



TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: June 20, 2023

TITLE: Resolution of the City of Fort Lauderdale Affirming that Housing Constructed by Habitat for Humanity of Broward for Low-income Persons is Consistent with Local Plans and Regulations - **(Commission District 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission consider adopting a resolution affirming that affordable homes built in the City of Fort Lauderdale by Habitat for Humanity of Broward County is consistent with local plans and regulations.

Background

Habitat for Humanity of Broward has a program designed to develop affordable homes for homeownership by low to moderate income residents in Fort Lauderdale.

Habitat for Humanity accesses various types of funding streams such as, private donations, federal funds, and Tax Credits to offset the cost of construction making homeownership affordable to families who would otherwise not be able to realize the dream of homeownership.

Habitat proposes to construct 16-20 townhomes in the City of Fort Lauderdale and make these homes available for ownership to eligible first-time home buyers. As part of this process, Habitat for Humanity of Broward will apply for Tax Credit to keep the cost of construction low thus making the proposed project affordable to the prospective homeowners. In order to qualify for the tax credit program, Habitat is requesting a resolution from the City affirming that affordable homes built in the City of Fort Lauderdale by Habitat for Humanity of Broward County is consistent with local plans and regulations.

Resource Impact

There is no known fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2022 Top Commission Priority*, advancing Homelessness and Housing Opportunities.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- Goal 4: Build a thriving and inclusive community of neighborhoods.
- Objective: Ensure a range of affordable housing options

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are Community, and We Are Prosperous.

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- The Housing Element
- Goal 1: The Comprehensive Plan shall support the provision of adequate sites for future housing, including affordable workforce housing.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Resolution

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