

MEMORANDUM PLANNING DIVISION DEPARTMENT of COMMUNITY and NEIGHBORHOODS

To: Planning Commission

From: Angela Price, Policy Director, Department of Community & Neighborhoods

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Re: Thriving in Place – Briefing

This briefing will provide an overview of the draft Thriving in Place plan that is out for public comment. This briefing will cover the goals of the plan, the action plan, and the short-term priorities. Staff are also seeking feedback on the plan, generally.

Thriving in Place has six interrelated goals:

- 1. Protect tenants from displacement, especially the most vulnerable.
- 2. Preserve the affordable housing we have.
- 3. Produce more housing, especially affordable housing.
- 4. Expand funding for tenant support and affordable housing.
- 5. Partner and collaborate for maximum impact.
- 6. Advocate for tenants at the state level.

To accomplish these goals, Thriving in Place sets forth 22 strategic priorities, of which 16 are designated near-term priorities. The action items include the following items (**bold** items are near-term priorities):

1a. Develop a tenant relocation assistance program

1b. Adopt a displaced tenants preference policy

1c. Improve and expand tenant resources and services

1d. Create a tenant resource center and navigation service

1e. Help tenants become owners

1f. Promote affordable living and better jobs

2a. Develop and adopt a community benefit policy

2b. Acquire and rehabilitate unsubsidized housing

2c. Invest in community land trust models

2d. Address short-term rentals' impact on housing

3a. Adopt the affordable housing incentives policy

3b. Make ADUs easier and less expensive to build

3c. Create more diverse housing choices in all areas

3d. Utilize publicly owned property

3e. Prioritize long-term affordability, support services, and transit access

4a. Develop new funding sources and leverage existing resources

4b. Define indicators to track displacement and develop data systems to track progress 4c. Strengthen the City's capacity to enforce deed-restricted housing commitments

5a. Form a City implementation team

5b. Work with partners to convene a regional anti-displacement coalition 5c. Launch an ongoing community partnership to coordinate action and investment in highest risk areas

6a. Work to advance tenant rights and affordable housing at the state level

Some of the items outlined in this plan were also included in Housing SLC, which the Planning Commission voted on April 26, 2023 to favorably recommend to the City Council for adoption, and which the City Council will vote on at their June 13 meeting. Any items within the plan that will require Planning Commission recommendation will undergo their own public comment process and come before the Planning Commission as they are ready.

The Administration welcomes any feedback that the Planning Commission has on the draft plan and will return for a public hearing on July 26, after the public comment period has closed.

The 45-day public comment period commenced on May 22, 2023, and will end on June 26, 2023.

The project website with a full draft plan and opportunity for public comment: <u>https://www.thrivinginplaceslc.org/draft-strategy</u>

A direct link to the full plan:

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