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MOTION

WE MOVE that, the Administration provide a report within thirty (30) days outlining the number, neighborhood geography, and, Adjusted Median Income (AMI) range for new housing units that have come online in the City of Cincinnati for at least the last five (5) years. The administration shall take into consideration a variety of data sources, considering but not limited to: Building & Inspections, CAGIS, Cincinnati Waterworks, and other feasible and accurate sources.

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STATEMENT

The statistical analysis of Cincinnati's Affordable Housing crisis has been oversimplified to the 40,000-unit gap (LISC, 2020) or 19,000-unit gap for extremely low income (HUD, 2021) of affordable housing in the city. The limited scope of this data does not include the work that is currently being done in the housing sphere or where it is occurring. If we continue to operate with incomplete information, we will continue to produce piecemeal policies.

In order to understand the current housing landscape, we ask that the administration continue their work to report the number, geography, and AMI ranges of new units that have been built in the last five years to gain a better picture where we are doing well and where there is room for improvement. The goal is a detailed enough understanding to be able to identify changes in housing types in the city on a neighborhood level to understand what types of units we need to incentivize to create mixed-income, affordable communities. This will inform Council's policy decisions to be data-driven and ensure they are in alignment with our values.