

Refreshed 10 year housing & homeless plan

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March 24, 2026 Joint Planning and Housing and Community Services Committee

What's the same?

- **Shared Vision:** "a community where everyone has access to the housing and support they need to thrive".
- **Three Overarching Priorities:** "Everyone has a home," "People get the support they need," and "We work together".
- **Core Objectives:** Preserving existing community housing, increasing supply, improving affordability, and preventing housing loss

What's different?

- **Framework vs. Action List:** 2026 Plan excludes specific actions,
- **Income-Based Affordability Definition:** 30% of household income for the first six income deciles.
- **Two-Tiered Targets:** "objective-level" & "priority-level" targets
- **Governance:** "[Housing and Homelessness Leadership Table](#)" replacing the previous "Housing Systems Working Group"

Why these changes?

- Increased System Pressure
- Audit and Evidence
- Quantifying the Funding Gap

Confirming Plan's Logic

- The Case for an Income-Based Definition
- Targeting Priority Populations:
- Failure of "Business-as-Usual"

Memo to Joint Committee - *proposed*

Clearer next steps and a stronger link between vision and resources - the stakes are too high for it to remain an aspiration on paper.

- Setting short-term milestones—clear actions with clear owners—would help residents and partners track progress
- Contingency plan showing how priorities adjusted without new funds
- Clear definitions (for example, “transitional housing”, “shelter”, “reception centers”) remain fuzzy despite Council direction last year
- Ensure that new construction is matched with reliable, long-term funding for support services
- Preserving existing stock is often far cheaper than replacing it later.