



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Name:

Joint City/County Housing Update

Presenter:

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Description:

Presentation by County and City staff on funding for housing and strategic planning

Recommended Action:

Hear the presentation. The City Commission and Board of County Commissioners review the information provided and ask questions or provide direction as needed

Prior Board Motions:

The City Commission and Board of County Commissioners received an update at a previous joint meeting on April 17, 2023 and August 28, 2023.

Fiscal Note:

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Strategic Guide:

Housing

Background:

Addressing Housing is a Top Priority in the City's Strategic Plan and Alachua County has prioritized addressing the Housing Gap as a Guiding Principle in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Strategic Guide. Both the City's Department of Housing & Community Development and Alachua County Community Support Services Department have pivotal roles in the community's effort to achieve its mandate in this area.

The Alachua County Support Services Department and City of Gainesville Department of Housing & Community Development have met monthly to discuss strategies to collectively deal with the affordable housing issues that face our community. To date, the City/County Housing staff have met twelve times and have discussed a series of topics such as Affordable Housing Initiatives, Joint County and City Affordable Housing Advisory Committee collaboration, Local Housing Assistance Plans, and funding sources.

The backup to this agenda item includes information about the following topics:

1. Funding source and support to administer the various housing programs by both the County's and City's Housing Departments.
2. Current affordable housing data.
3. City and County Housing Priorities and Strategies.