

Memorandum

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council


FROM: Councilmember Jimenez

SUBJECT: FY 2017/18 - FY 2021/22 Affordable
Housing Investment Plan

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Recommendation

Accept the staff report on the FY 2017/18 - FY 2021/22 Affordable Housing Investment Plan and direct staff to prioritize the development of supportive housing for the chronically homeless as well as housing for our extremely low-income residents.

Analysis

The housing crisis is a challenging policy issue to tackle. I commend our Housing Department for putting forward a thoughtful and thorough report on where our housing resources come from and how they recommend utilizing those resources.

Although we need housing for all income levels, I believe that housing our most vulnerable residents should be at the forefront of this discussion.

Our Housing Department emphasizes the continuing and significant need for permanent supportive housing. We will not see a reduction in the number of our residents living on our streets until we build a considerable number of permanent supportive housing units. It is not only the right thing to do, but our residents remind us daily that it is a priority for them as well.

I appreciate the Housing Department providing “bonus points” for developments that achieve our goals, such as reducing costs, leveraging state and other non-City funding, and prioritizing housing the homeless.

As we strive toward accomplishing our ambitious housing goals, let us focus not only on the number of units we build, but also on those most vulnerable souls who roam our streets. Though providing safe and stable housing for the homeless is the most challenging housing objective to achieve, it is also the most urgent and the greatest moral imperative.