



May 8, 2022

City and County of Denver
c/o Analiese Hock, AICP, Principal City Planner
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Denver, CO 80202

RE: CHUN supports Denver's Expanding Housing Affordability Proposal

Dear Analiese,

Thank you for presenting the Expanding Housing Affordability Plan at Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods' Urban Planning Committee Meeting on April 7, 2022. After your presentation and following feedback from members of the committee and CHUN membership/public, the committee voted unanimously to support the proposal and recommended that our organization issue a letter endorsing the proposal.

On Thursday, April 28, 2022, CHUN's Board of Directors held a regularly scheduled board meeting. Megan Whelan, as chair of the urban planning committee, shared the committee's report pertaining to this plan and moved that CHUN endorse it as an organization. The motion was seconded by Carson Bryant.

Votes in favor: 26; Votes in opposition: 0; Votes abstaining: 1

The Expanding Housing Affordability Plan aligns with three tenants of CHUN's platform: (1) To create a more diverse, equitable, and just community; (2) To assure Greater Capitol Hill is an even better place in which to live, work, and recreate for future generations; and (3) To encourage developers to develop responsibly, support housing stability measures, champion environmental sustainability to address climate change, and participate in transit planning.

As with any city plan, we acknowledge some may have concerns about the proposal. However, we feel the plan is a net gain for our city. The proposal elevates housing diversity and equity in Capitol Hill and throughout the city by incentivizing the creation of affordable housing. In the face of an unprecedented housing crisis, which disproportionately affects middle to low-income individuals and families, we find linkage fees and affordable housing requirements for new residential development to be a fair and effective policy approach. And finally, the plan encourages housing development for a diverse group of people and families, especially Denver's workforce.

We also find that encouraging multifamily development near transit corridors is an important step to combating climate change and promoting sustainability. Requiring fewer parking spaces for developments near transit corridors creates opportunities for use and investment in public/multimodal transportation and increased accessibility, while addressing the environmental impacts of single occupancy vehicle transit. **For these reasons, CHUN offers its support for the Expanding Housing Accessibility Plan.**

Sincerely,

Travis Leiker, MPA
Executive Director and President

cc: Denver City Council