

## December 2022 Chair Report

### City Council's Zoning and Housing for All Plans

City Council addressed equity in housing in their November 22, 2022, legislative meeting. The slides are linked within the [agenda](#) posted on the city council docket webpage. I've also included the slides as part of my chair report.

The Mayor also just explained the coming plans in his December 1, 2022, newsletter:

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/December-2022-Council-Connection.html?soid=1109043704255&aid=TEaRskJ3Bss>

Many of the items reflect the priorities of our board, including the motions recently passed to share with City Council. They are actively working to promote equitable and fair housing to rectify past injustices. Specifically, on slide 4, they include this text:

#### **Housing for All Equity Component: Purpose and Elements**

- To identify the impact of past discriminatory housing practices on quality-of-life factors today for populations of color and/or low income
- To identify how residual effects of past exclusionary housing provisions can be countered in new policies and through equity goals and metrics.
- Housing for All Elements
  - Common Message of Purpose and Intended Goals/Metrics
  - List of exclusionary housing policies and practices federal and state
  - Alexandria Equity Emphasis Areas Map showing impacts today related to segregation policies
  - Oral Histories reflecting life during Jim Crow
  - African American Historical Communities Interactive Map
  - Restrictive Covenants Interactive Map

I believe this aligns with our goals and I hope to see more from the city as their plans develop. Note the timeline plans a public launch of these efforts in the first quarter of 2023.

### Coordination with Housing Commissions

At the recent Department of Community and Human Services quarterly meeting of Board and Commission Chairs, we discussed the new building that the varied DCHS departments are moving into, the city budget, ARPA updates, and ways to collaborate. We discovered several areas that we have common interests in, including tenant protections and affordable housing. I'd like us to discuss these ideas, and will send attachments for review.

The Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee prepared a memorandum for the city manager regarding the budget priorities around affordable housing. I've prepared a draft for consideration by our board that would go to City Council as a letter of support for the AHAAC memorandum.