



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**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:**

Briefing and possible action related to the creation of a technical working group under the Housing Commission and the Removing Barriers to Affordable Housing Subcommittee focused on developing recommendations to the Unified Development Code that facilitate the creation of affordable housing near and along transit corridors.

**SUMMARY:**

Discussion and possible action on the creation of a technical working group to focus on developing recommendations on potential amendments to the Unified Development Code that could facilitate the creation of affordable housing near and along transit corridors.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The charge of the working group would align with the recommendations in the SHIP as well as the collective priorities of the Commission. The Housing Commission would delegate the authority of appointing members to the working group to the co-chairs of the Removing Barriers

Subcommittee. Membership would be comprised of subject matter experts on transit-oriented development, housing, planning, sustainability, code, and at least 1 representative from the Housing Commission. The working group will produce their recommendations on UDC amendments in a report to the Removing Barriers Subcommittee and the Housing Commission. The creation of this working group and the subsequent recommendations produced by the Housing Commission will aid in advancing housing availability and affordability along transit corridors in San Antonio.

#### **ISSUE:**

The RBSC met on October 17th to develop a recommendation to the Housing Commission regarding the formation of a technical working group. The subcommittee discussed the work the group was being asked to do and determined it would require more frequent and in-depth meetings than the RBSC's structure allows.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact at this time.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

Housing Commission may decide not to form a technical working group or may choose to set different guidelines for the group.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the creation of a technical working group charged with making recommendations to the Removing Barriers Subcommittee and the Housing Commission on proposed amendments to the Unified Development Code for purposes of creating affordable housing near and along transit corridors. Membership of the working group would be appointed by the co-chairs of the RBSC and would not exceed 9 members. The membership would include subject matter experts on transit-oriented development, housing, planning, sustainability, code, and at least 1 representative from the Housing Commission. The working group will be required to produce a final report containing its recommendations for changes to the UDC to the RBSC and Housing Commission no later than a date to be determined by the Housing Commission and would remain active until they have accomplished their charge.