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CB 120804

**Proposed Housing Levy Administrative & Financial Plan and
Housing Funding Policies**

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Housing Levy Administrative & Financial (A&F) Plan

- Ordinance 126837 adopting 2023 Housing Levy required Office of Housing (OH) to develop an A&F Plan and submit to City Council for approval.
- A&F Plan is updated generally every two years; incorporates Housing Funding Policies (HFP) that apply to Levy and other funding sources.
- A&F Plan includes:
 - Dollar amounts for each Levy Program
 - Use of Program Income and Investment Earnings
 - Brief description of Levy Programs
 - Full program description and guidelines for Homeless Prevention and Housing Stability Program (includes Rapid Rehousing)
 - Annual reporting requirements

Housing Funding Policies (HFP)

- Apply to OH programs funded by Housing Levy, Mandatory Housing Affordability (MHA), JumpStart/Payroll Expense Tax (PET), federal and state funding, other sources.
- HFP includes:
 - General objectives and priorities for each program;
 - Program policies and guidelines, including: affordability & eligibility requirements, eligible costs, etc.;
 - Project/household selection process;
 - Guidelines for administering loans and grants;
 - Project management and operations plan requirements; and
 - Project monitoring and reporting.

CB 120804 Proposed A&F Plan and HFP

- Most of the A&F Plan and HFP have been in place for many years and remain unchanged in the proposed legislation.
- Office of Housing provided a summary of changes to the bill, as transmitted by the Executive, at the 6/12 committee meeting.

Pre-Introduction Changes to CB 120804 (1/2)

- Modifies CB 120804 to direct that investment earnings and other proceeds from Levy programs be used for the purposes described in the A&F Plan policies.
- Modifies the A&F Plan policies to require the use of all investment earnings from the Rental Production Program for the Homelessness Prevention Program that assists households at imminent risk of homelessness to remain housed by providing case management, rental assistance, utility assistance and other services.
- Modifies the A&F Plan policies to designate the annual funding that will be allocated specifically to the Homelessness Prevention Program (\$2.47m) and Rapid Rehousing Program (\$430,000).
- Modifies the A&F Plan policies to remove legal fees from eligible costs for the Homelessness Prevention and Stability Program.

Pre-Introduction Changes to CB 120804 (2/2)

- Modifies the Housing Funding Policies to add a new objective and priority for the Rental Housing Program for housing that supports recovery for those with substance use disorders.
- Modifies the Housing Funding Policies Rental Housing Program Project Monitoring provisions to request OH to explore alternative methods for obtaining more frequent vacancy information for city-funded housing units.

Proposed Amendment to CB 120804

- Would modify the Housing Funding Policies, Rental Housing Program, Resident Priorities provisions to add the following: youth formerly served by the foster care system; and those who served in the United States (US) military.

Questions?