

DATE ISSUED: October 10, 2002 REPORT NO. 02-234
ATTENTION: Rules, Finance and Intergovernmental Relations Committee
Agenda of October 16, 2002
SUBJECT: Affordable Housing Task Force
REFERENCE: Minutes of August 6, 2002 City Council Meeting

SUMMARY

Issue-

How should the City Manager implement direction of the City Council to create a task force that would make recommendations to the City Manager for a comprehensive housing strategy for San Diego?

Manager's Recommendations-

That the Rules Committee:

- 1) Authorize the City Manager to appoint an Affordable Housing Task Force considering representation from diverse interests and perspectives, as further described herein.
- 2) Direct the City Manager to return to Council within six months of their first meeting with a written report of recommendations to improve affordable housing options and strategies in the City of San Diego, consistent with other City housing plans.

Fiscal Impact- Nominal fiscal impact for staffing of the task force will be absorbed by the affected departments and agencies.

BACKGROUND

On "Affordable Housing Day" (August 6, 2002), the City Council voted in favor of an inclusionary housing policy for San Diego. Council also acknowledged that adopting

such a program is but one of many actions that the City should take to meet local housing needs. In that context, Council recommended creation of an Affordable Housing Task Force in order to create a comprehensive housing policy for the City of San Diego.

The creation of the task force is intended to address the many issues and concerns that were raised during Council discussion regarding development of affordable housing. It should be noted that Council Members specified that consideration of the inclusionary housing implementation documents would not be delayed by any action of the task force.

As a result of the motion, the City Manager was directed to evaluate the concept of establishing an Affordable Housing Task Force and return with a proposal for its implementation.

DISCUSSION

The City Manager proposes the following recommendations for the task force as described below.

The task force members are to be representative of the City of San Diego and appointed by the City Manager's Office. It will include members of community organizations and planning boards, housing and environmental advocates, charitable organizations, business and labor, academics, and affordable housing developers, realtors and apartment owners. The size of the task force should be large enough to represent Citywide concerns while facilitating timely recommendations; we would recommend no fewer than 12, and not more than 15 members. Further, the task force may establish sub-committees on specific issues which would allow the ability to involve other knowledgeable people in the community.

The task force may make recommendations to the City Manager regarding the following and other related housing issues suggested by City Council or task force members:

- Goals for constructing an amount of housing units and affordable housing units over the next 10 years
- Incentives to achieve housing goals
- Analysis of financing and funding options to meet housing productions goals
- State and federal legislation to facilitate development of housing generally and affordable housing specifically
- Preservation and renter issues
- Construction defect reform
- Development regulations (in this regard, the task force will work with the existing Housing Technical Advisory committee)
- Expansion of homebuyer opportunities

The work of the task force should be consistent with the City's Housing Element. During the next year, staff will begin preparation of the FY 2004-2009 Housing Element.

Recommendations of the task force will be integrated into this Housing Element update, as appropriate.

The City Manager is prepared to proceed immediately to establish the task force. It is anticipated that staff for the task force will include the Manager's office, Housing Commission, Planning Department and Development Services Department, the office of the City Attorney, and the Redevelopment Agency.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: [August 6, 2002 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)