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Subject: RE: draftHTF as an appendix to the Housing Element

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Planning Commission

FR: Georgina Valencia

Member Social Services Commission (SSC)

Member Housing Element Committee (HEC)

RE: Recommendations by the HEC

As you already are aware the Housing Element Committee had it's final meeting on May 20th. There were 10 recommendations that were voted on by the HEC and the first 2 recommendations are what I am addressing myself to in this email to you.

Recommendation 1 Motion by Valencia. Move that the Housing Trust Fund draft [proposal] that was presented at the last meeting and voted on unanimously by the Social Services Commission be added as an appendix to the Housing Element.

Recommendation 2 Motion by Rutherford. The City should develop a Housing Trust Fund program that clearly identifies the needs of the community that will be addressed, the programs that will be funded by the Housing Trust Fund, how the Housing Trust Fund will be administered, and to develop an oversight committee to ensure that the Housing Trust Fund funds are being used to meet the affordable housing needs of the community.

The *draft Housing Trust Fund* (HTF) recommends an allocation process and programs to address the housing needs of what the SSC describes as three groups - the unhoused, renters, and buyers. The *draft HTF* also identifies revenue sources for growing the HTF to provide funding to sustain programs developed.

My ask of the Planning Commission is this...PLEASE vote to include the draft *HTF as an appendix to the Housing Element Document Recommendation 1*. The addition of the draft HTF does not commit staff or council to the content of the document. What it does do is commit staff and council to doing the work of creating "real priorities" for affordable housing and to find funding sources to sustain the priorities and associated programs.

The next ask is to vote to include the additional motion by Rutherford (Recommendation 2) as a further clarification to Recommendation 1.

Respectfully,

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Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.
-Mark Twain