



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Intergovernmental Relations

Date: February 20, 2014

To: Chair Elizabeth Glidden and Vice Chair Alondra Cano

Referral to: IGR Committee

Subject: Presentation by Metropolitan Council on Housing Policy Plan and Fair Housing and Equity Assessment

Recommendation: Receive and File

Previous Directives: City Council directed staff to arrange at least two meetings annually with Met Council staff and members to discuss issues. In prior years the Metropolitan Council has made presentations to the City Council or a standing committee regarding their budget, organization and planning process. There have also been informal public meetings to discuss regional issues.

Department Information

Prepared by: Gene Ranieri, IGR Department Director

Approved by: _____

Presenters in Committee: Metropolitan Council Member Steve Chavez; Regional Administrator Pat Born; and Guy Peterson, Council Community Development Director.

Supporting Information

The Metropolitan Council (Council) has begun the process to adopt a regional policy plan – Thrive MSP 2040. As part the planning process, the Council is preparing for the first time a housing policy plan. The purpose of this planning process is to provide a forum to discuss regional housing issues and

- Set the Council's housing policy direction;
- Identify regional needs and priorities;
- Connect housing to the other Council system plans (e.g. Transportation, Regional Parks, and Wastewater);
- Incorporate recommendations from the [Fair Housing and Equity Assessment](#); and
- Help inform and provide guidance for local housing planning.

Housing Policy Plan Work Group

In July 2013, the Metropolitan Council formed a new [28-member Housing Policy Plan Work Group](#) to advise the Council on key housing issues, policies, and implementation options.

Timeline

The Housing Policy Plan is anticipated to be completed in summer 2014.

- Summer 2013 - Kickoff
- Fall 2013 - Identify key housing topics and issues
- Winter 2014 - Discuss policy ideas and options
- Spring 2014 - Evaluate policy options and begin drafting
- June 2014 - Housing Policy Plan adoption

A summary of the Fair Housing and Equity Assessment can be accessed at [http://metrocouncil.org/Planning/Projects/Thrive-2040/Fair-Housing-Equity-Assessment-\(FHEA\)/FHEA/Fair-Housing-and-Equity-Assessment-\(FHEA\)-Report-S.aspx](http://metrocouncil.org/Planning/Projects/Thrive-2040/Fair-Housing-Equity-Assessment-(FHEA)/FHEA/Fair-Housing-and-Equity-Assessment-(FHEA)-Report-S.aspx)