



CITY OF ALBANY CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Agenda Date: March 18, 2024

Reviewed by: NA

SUBJECT: City Council Ad Hoc Subcommittee to review applications and make recommendations on appointments to the Housing Advisory Commission

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Council select two members to form an ad hoc subcommittee to review applications received from members of the community seeking appointment to the newly established Housing Advisory Commission and make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the appointees to the Commission for ratification by the City Council.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

On March 4, 2023, the City Council unanimously adopted [Resolution No. 2024-13](#) establishing a Housing Advisory Commission (HAC) to provide a forum to engage with members of the community across a range of perspectives on housing policies and programs and to make recommendations to the City Council regarding implementation of the City's Housing Element. The five member HAC shall be comprised of, at a minimum, one tenant, one affiliate of a local educational institution, and one rental provider that may either be a resident of, or provide rental housing within, the City of Albany.

To further ensure balance of composition and diversity of perspective of the HAC to the extent practicable, Council requested formation of a subcommittee to review all applications received and to make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the appointees to the HAC.

SUSTAINABILITY/SOCIAL EQUITY AND INCLUSIVITY CONSIDERATIONS

The shared goal for all City services is to provide and advance fair and equitable services to the Albany community, including promoting and furthering equal access to affordable housing opportunities through the City and establishing advisory bodies with a diversity of membership representing a spectrum of perspectives.

CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES

The establishment of a subcommittee to review applications and present a recommendation to Council will facilitate the formation of the Housing Advisory Commission, which will make progress towards

- GOAL 2: Promote Housing Availability & Quality; OBJECTIVE: Continue to educate and inform the community regarding housing to include tenants' rights and housing provider responsibilities.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

N/A

NEXT STEPS

Staff will continue to distribute information regarding the HAC to inform the community of this new opportunity and that there are seats to be appointed. Informational materials indicate an initial first round application submittal date of March 29, 2024. The subcommittee will be provided applications upon receipt for consideration and recommendation for City Council appointment. The HAC would begin meeting once the advisory body is fully appointed.