



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: (a) Home Rehabilitation Application Session Update; (b) Housing Assistance Program Update (c) Upcoming meetings

ISSUE:

a) Home Rehabilitation Application Session Update

The Housing Production Team held nine information sessions between October 2nd and October

19th. The sessions provided residents with information to help them prepare to apply for the City's home rehabilitation programs.

The sessions helped people learn more about the programs available, eligibility requirements, required documentation, and how to prepare to apply. All sessions had Spanish and American Sign Language interpretation services. More than 850 families attended the sessions.

Residents seeking assistance with applications may reach out to San Antonio for Growth on the Eastside (SAGE), Health Collaborative or UTSA Westside Community Center.

The application will be open online from October 20-November 20.

b) Housing Assistance Program Update

The Housing Assistance Program portal was open from October 16-22 to assist renters impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic with rental help. Staff is reviewing applications and will continue to prioritize families facing eviction and survivors of domestic violence. The Relocation Assistance Program continues to accept new applications and offer support with deposits, temporary lodging, moving costs, and housing navigation for eligible families facing financial hardship.

c) Upcoming Meetings

The next regular meeting of the Housing Commission will not be at its regular time and location due to Thanksgiving. The meeting will be the fifth Wednesday of November, November 29th at Development Services: 1901 S. Alamo Street, 78204.

Other important upcoming meetings include:

11/6: Public Engagement & Outreach Subcommittee

11/11: ADU Design Competition Award Ceremony

11/2: Renters' Solutions Subcommittee Meeting

11/8: Dashboard & Annual Report Subcommittee

11/21: 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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