

Memorandum



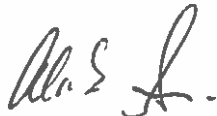
DATE October 14, 2016

TO Housing Committee Members: Scott Griggs, Chair, Carolyn King Arnold, Vice-Chair, Mayor Pro-Tem Monica R. Alonzo, Tiffinni A. Young, Mark Clayton, and Casey Thomas, II

SUBJECT Regional Assessment of Fair Housing

On Monday, October 17, 2016, you will be briefed on the Regional Assessment of Fair Housing. A copy of the briefing is attached.

Please let me know if you have any questions.



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Chief of Neighborhood Plus

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REGIONAL ASSESSMENT OF FAIR HOUSING

A Briefing to the
HOUSING COMMITTEE

FAIR HOUSING AND HUMAN RIGHTS
OCTOBER 17, 2016



PURPOSE

Update on progress in developing a regional Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) and seek approval to move forward as the lead agency in a collaboration to procure a consultant to assist in preparation of a regional AFH

BACKGROUND

Voluntary Compliance Agreement between City of Dallas and HUD requires:

City of Dallas shall work with adjoining county and city governments, public housing authorities, NTCOG, and housing advocates to develop a 10 year regional housing plan

HUD's NEW RULE

Requires Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) be conducted by all entities receiving federal entitlement funds

-Replaces old Analysis of Impediments (AI) process with more rigorous AFH process

AFH process was developed to provide for better fair housing planning and to reduce disparities in access to opportunity

Transform racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty (RECAPS) into areas with greater access to opportunity

Overcome historic patterns of segregation

KEY PROVISIONS OF AFH PROCESS

HUD provides data and an assessment tool that will be used to conduct and submit the AFH

-Components: 1) data collection/analysis; 2) fair housing goals and priorities; 3) community participation

HUD encourages collaboration with jurisdictions located in the same region in preparation of the AFH

-Each participant's HUD submission deadlines aligned

HUD requires that the analysis and goals in the AFH be incorporated into the Consolidated Plans and Annual Action Plans

KEY PROVISIONS OF THE AFH PROCESS

HUD will review the AFH to determine whether the entity has met the requirements for analysis, assessment and goal setting

HUD will notify the jurisdiction within 60 calendar days if they do not accept AFH

If there is no notification within 60 calendar days then the AFH is considered accepted

KEY PROVISIONS OF THE AFH PROCESS

Process designed to link AFH with the Development of The Consolidated Plan

AFH must be submitted 270 calendar days prior to the start of the new five year consolidated plan

Consolidated Plan will be due August, 2018

AFH must be completed by January, 2018

City of Dallas Citizen Participation Plan must be amended to incorporate the AFH

REGIONAL EFFORTS

City of Dallas has encouraged regional collaboration for the past 2 years

Regional Fair Housing Symposiums held in 2015, 2016

City has participated in a regional working group since January, 2016 composed of major North Texas cities, counties and Public Housing Authorities to determine feasibility of a regional AFH

University of Texas at Arlington has participated as a member of the working group and has demonstrated expertise in public policy and data analysis and a strong understanding of the regional housing market

REGIONAL EFFORTS

Working Group has determined that by October 19th each jurisdiction must determine if they would like to opt in to regional efforts through a Memorandum of Understanding

University of Texas is being recommended as the entity to conduct the AFH due to their unique expertise and familiarity with the project

Cost of the study will be shared by all participants

Cost will be allocated and budgeted on CDBG Allocation for administrative costs

RECOMMENDATIONS

Approval to negotiate and enter into a memorandum of understanding with regional partners with the City of Dallas acting as the Lead Entity for the development of a Regional AFH

-November 2016

Approval to negotiate a consulting contract with the University of Texas at Arlington to assist with preparation of the regional AFH

-December, 2016

Approval to Call Public Hearing to amend the City's Citizen Participation Plan to incorporate new AFFH requirements on November 9, 2016

Hold the Public Hearing and Adopt the amended Citizen Participation Plan on December 9, 2016