



# Update to Affordable Housing Policy

2022-76 Regional Policy 1-2



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# What is the Affordable Housing Policy?



## Council Administrative Policies

- Defines how and who within the Council will carry out its affordable housing responsibilities
- Directed by Minnesota Statutes and Federal Codes
  - Livable Communities Act
  - Metropolitan Land Planning Act
  - Housing and Redevelopment Authority
- Not the direction found in *Thrive MSP 2040* or the *Housing Policy Plan*

# Why update the policy now?



- Last updated in 1998
  - Passage of the Livable Communities Act
  - Updates to the Metropolitan Land Planning Act
  - Updates to the Metropolitan Housing and Redevelopment Authority powers
- Did not fully articulate the Metro HRAs programs
- Did not articulate the role of planning for housing affordability
- Out of date references

# Proposed Revisions



## Attachment 1: Version 3 of the Policy

- Incorporate Council planning roles related to housing
- Include state-funded HRA programs
- Update and correct references on required annual reporting
- Provide direction to explore additional funding opportunities for HRA programs

# Proposed Action



That the Metropolitan Council adopt RF 1-2: Affordable Housing Policy version 3 as shown in Attachment 1.



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