

RESOLUTION NO. 25-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) 2025-2029 CONSOLIDATED PLAN, 2025 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN, UPDATED CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN AND ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING; AFFIRMING ITS COMMITMENT TO FAIR HOUSING; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Lauderdale ("City"), is an entitlement jurisdiction in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requires under 24 CFR 91.105, that all entitlement jurisdictions receiving federal funds, such as CDBG funds, afford its citizens the opportunity to participate in the development of the Consolidated Plan documents, including the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plans, and Analysis of Impediments or Assessment of Fair Housing; and

WHEREAS, the City is seeking approval to update the Citizen Participation Plan to align with current technological advancement and HUD regulations and incorporate best practices in community engagement; and

WHEREAS, the City as a recipient of fund from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") is required to conduct a fair housing assessment and attest to affirmatively furthering fair housing; and

WHEREAS, The City, though the use of a consulting firm, has conducted an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing; and

WHEREAS, the City provided three opportunities for citizen participation on January 13, 2025, May 8, 2025, and June 30, 2025, each preceded by a 30-day public notice comment period; and

WHEREAS, the public notices were published in the *Sun Sentinel* newspaper, on the City's Housing and Community Development webpage, and disseminated via email to ensure broad community engagement; and

WHEREAS, the City remains dedicated to fostering broad and inclusive citizen participation, ensuring that all residents, especially those from historically underserved

communities, have a meaningful role in shaping housing policies and programs; and

WHEREAS, the City actively engaged with residents, housing advocates, community organizations, and stakeholders to identify challenges and opportunities for affirmatively furthering fair housing; and

WHEREAS, feedback received through public meetings, written comments, and outreach initiatives has been carefully considered and incorporated into the City's housing and community development strategies to ensure equitable housing opportunities for all; and

WHEREAS, the City affirms its commitment to addressing discriminatory housing practices, promoting access to safe and affordable housing, and reducing disparities in housing opportunities through data-driven strategies and meaningful action; and

WHEREAS, the City remains committed to affirmatively furthering fair housing by identifying and addressing systemic barriers to equitable housing access, ensuring that housing policies promote inclusivity and opportunity for all; and

WHEREAS, the City has actively collaborated with community stakeholders, housing advocates, and local organizations to enhance public awareness, strengthen fair housing enforcement, and implement targeted programs to expand affordable housing opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the City commits to leveraging best practices in fair housing policy, including data-driven monitoring, proactive outreach, and engagement strategies to prevent discriminatory practices and promote equitable housing development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE:

SECTION 1. That the Recitals set forth above are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, hereby approves the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, 2025 Annual Action Plan, updated Citizen Participation Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing and affirms its commitment to fair housing in connection with HUD community planning and development grant programs.

SECTION 3. That the City reaffirms its commitment to fair housing principles and will continue

to:

1. Expand public awareness of fair housing rights through targeted education and community outreach initiatives;
2. Strengthen enforcement mechanisms to address housing discrimination and support victims of unfair housing practices by partnering with Fair Housing organizations;
3. Enhance affordable housing access through strategic policy interventions and partnerships with housing providers;
4. Monitor and evaluate fair housing efforts to ensure compliance with federal and state regulations and adapt to evolving community needs.

SECTION 4. That the office of the City Attorney shall review and approve as to form all documents prior to their execution by the authorized City Officials.

SECTION 5. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon final passage.

ADOPTED this ____ day of June 2025.

Mayor
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:

City Clerk
DAVID R. SOLOMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:

Interim City Attorney
D'WAYNE M. SPENCE

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