



COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT

Planning and Neighborhoods Committee

Date: May 24, 2016

Agenda Item #: 4

Discussion and possible action on issues and possible code amendments related to positively affirming fair housing, which includes the following elements: increased funding for the affordable housing trust fund, inclusionary zoning and affordable housing generation, stay-in-place, and smaller housing in exclusive areas.

Vote: The Committee voted to forward to full Council to initiate this code amendment based on source of income on a vote of 3-1 with Council Member Gallo opposing.

Sponsors/Department: Council Member Gregorio Casar and Council Member Sabino “Pio” Renteria

Summary of Discussion

Public Comments

Michael Casias, Real Estate Developer, in support of the Austin’s Fair Housing Initiative.

Lauren Johnson, spoke on expanding affordable housing within the vulnerable populations like the elderly. Disenfranchisement of people with criminal histories and how wonderfully successful this initiative to house our homeless veterans has been.

Frank Harren, thanked Council for their hard work and fully support, in conjunction with, some addressing of the underlying economic dynamic that covers the entire general market. The less done with respect to the overall market, the more expensive it becomes.

David King, on the polices and understand what is going on within the neighborhoods now. Families are being pushed to the edge of the our city and its primarily due to the pro density policies that escalate the land prices in our preferred development zone.

Direction

Recommendation: The Committee voted to add amendments and removal of language to the Austin’s Fair Housing Initiative handout. Recommendations to remove wording under the heading of More Mixed Income Developments bullet #2 (in order and reevaluate) Mayor Pro Tem Tovo first and Council Member Renteria second.

The Committee voted to forward to full Council to initiate this code amendment based on source of income on a vote of 3-1 with Council Member Gallo opposing (bullet point #3 under More Mixed Income Development Heading).

The remaining bullet points on the Austin Fair Housing Initiative were forwarded to the June 6, 2016 Housing and Community Development Committee for recommendation.