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**From:** Barbara Archer  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 15, 2021 9:05 AM  
**To:** Georgina Valencia  
**Cc:** Jessica Lynch  
**Subject:** RE: Public Comments on the Housing Element Draft

Dear Georgina,

Thank you for writing to the City Council with your comments about the Housing Element Update draft. All members of the Council have received your email, and I am acknowledging it on their behalf. I have also cc'd the staff person managing the project.

Thank you for your engagement on the update.

Best regards,

Barbara

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**Subject:** RE: Public Comments on the Housing Element Draft

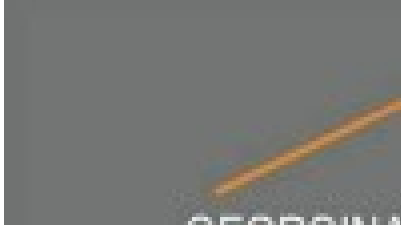
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Council Members,

I respectfully forward the following statement regarding the draft Housing Trust Fund document and the Draft Housing Element document. I have added the comments as a PDF attached to this email. And I have pasted the comments in this email in case the pdf format is not compatible with your technology.

Thank you,

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-Mark Twain

June 14, 2021

TO: City Council

FR: Georgina Valencia

Member Social Services Commission

Member Housing Element Committee (HEC)

RE: Recommendations Regarding the draftHTF

As you are aware the Housing Element Committee had the final meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>. There were 10 recommendations that were voted on by the HEC and the first 2 recommendations are what I am addressing in this email.

**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.

Some of the criticisms of the HE draft are the lack of specific programs and commitment by the City. As stated in this quote from Northern California Legal Services "...*the programs need more description of what the City is committing to do and the specific steps necessary to complete....*"

Staff has already stated to me that ...” the purpose is to set up a list of policies and programs to be considered and/or implemented at some point during the life of the element itself. The housing element itself does not implement programs; it is a mechanism for the City Council to signal the programs that they would like to study further to address housing needs in Davis. For example, the housing element does not rezone properties to meet our RHNA shortfall. Rather, it identifies candidates for further consideration. The actual implementation process is separate from the housing element adoption process. Since the Housing Element Committee voted to include your proposed program, it is included in the list as policy 2.2.1 and reads

2.2.1. Identify and implement one or more sources of robust permanent funding for the City's Housing Trust Fund and establish and prioritize uses for these funds (page 219 of the Draft)

In staff's comments above I read a clear support that priorities, programs and funding is needed but no clear priorities are created. Therefore, again, I ask of the City Council to vote to include the draft *HTF as an appendix to the Housing Element Document. Which is Recommendation 1 made by the HEC.*

*Note: This does not* commit staff or council to the specifics outlined in the draft HTF document. By having the draft HTF as an appendix there is a reference point that would commit staff and council to doing the “work” of creating “real priorities” for affordable housing and ultimate funding sources to sustain the priorities and associated programs.

Next, I am asking that City Council vote to include the additional motion by Rutherford, Recommendation 2 as a further step to support Recommendation 1.