Displacement of Residents through Code Enforcement Actions”

SUMMARY:

Staff will present the City’s response to “Ousted: The City of San Antonio’s Displacement of Residents through Code Enforcement Actions”

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Last month the City Council and the City Manager received the report titled “*Ousted: The City of San Antonio’s Displacement of Residents through Code Enforcement Actions*” authored by Heather Kay Way, Abbey Judd, and Otila Willis. The report claims that the City is displacing residents from their homes through the use of code enforcement. The findings in the report are inaccurate due to insufficient data collection and the lack of the authors’ understanding of the City’s code enforcement process.

ISSUE:

The findings in the report are incorrect. City staff will provide the Committee accurate data and review the City’s code enforcement processes. Staff will also brief the Committee on the efforts that have been made to assist residents that are at risk of displacement.

ALTERNATIVES:

This item is for briefing purposes only.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is not fiscal impact to the budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for briefing purposes only.