

Housing and Homelessness Working Group

Thursday, August 23 1:30-3PM

City and County Building, Room 391

1. Received a presentation from Melissa Thate with OED on the Anti-Displacement Network with Policy Link – See PowerPoint linked
2. Received highlights from the 2019 Action Plan for Affordable Housing from Melissa Thate – See PowerPoint linked
 - a. BBC Research is leading the work on data underlying a Preference Policy for Denver
 - b. As part of anti-displacement subcommittees, renter protections subgroup has come together to push for a Rental Registry to be an outcome of the 2019 Action Plan
 - i. All three council members agreed that they wanted to continue to explore a Rental Registry (not just explored). OED will lead policy development, but agreed to work with Council through H&H
 - ii. Councilwoman Gilmore agreed to take the lead of exploring what it would mean to act on a Rental Registry in Denver
 - c. OED also agreed that they would see if their new data source could show how many single-family homes are owned by investors (are capital holders)
3. Colorado Legal Services reported back on numbers from the first several months of the Eviction Legal Defense Pilot – See linked documents for details on cases
 - a. Les Ebert with Colorado Legal Services discussed at great length how the fees that are charged by landlords, sometimes explicitly, sometimes not, are extremely onerous
 - i. Council members agreed to review the legal memo provided to Council by the City Attorney's Office to refresh ourselves on what could be legislated on by city, what has to be done at state level
4. Possible topics for the October meeting of Housing and Homelessness which will take place on Thursday, October 25 from 1:30-3PM
 - i. Data on Rental Registry
 - ii. Update on Property Tax Rebate
 - iii. Residential Preference