



City of Maricopa

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The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation on the draft report for the Housing Needs Assessment Study from Ms. Rebecca Rothenberg, consultant for the Housing Needs Assessment Study. In January of 2017, the City of Maricopa engaged in a five-month study to assess the housing needs of the community for the next ten years. Discussion Only.

Per the City Council approved FY16 -17 budget and related Work Plan 2016-17, the Housing Needs Assessment was on the list of work the Development Services Department was directed to implement.

With the culmination of this five-month study, Ms. Rothenberg will provide a brief overview of the key findings in the Study. The executive summary and the draft report are attached for review.

OVERVIEW

The consultant selected, Atria Planning LLC, examined hard data from public and private sources, conducted interviews with housing experts and stakeholders, conducted surveys, facilitated focus group meetings, and researched local and regional housing reports, to develop the key findings of this report. The principle finding that developed from the data, surveys, and public feedback, is that Maricopa needs apartments, more affordable housing options, and more diverse housing to serve its existing population. If the City introduces more housing diversity by promoting/supporting the development of apartments, condos, townhomes, and other variations of housing types, the City can be proactive in coordinating this development so that it serves as a catalyst for more investment, including more retail services, employer attraction, and the development of a “town center.”

This item is presented by Zoning Administrator, Kazi Haque.

This is for information only and no action is required at this time. However, staff and consultant appreciates any comments or suggestions the Council may have. The final report of the Housing Needs Assessment Study will be presented to the City Council on June 20.