

# **Recommendation for Action**

# File #: 20-2977, Agenda Item #: 2.

9/17/2020

# Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with MRE Capital & Imagine Art or other qualified respondent to the 1127 Tillery RFP to develop approximately 5.15 acres for affordable housing purposes located at or near 1127 Tillery Street.

# Lead Department

Neighborhood Housing and Community Development.

#### Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

# For More Information:

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# Additional Backup Information:

The Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) previously purchased and assembled seven parcels located at 1127 Tillery Street.

On June 15, 2020, AHFC released a Request for Proposals with the goal of identifying a partner that will develop the property with affordable housing.

AHFC staff convened a panel that evaluated and scored the proposals, and determined that the proposal submitted by MRE Capital, LLC & Imagine Art was the highest scoring proposal.

AHFC staff recommends the Board approve this item so that staff can begin exclusive negotiations with MRE Capital, LLC & Imagine Art with the goal of finalizing an agreement to develop the property.

# Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.