



Ad Hoc Committee on Housing Affordability

Consideration of Draft Report on Options for Housing Affordability and Homelessness Response

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee

City Manager Recommendation:

Provide feedback and direction. No action requested.

Report

Issue:

Whether to consider the draft Administrative and Financial Plan and provide feedback and direction to staff on policy considerations included in the draft plan.

Staff Contact:

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Presenter(s):

Keith Stahley, Director Community Planning and Development Director

Background and Analysis:

Should the Council decide to move forward with the Home Fund proposal, an Administrative and Financial Plan must be adopted by the City Council prior to any funds being collected. The draft plan attached is modeled after the City of Vancouver's recently adopted Affordable Housing Fund Administrative and Financial Plan.

There are a number of key policy questions that must be addressed in the plan. These include:

- What is the relationship between the homelessness and affordable housing funding and the public safety funding?
- Do you want to declare a housing emergency as provided for by RCW 84.52?
- What is the best timing of a referendum?

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- Do you prefer property tax or sales tax?
- Who is your target population or populations?
- How would you plan to use these funds?
- How do you want to manage this program?
- Would you want to include a Citizens advisory committee?

A summary of these issues is attached as Policy Questions for the Committee and well as a summary of the information discussed at the Committee's meetings through May 1, 2017.

Neighborhood/Community Interests:

Homelessness and affordable housing are issues of community-wide concern.

Options:

Receive report and provide feedback and direction to staff on the proposed draft Administrative and Financial Plan.

Financial Impact:

None at this time.

Attachments:

Draft Administrative and Financial Plan Policy Questions Meeting Summaries