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Vice Mayor

MOTION

WE MOVE that the Administration provide a Report within thirty (30) days on the status of the City's partnership with the Step Up Housing First program. Step Up acquires hotels and motels, renovates them to create apartments, and uses the properties to provide affordable housing for those experiencing chronic homelessness. The report should include the City's proposed funding responsibility, status of acquisitions, and other pertinent matters.

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STATEMENT

Step Up is a "housing first" model with a focus on individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness. The vision of the Step Up program is to renovate hotels and motels, particularly those in urban areas near transit corridors, to provide affordable housing for individuals and families. Each location should have 24/7 support services for the residents so that they will have the opportunity to experience recovery and a sense of belonging while living in stable, permanent supportive housing. Step Up's goals include helping individuals experiencing chronic homelessness to stabilize and integrate into the community. Services include vocational training, permanent supportive housing opportunities, and recovery services to empower individuals to cultivate lives of hope and dignity.

Generally, Step Up incurs the costs of acquiring and renovating appropriate properties, while the City is responsible for funding the ongoing 24/7 wraparound services (approximately \$7,000/person/year), as well as securing rent vouchers to make the apartments affordable.

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STEP UP'S CORE VALUES

Hope • Wellness • Voice & Choice • Respect • Collaborative Relationships

- **HOPE** – We believe all people have the capacity for positive growth and change. We use hope to inspire and motivate ourselves, our members, our colleagues, and our community.
- **WELLNESS** – We believe in promoting a culture that supports healthy and fulfilling lives. We use a supportive environment to foster wellbeing for ourselves, our members, our colleagues, and our community.
- **VOICE AND CHOICE** – We believe in the right to choose and be heard. We use voice and choice to create meaningful outcomes and empowerment for ourselves, our members, our colleagues, and our community.
- **RESPECT** – We believe in promoting interactions that are non-judgmental, transparent, and authentic. We use respect to guide all of our words and actions with ourselves, our members, our colleagues, and our community.
- **COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIPS** – We believe in forming partnerships to share resources, knowledge, and experiences. We use collaborative relationships to strengthen accomplishments for ourselves, our members, our colleagues, and our community.