

RESOLUTION

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Establishing a Minneapolis Advisory Committee on Housing.

Whereas, Minneapolis communities are facing multiple housing challenges, including homelessness, displacement of existing residents, a lack of affordable housing, insufficient housing supply, and poor health impacts from housing; and

Whereas, housing instability negatively affects the quality of life, physical health and mental well-being of Minneapolis residents; and

Whereas, addressing these housing challenges is a clear priority for the City of Minneapolis; and

Whereas, the City Council has created a new Housing Policy and Development Committee to focus specifically on all policy related to the health, safety and affordability of housing and oversee all matters related to homelessness prevention, housing opportunities, fair housing and housing finance, including residential real estate development, redevelopment and land sales; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis has created advisory committees to address other specific important topic areas, including sustainability, transgender equity, people with disabilities, aging, bicycling and walking, and more; and

Whereas, the Minneapolis Public Health Advisory Committee has formally recommended the creation of a new advisory committee to address housing issues;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the Minneapolis Advisory Committee on Housing is hereby established. The purpose of this committee is to advise the Departments of Community Planning and Economic Development, Regulatory Services, Health, the Sustainability division of the City Coordinator's Office, and the City Council and mayor regarding matters related to housing policy and development, rental licensing, and other areas which affect the accessibility, maintenance, and development of stable, quality, sustainable, healthy, and affordable housing in the City of Minneapolis. The role of the Minneapolis Advisory Committee on Housing will include serving as liaisons between the City and the community in addressing housing concerns and proactively engaging the community.

Be It Further Resolved that the Minneapolis Advisory Committee on Housing should reflect the racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, geographic, and gender diversity of Minneapolis residents most affected by the current housing environment, and is formed to offer another platform for Minneapolis residents to engage in and contribute to cross-sector, cross-department dialogue on housing issues.

Be It Further Resolved that the Committee is to be comprised of no more than 21 members, including:

- Twelve resident members, with eight to be appointed by the Council and four to be appointed by the mayor. This group of residents should reflect the racial/ethnic, geographic, and gender diversity of Minneapolis, and include the following perspectives:
 - Renters

- Homeowners
- Persons who have experienced homelessness, including youth through age 24
- Rental property owners
- Advocates for affordable housing, greater housing supply, renters' rights, sustainability and health in housing, or other issues related to housing
- Nine representatives of organizations and entities that work on housing affordability, creation, preservation and management, including one representative from each of the following:
 - The Hennepin County Continuum of Care Operating Committee of Heading Home Hennepin
 - Minneapolis Public Schools
 - The Minneapolis Public Housing Authority
 - An organization that provides emergency or overnight shelter services in Minneapolis
 - An organization that advises and advocates for renters
 - A nonprofit community development organization
 - An organization that advocates for rental property owners
 - An organization that helps support homeownership and the elimination of racial disparities in homeownership rates
 - An organization that works for equity in housing, especially as it relates to preventing involuntary displacement of low income communities of color

Be It Further Resolved that the Minneapolis Advisory Committee on Housing will be staffed by the Community Planning and Economic Development, Regulatory Services and Health Departments. It will deliver an annual report to the Housing Policy and Development Committee of the City Council. The body will select its own chair and other officers, and adopt its own bylaws. Term length will be two years, and appointments will follow the Open Appointments process. This committee will not sunset.