



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Rosie Truelove, Director, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development

DATE: February 9, 2018

SUBJECT: Resolution 20170817-053 regarding the Anti-Displacement Task Force

On August 17, 2017, City Council adopted Resolution No. 20170817-053 directing the City Manager to create the Anti-Displacement Task Force to review and recommend the specific strategies in five categories of action, including (1) preserving and expanding the supply of affordable housing; (2) controlling land for community development; (3) preserving and growing small businesses and cultural assets; (4) income and asset creation by providing needed services - childcare, transportation, a basic retail sector, access to health care, and employment opportunities - as a precondition for success; and (5) financing strategies to provide community-specific ways to fund the other four categories of action. The Task Force first convened in December of 2017 and will continue to meet monthly concluding in August of 2018 or as may be extended. An in-progress report will be provided to City Council in April of 2018.

The Task Force has received a briefing from the University of Texas professors conducting research regarding gentrification, displacement and mapping of vulnerable neighborhoods specified in Resolution 20170817-055. The City Auditor has also provided information to the Task Force regarding past policy and program recommendations related to displacement and gentrification. In addition, data regarding housing loss and displacement has been gathered from the Planning and Zoning Department, Development Services Department, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department, and will be provided to inform Task Force recommendations.

An outside consultant to provide technical expertise on displacement and gentrification strategies, identified in the City Council Budget Concept Menu, was not funded and no external revenue sources have been identified at this time. The Task Force members have committed to leveraging resources and subject matter expertise among themselves to develop a better understanding of displacement and gentrification issues in Austin, but may also request funding from Council.

Should you have questions or need additional information, please contact Erica Leak, NHCD Policy & Planning Manager, at 512-974-9375 or erica.leak@austintexas.gov.

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