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LEGISLATION STAFF REPORT FOR COUNCIL

File ID 25-0253 Caption Public Hearing for the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice.

Staff/Department Responsible for Legislation

Department of Planning and Development

Requestor of Legislation

Department of Planning and Development

Location, if applicable

N/A

Summary/Purpose

The Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing (AI) is a document that evaluates the barriers or obstacles that individuals face in achieving fair access to housing. A key component of this assessment is soliciting community feedback. In addition to public forums and an online survey, we hold a public hearing on the draft of the document.

Background

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) mandates that communities receiving federal housing funds, particularly through programs such as the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and others, conduct an AI. This requirement stems from the Fair Housing Act of 1968, which seeks to eliminate housing discrimination and promote fair housing practices.

The AI helps HUD ensure that recipients of federal funds are meeting their obligation to affirmatively further fair housing (AFFH). AFFH is a legal requirement that obligates grantees to not only refrain from discriminatory practices but also take proactive steps to correct patterns of segregation and unequal access to housing.

Fiscal Impact

N/A

Staff Recommendation