



MEMORANDUM

PLANNING DIVISION
DEPARTMENT of COMMUNITY and NEIGHBORHOODS

To: Planning Commission

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Re: Update to Planning Commission on Thriving In Place project

In June 2020, the City Council allocated funding for a Gentrification Assessment and Displacement Mitigation Plan to understand gentrification pressures in Salt Lake City and to formulate policies and programs to help mitigate involuntary displacement. A Request for Proposals (RFP) process resulted in the City contracting with an experienced team of consultants, researchers, and thought leaders from Baird & Driskell Community Planning, the University of Utah Department of City and Metropolitan Planning, and the Urban Displacement Project of the University of California Berkeley.

City staff and the consultant team are guiding the Plan, now called Thriving in Place (TIP), using the following overarching actions:

- To understand gentrification pressures in Salt Lake City;
- To document patterns of involuntary displacement, including those related to housing costs, eviction, and demolition;
- To find policy solutions to help people choose to stay, live, and thrive in Salt Lake City even as the city grows and changes.

The project is divided into two phases:

Phase 1: Listening and Learning – Focuses on defining and understanding the problem and includes extensive community engagement and data collection.

Phase 2: Crafting Collaborative Solutions – Develops a Displacement Mitigation Plan that includes actionable policy recommendations including a shared framework that can guide action across sectors, including the City, other governmental agencies, and community-based organizations and partners.

Additional information can be found at ThrivingInPlaceSLC.org

Next steps for Planning Commission and City Council include:

- A briefing with Planning Commission in Summer 2022 to discuss policy options/recommendations that may be included in the Plan.
- Required 45-day public comment period for the Plan.
- Planning Commission public hearing and recommendation.
- City Council Plan adoption process, including public hearing.