



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-1152, **Agenda Item #:** 29.

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Posting Language

Approve a resolution related to an application by Polaris Avenue Flats Ltd., or an affiliated entity, for competitive 9% housing tax credits for a new construction development to be known as Polaris Avenue Flats, located at or near 2100 Polaris Avenue; and related to the allocation of housing tax credits within the City and near the proposed development.

Lead Department

Neighborhood Housing and Community Development.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

Polaris Avenue Flats Ltd., or an affiliated entity, will submit an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for competitive 9% Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC). The applicant will receive a certain number of points based on Council's action. During the TDHCA scoring process, an application that receives a resolution of support will receive more points than an application that receives a resolution of no objection.

The resolution states that Council supports the proposed development because the proposed development is located within 0.5 miles of an Imagine Austin Center or Corridor or a Mobility Bond Corridor. The resolution also acknowledges and confirms that the City has more than twice the state average of units per capita supported by Housing Tax Credits or Private Activity Bonds.

Depending on the location of the proposed development, the resolution may do one or more of the following: (a) acknowledge that the proposed development will be located one linear mile or less from another development that serves the same type of household and received an allocation of Housing Tax Credits (or private activity bonds) within the last three years; (b) acknowledge that the proposed development is located in a census tract with more than 20% housing tax credits per total households; (c) allow the new construction of the proposed development; (d) acknowledge that the proposed development is located in a census tract with a high poverty rate; and (e) affirm that the proposed development is consistent with the City's obligation to affirmatively further fair housing.

The proposed development will be located at or near 2100 Polaris Avenue, Austin, TX 78757, which is located in District Number 7. More information on the proposed project, socioeconomic characteristics and amenities in the surrounding area can be found at <http://www.austintexas.gov/LIHTC-9Pct-App>.