



**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**  
**Assembly Housing and Homelessness Committee**

**Assembly Member Rivera, Chair**  
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Assembly Member Martinez  
Assembly Member Bronga

**Wednesday, March 20, 2024**  
**12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**  
City Hall, 632 West 6th Avenue  
Assembly Conference Room #155  
Anchorage, AK 99501

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. INTRODUCTIONS**

**3. INITIAL AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –**

If you wish to provide comments at the beginning of the meeting, email Assembly Member Rivera at [Felix.Rivera@anchorageak.gov](mailto:Felix.Rivera@anchorageak.gov) by 10am Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Please note: The committee will only be able to accommodate the first 3-4 people who sign up.

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 2023-2024 Emergency Cold Weather Shelter Plan Implementation Update
  - General Update
  - Non-Housing Outcomes (i.e. access to income, referrals to behavioral health treatment, etc.)
  - May ECWS Extension
- Transition out of ECWS
  - General Update
  - Implementation of Modular Unit Shelter Pilot Program

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

- Anchored Home 2.0

**6. ASSEMBLY'S HOUSING ACTION PLAN**

- Focus investment on re-use of vacant and abandoned nuisance properties
- Evaluate existing incentive programs to identify areas for improvement, or alternatives for new programs, to increase program results, leverage existing infrastructure, and maximize public benefit
- Identify realistic qualification criteria and performance metrics to evaluate projects eligible for incentives (tax abatement, etc.), to ensure public resources are invested with reasonable expectation of public benefit

- Work with Planning staff to review recommendations from a planned targeted housing market study, including analysis of infrastructure costs and impact on development feasibility, accessibility and affordability
- Explore incentives for prevailing wage and apprenticeship utilization for projects that receive municipal tax incentives or direct capital investment
- Enact any code changes needed to support innovative housing models, such as community land trusts
- Increase local control of federal housing dollars; explore creation of an Anchorage Housing Authority
- Create an Anchorage weatherization assistance home upgrade program
- Support local enforcement of the Fair Housing Act and develop reporting system to reduce housing discrimination
- Explore policies to protect and preserve current affordable housing stock, such as owner- and renter-occupied units in mobile home parks
- Collaborate with landlords, housing and service providers, legal aid programs, and other stakeholders for education about fair housing, tenants' rights, emergency assistance and eviction prevention, and language access resources
- Explore policies to mitigate rapid increases in housing costs
- Support expansion of low-barrier, rapid response programs for emergency rental assistance and preventing eviction
- Remove barriers for people exiting the corrections system to secure permanent housing
- Increase number of supportive housing units operating in the Municipality, to help people live independently
- Encourage investments in residential energy efficiency and weatherization for rental properties and homeowners
- Create housing dashboard, track Muni investment in housing & how units performing
- Broaden community engagement and involvement in housing policy

## 7. ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET PRIORITIES

- Investigate and update tax incentives for housing development and upgrades
- Create public dashboard on Assembly home page of homelessness data and metrics to drive data-based decision making
- Ensure Emergency Cold Weather Shelter is funded through 23-24 winter, with a smooth transition to summer operations
- Identify sustainable policy and funding for emergency cold weather shelter
- Prioritize housing investments and policies to reduce number of people experiencing homelessness and demand for shelter
- Continue to implement the recommendations from the Complex Behavioral Health Task Force report
- Refine camp abatement code and prepare for US Supreme Court ruling

## 8. FINAL AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

## 9. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

**HOW THE PUBLIC CAN CALL IN TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS COMMITTEE MEETING:**  
**Dial into the Conference Bridge Phone Number – (907) 273-5190 with Participant Code – 721227 #)**