



Memorandum

Date: 1/20/2026

Meeting of: Committee of the Whole - Public Safety and Human Services

File No. CM 26-021

Type: Committee Memo

TO: Committee of the Whole - Public Safety and Human Services

FROM: Mayor Angela Birney

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TITLE:

Housing and Human Services Overview: Build More Housing Faster (Presentation 2 of 4)

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

Staff will provide an overview of planning policies and actions supporting the City's efforts to accelerate housing development. Staff will examine the broader forces shaping the regional housing landscape and emphasize that building more housing, faster, requires collaboration among many actors beyond City policies and regulations.

This is part two of a four-part civic education presentation series on Housing and Human Services.

☒ **Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

REQUESTED ACTION:

☒ **Receive Information**

☐ **Provide Direction**

☐ **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
Community Strategic Plan, Comprehensive Plan Housing Element, Comprehensive Plan Human Services Element, Housing Action Plan, Human Services Strategic Plan
- **Required:**
N/A
- **Council Request:**
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**

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By providing a deeper analysis of gaps, challenges, and opportunities in area of housing, staff seek to engage Council and solicit their ideas to inform future plans and budget proposals.

OUTCOMES:

A continued focus on responding to existing and emerging housing needs in a dynamic environment.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
N/A
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
N/A
- **Feedback Summary:**
N/A

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

N/A

Approved in current biennial budget:

☐ Yes

☐ No

☒ N/A

Budget Offer Number:

0000307 - Housing and Human Services

Budget Priority:

Vibrant and Connected

Other budget impacts or additional costs:

☐ Yes

☐ No

☒ N/A

If yes, explain:

N/A

Funding source(s):

General Fund

Budget/Funding Constraints:

N/A

☐ Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

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Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
3/17/2026	Committee of the Whole - Public Safety and Human Services	Receive Information
6/16/2026	Committee of the Whole - Public Safety and Human Services	Receive Information

Time Constraints:

N/A

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: 2026 Housing and Human Services Council Presentation (2 of 4) - Build More Housing Faster