



HOUSING POLICY PLAN

Presentation to the Community
Development Committee



Housing Policy Plan Timeline

- TODAY: First discussion of the plan
- July 7: Community Development Committee work session
- July 21 / 23: Draft adopted for public comment
- September 10: Public hearing
- September 22: End of public comment period
- October 6: Public comment report
- October 20: CDC adoption
- October 22: Council adoption

Council Roles in Housing

- Comprehensive Planning
 - Comprehensive plans must include a housing element and guide land to meet affordable housing need (Minn.Stat.473.859)
 - Local Planning Assistance staff provide technical assistance for Comprehensive Planning
- Grantmaking
 - Housing Performance Scores used to inform grantmaking
 - Livable Communities Act (Minn.Stat. 473.25)
 - Regional Solicitation an additional opportunity to use Housing Performance Scores

Council Roles in Housing (cont.)

- Technical Assistance
 - Additional technical assistance opportunities exist beyond comprehensive planning
 - Development, finance, and placemaking
- Convening
 - Elevate housing conversations, solutions, and partnerships
 - Continue to provide valuable regional perspective on housing need and its relationship with economic development, transportation, and environmental issues

Housing Policy Plan Outline

- **Section 1: Introduction**
 - Data and overview of key housing issues
 - Role of plan and relationship to *Thrive MSP 2040*
- **Section 2: Strategies and goals organized by *Thrive* principles and outcomes**
- **Section 3: Council Housing Policies**
 - Allocation of Affordable Housing
 - Housing Performance Scores
 - Technical Assistance
 - Comprehensive Planning
 - Resource Allocation
- **Section 4: Opportunities for Impact**
 - Complex regional housing issues that require further exploration, Council role to be determined

Opportunities for Impact

- Affordable housing preservation
- Inclusionary housing strategies
- Mixed-income development
- Concentration of poverty
- Regional funding strategies
- Decreasing the cost of affordable housing development
- Connection between housing and education policies
- Public outreach and education
 - Density
 - Housing affordability
 - Housing tenure

Housing Policy Implementation

- Retain housing staff for implementation
- Expand technical assistance around housing
- Provide housing perspective to other Council functions
- Convene & participate in sustained dialogues on housing issues & collective responses
- Provide research & data to help drive decision making

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