

Housing Levy Comment Letter

Revised Draft Presentation and Discussion

Updates to Draft Letter

- Include a more direct statement in support of increasing the levy
- Include clear reasons for the “why” of increasing the levy
 - Three main points:
 - Scale of need
 - Costs and inequitable outcomes of underfunding
 - Need to adjust for rising costs

Updates to Draft Letter

- Note that there are both social and financial costs to everyone if the City does not provide enough affordable housing
- Recommend increased access to affordable housing for people with disabilities and note accessibility as a reason to increase the levy
- Note that the City should work to reduce City-driven development costs such as permitting fees and infrastructure costs for affordable housing.

Timeline

- Introduce and discuss Mayor's proposal – April 6th H&N
- Compare and discuss Mayor's proposal – April 13th
- Review a full staff draft comment letter – April 27th
- Review and discuss updated draft – Today
- Approve final comment letter – May 25th
- Give public comment at the May 31st Council public hearing

Individual Review Time

5 Minutes....

