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# Housing Emergency Declaration



## The Plan

- Council declared a housing emergency in December 2020
- A Plan focused on housing development & preservation within the City for the next 10 years – 9-month timeline
- Requires Housing Commission input
- Present to City Council for consideration

## Public Participation Plan & Project Timeline

- Working document, guiding our process.
- Commission approved on January 28

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# Public Participation Plan




## Objectives of groups


- Identify Quantitative Need.
- Reach as many diverse stakeholders as possible to create an inclusive environment for dialogue.
- Educate community about affordable housing needs and impacts.
- Gather quality feedback and input from stakeholders and the public throughout the region.
- Endorse possible solutions through the creation of specific goals to reduce Flagstaff's housing emergency.



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# Informal Working Groups



**Included Commissioners, City Staff, Community Members**

Policy Working Group

1. Affordable Housing **Gap Analysis**
2. **Neighborhood Context & Equity**– Neighborhood and opportunity mapping.
3. Connection between **Housing and Sustainability**
4. Connection between **Health and Affordable Housing**
5. **Zoning and Land Use**



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## Volunteer Time in 4 Months






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**Next Steps (June – September)**

Quantitative Results  
 Gap Analysis

Statistically Valid Data  
 Housing Survey, Opportunity Mapping

Internal Staff & Legal Review  
 Feasibility and Viability Assessment

Additional Public Outreach  
 Commissions, Community & Public Comment Period

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**Overarching Draft Goals**

Goals

Strategies

Objectives

Feasibility

Viability

Legal

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## Shared Goals - Draft



- Create a dedicated funding source for affordable housing in Flagstaff.
- Create a groundswell of support for affordable housing and implement a public outreach campaign to educate the community about the critical role affordable housing plays in a thriving community and combating not in my backyard (NIMBY) opposition to housing and affordable housing.
- Implement a framework for centering equity on proposed and existing housing policies and programs.



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## Shared Goals - Draft




- Continue commitment to further Federal and Arizona Fair Housing laws in all housing-related services and programs, valuing the efforts of those who seek to reduce barriers to full and equal access to housing opportunities, and providing Fair Housing education and resources to the community.




- Continue to lobby and support federal and state legislation to increase the amount of funding available for the preservation and construction of affordable housing.

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## Neighborhood & Equity Draft Goals





- Address disparate Impact when new housing development is proposed.
- Encourage the distribution of affordable housing in neighborhoods throughout Flagstaff.
- As a community, remove barriers to housing advancement.


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## Housing & Sustainability Draft Goals



- All Affordable Housing Units will strive to be net-zero ready to stabilize and reduce living cost.
- Expand efforts to preserve existing housing stock.
- Encourage and incentivize adaptive reuse.



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## Housing & Healthcare Draft Goals



- Reduce homelessness in the Flagstaff community & overcome cost barriers for households to obtain stable housing.
- Seek creative solutions to foster housing permanency for all.
- Integrate healthcare into housing programs and housing into healthcare programs as appropriate.



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## Zoning & Land Use Draft Goals



- Explore building innovation and cost saving practices.
- Establish an expedited development (site plan, building permit, civil plan) review process.
- Amend current Zoning Code Ordinance to facilitate or enhance permitted housing options.
- Ensure that the Regional Plan and Zoning Code includes robust affordable housing goals and policies.



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