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City of Gainesville Housing Action Plan (B)

The purpose of this item is to present an overview of and seek direction from the City Commission regarding the finalized draft of the City of Gainesville Housing Action Plan (Plan). This proposed Plan seeks to: 1) address the availability of affordable housing in the City; 2) establish protocols and standards to continue the development and inclusion of affordability in all housing discussions; and 3) set expectations and requirements related to new construction initiatives throughout the municipality.

In partnership with the Florida Housing Coalition, City Leadership, Housing & Community Development staff, Department of Sustainable Development staff, along with other Community Builders, collaborated to engage the Gainesville Community in discussions on neighborhood and area housing needs. Additionally, Community Partners were also involved in these conversations, to incorporate business/client concerns and suggestions to define and focus the Plan's overall commitments and purpose.

As part of this process, staff has consulted with the Office of Equity & Inclusion and scheduled a meeting to discuss the creation of a timeline for the activation of the Government Alliance on Race & Equity (GARE) Toolkit procedures. GARE activities and processes will ensure that the Plan meets and/or exceeds equity requirements.

The Plan provides a framework to continue discussions as the city moves forward to support affordable housing models, which promote community engagement and the well-being of our neighborhoods. The Plan is also formulated to allow enhancements to facilitate dynamic modifications and updates.

Strategic Connection: This item is connected to Goal 3: A Great Place to Live and Experience in the City's Strategic Plan and is a top priority item.

To be determined based on final approval of the Housing Action Plan.

The City Commission: 1) hear and receive presentations and; 2) provide feedback.