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To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: May 20, 2019

Re: Setting a Public Hearing to Consider the Fair Housing Task Force Resolution and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) for FY 2020-2024

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared a resolution setting a public hearing for June 3, 2019 to consider the Fair Housing Task Force (FHTF) Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. The FHTF approved the final version of the report and resolution at its April 22, 2019 meeting.

Discussion

The City of Columbia is classified by HUD as an Entitlement Community and Participating Jurisdiction due to its population and demographics, therefore it receives an annual formula based allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funding. Entitlement Communities are mandated by HUD to meet federal requirements to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing (AFFH). As provided in the rule, AFFH means "taking meaningful actions, in addition to combating discrimination, that overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics. Specifically, affirmatively furthering fair housing means taking meaningful actions that, taken together, address significant disparities in housing needs and in access to opportunity, replacing segregated living patterns with truly integrated and balanced living patterns, transforming racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty into areas of opportunity, and fostering and maintaining compliance with civil rights and fair housing laws." These requirements are met by completing HUD's required Analysis to Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI).

A copy of the final report will be made available on May 23, 2019. Results of the report will inform funding decisions for the FY 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, as well as any additional policy considerations for City Council. The Community Development Commission is reviewing the report at its May meeting. Staff recommends the approval of setting a hearing to consider its final approval at its June 3, 2019 meeting.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None.

Long-Term Impact: None.



Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impacts

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Social Equity, Secondary Impact: Infrastructure, Tertiary Impact: Economy

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities,

Legislative History

Date	Action
2/19/2018	City Council approved the formation of the Fair Housing Task Force.

Suggested Council Action

Recommend Council pass a resolution setting a date for a June 3, 2019 public hearing to consider Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) for FY 2020-2024.