CM Kitchen MOTION SHEET 2

Direction to Item #56

Motion for Direction:

I move to provide additional direction to include direction to be responsive to varying MFI levels by census block group or census tract to better address issues of affordability and displacement with the changes to compatibility and other density bonus/affordable housing programs.

The City Manager is directed to identify strategies for affordable housing programs to mitigate displacement risks due to disparities in income levels across the city in areas at risk of gentrification in which the local MFI is lower than the Travis County-wide MFI.

Rationale:

This supports affordability based on what is affordable to the neighborhood and takes into account equity issues. This will ideally achieve the following:

a) When the density bonus/affordable housing programs are used in an area in which the MFI is lower than the Travis County-wide MFI, any affordable housing included will be affordable to the existing residents in the neighborhood. This will identify ways to mitigate impacts of displacement and ensure some existing, long-time residents can continue to afford their neighborhood.

b) Affordable housing will be included in higher-income neighborhoods at a rate that is more affordable than current units available in that neighborhood.

c) When units are built in a neighborhood that are "affordable" based on Travis County but not local affordability, these units contribute to gentrification and displacement in the neighborhood. This will identify ways mitigate that impact.