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Development and Permitting Timelines

WE MOVE that the administration prepare a report by October 2025 that outlines the average time that it takes for the following permitting and development processes:

- Zone Change Applications
 - *This should represent the full development process through the approval of the Final Development Plan by the Planning Commission.*
- Coordinated Site Review
- Historic Designation
- Sale or Lease of City-Owned Property
- Acquisition of Financial Assistance with Development
- All relevant permits in the development process

FUTHER WE MOVE that the administration prepare accompanying documents to visualize these timelines and identify barriers to greater efficiency.

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STATEMENT

This Council has made the aggressive goal of creating 40,000 units of housing in the next 10 years. That will require us to approve multiple projects over the next decade to come close to that goal. To ensure that we are effective and efficiently achieving that goal it will be critical to improve processes for administrative review/approval, legislative approval, and developer execution.

Many of our peer cities approve greater building permits than us due to improved processes and a better public understanding of the development and permitting process. Elevating the inner-government processes is critical to ensure that residents are not unsure of how City Hall creates the growth they hear, see, and feel in their communities.