

Source of Income Discrimination

CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

February 22, 2021

Ad Hoc Advisory Group Feb - Mar 2021 **Metric Monitoring & Findings** Appointment & Convening Monitoring Based on Metric Setting Change in HCV use / acceptance Research, finalize metrics Council appoints ad hoc **HCV Fair Housing Complaints Great Neighborhoods Great Neighborhoods Committee briefings** Advisory Group **Committee briefing** Group is convened Present Final Report and Recommendations Update City documents and Monitor Federal Activity (Staff) · Strengthen language in City documents requiring mandatory acceptance of rental subsidies · Monitor changes to the HCV Program at the Federal level with the new administration Mar - May 2021 Metric Setting Research (ad hoc Advisory Group) Quantify the number of unused and returned HCVs and other unused subsidies Determine if unused vouchers are redeployed Identify reasons that HCVs and other rental subsidies are not used How many units meet HUD's Fair Market Rent (FMR) guidelines • Determine the utilization rate of HCVs over the past three-years with comparable cities **HCV Enhancements (ad hoc Advisory Group)** • Explore ways to engage in new/existing public-private partnerships to increase acceptance of HCVs (reduced inspection times, automatic annual rent increases, mitigation funds, etc.) · Explore the possibility of turning unused HCVs into project-based vouchers Work with INLIVIAN to strengthen tenant readiness programs for HCV participants **Getting Started**

Staff Recommendations

- 1. Adopt a policy requiring mandatory acceptance of Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) and other forms of rental subsidy in all City supported housing.
- 2. Encourage and monitor changes to the HCV Program at the Federal level with the new administration.
- 3. Create a Council appointed ad hoc Advisory Group to develop program enhancements and process improvements to the HCV program, including representatives from:
 - INLIVIAN

- Greater Charlotte Apartment Association
- · Private sector landlords
- Subsidy providers
- Property management professionals
- Tenants
- 4. Consider amending Fair Housing Ordinance if HCV program enhancements and process improvements are not successful.

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Great Neighborhoods Committee

- At the February 17, 2021 Great Neighborhoods
 Committee meeting, the Committee took the following action:
 - 1. Accept staff recommendations as amended, and
 - 2. Recommend that full Council consider a closed-session to confer with the City Attorney about legal implications regarding a source of income ordinance.

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