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Date: April 30, 2013

To: Mayor and Council

From: Betsy Spencer, Director
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Subject: Update to Council on Resolution 20121108-059: Tenant Relocation Policy Recommendations

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update to Council on Resolution 20121108-059 regarding tenant relocation standards and the feasibility of and mechanisms for implementing these standards in zoning and demolition permit applications. For purposes of this memorandum, the objective of a tenant relocation policy is one that provides dislocated tenant households with resources and assistance in the event of new or rehabilitated development of their rental unit.

The Resolution directs staff to work with the Community Development Commission (CDC) and stakeholders to develop recommendations regarding relocation standards and to identify the feasibility of and mechanisms for implementing these standards in zoning and demolition permit applications. The resolution further directs staff to present the recommendations to city commissions, including the Community Development Commission and the Planning Commission, for feedback and provide recommendations to the City Council by April 30, 2013.

Key research that served to inform policy recommendations is the attached study conducted by the Community Development Clinic at the University of Texas at Austin School of Law. To address these recommendations, a representative of the Community Development Clinic presented the findings to the members of the Community Development Commission Housing Committee on February 12, 2013. A recurring item was included on the CDC Housing Committee agenda from February 12, 2013, to April 4, 2013, to provide public feedback opportunities through the Community Development Commission.

Following are dates where the public was invited to offer input on this issue as well as discussions with the Community Development Commission to assist in the development of recommendations:

1. **February 12, 2013:** Presentation at the Community Development Commission; public input session at the Community Development Commission Housing Committee.
2. **March 5, 2013:** Agenda Item at the Community Development Commission Housing Committee.
3. **April 4, 2013:** Agenda Item at the Community Development Commission Housing Committee; Community Development Commission.
4. **April 16, 2013:** Public input session and presentation at the Codes and Ordinances Committee of the Planning Commission (scheduled).

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5. **April 23, 2013:** Evening public session, Austin City Hall.
6. **May 1, 2013:** Afternoon public input session, NHCD, Street Jones Building.

Based on feedback by stakeholder groups that additional time should be offered for meaningful input and engagement on this issue, NHCD added two public input sessions noted above. Staff will issue final recommendations with a summary of the public input following the Community Development Commission meeting May 14, 2013. For these additional meetings, invitations were distributed to several agencies including the Real Estate Council of Austin, the Austin Apartment Association, the Board of Realtors as well as the Austin Tenants' Council. A final report will be distributed to your offices by May 17, 2013.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have questions. I can be reached directly at 512.974.3182.

cc: Marc A. Ott, City Manager
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Attachment