

### **Proposal 3**

#### **Digest**

This proposed amendment would allow funds in the Affordable Housing Fund to be used to provide affordable rental housing for persons earning 60 percent or less of the median household income. By aligning the income requirement with those used by other government entities, the city can establish partnerships with state and private developers to build affordable housing and allow mixed-income projects to include, low-income units. The proposed amendment would also require units to remain affordable for at least 60 years.

#### **Question**

Should the Affordable Housing Fund be used to develop housing for persons earning 60 percent or less of the median household income, provided that the housing remains affordable for at least 60 years?

**Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Present Situation**

Because the current income requirements are too restrictive and incompatible with affordable housing requirements of other government entities and are also unattractive to private sector developers, the Fund is underused and is not generating the much-needed affordable housing it was created to provide.

#### **If Proposal Passes**

The permissible uses of funds from the Affordable Housing Fund would be expanded to provide affordable rental housing for persons earning 60 percent or less of the median household income of the city. This would align the Fund's income requirement with those used by other government entities, thereby enabling the city to establish partnerships with state and private developers to build low-income units and allow mixed-income projects to include low-income units. Housing funded in this manner would be required to remain affordable for at least sixty years.