



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**Agenda Date:** October 25, 2023

**In Control:** San Antonio Housing Commission Meeting

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**DEPARTMENT:** Neighborhood and Housing Services

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Veronica Garcia, Director

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Discussion and possible action on Housing Commission Fiscal Year 2024-2026 goals and priorities

**SUMMARY:**

Discussion and possible action on Housing Commission Fiscal Year 2024-2026 goals and priorities

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Housing Commission is charged with engaging the public in the development of affordable housing policy as well as other affordable housing issues and policies.

On October 11th the Housing Commission had a retreat to discuss key goals and priorities for Fiscal Year 2024-2026. The Commission asked staff to provide a summary of how their list of priorities would forward the progress of the Strategic Housing Implementation Plan (SHIP).

## ISSUE:

During the Housing Commission's retreat, commissioners brainstormed areas of focus for their work and the work of the subcommittees, resulting in a draft list of priorities.

Below is a summary of possible priorities and SHIP overlap:

Priority Area	SHIP Overlap
<b>Link affordable housing with transportation and remove barriers associated with development opportunity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Update Unified Development Code to remove barriers to affordable housing production and preservation</li><li>• Implement community-centered principles &amp; incentives into the infill development process</li><li>• Establish a land banking program for future projects</li><li>• Establish a community land trust</li><li>• Advance universal design and visitability standards</li><li>• Implement sustainable and health principles in affordable housing</li></ul>
<b>Develop and participate in a legislative coalition</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advocate for ad valorem tax for small unit multi-family and affordable housing developments</li><li>• Advocate to expand Medicaid in Texas</li><li>• Advocate for more Housing Choice Vouchers and more funding for vouchers</li><li>• Establish a Housing Preservation Network</li></ul>
<b>Language access for tenants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Implement public information campaigns</li><li>• Systemwide eviction and foreclosure prevention</li></ul>
<b>Landlord engagement and education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advocate for ad valorem tax for small unit multi-family and affordable housing developments</li><li>• Establish multifamily rental rehab</li><li>• Improve the multifamily new construction program</li><li>• Advance universal design and visitability standards</li><li>• Implement sustainable and health principles in affordable housing</li><li>• Implement public information campaigns</li></ul>
<b>Public information campaign destigmatizing affordable housing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Engage with and leverage existing stakeholder structures</li><li>• Implement public information campaigns</li></ul>

<b>Homelessness and eviction prevention</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expand support service provision in affordable housing developments</li> <li>• Produce 1,000 permanent supportive housing units</li> <li>• Expand funding for extremely low income homes</li> <li>• Systemwide eviction and foreclosure prevention</li> <li>• Implement public information campaigns</li> <li>• Develop holistic financial counseling at the center of service provision</li> </ul>
<b>Engage with Mission Oriented Organizations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement community-centered principles &amp; incentives into the infill development process</li> <li>• Support and grow non-profit housing providers</li> <li>• Leverage the vacant building program</li> </ul>

Housing Commission members will continue their discussion.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact at this time.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The Commission can choose to continue discussions at a later date.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends setting Housing Commission goals and priorities for Fiscal Year 2024-2026.