



City of Maricopa

Legislation Text

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The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving a contract between the City and Atria Planning, LLC, a California corporation, located in San Diego to conduct a Housing Needs Assessment and Action Plan for the City of Maricopa. The contract will be for the amount of \$55,610. Funding will come from Professional and Occupational program funding in the approved 2016-17 budget for Development Services Department. Discussion and Action.

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.

Since incorporation, Maricopa elected officials and residents alike expressed the need for diverse housing stocks to meet the needs of its residents. Currently, the city has only one CR-3 Zone, single family residential homes, and it fails to meet any demand that may exist concerning multi-family housing. Per City Council approved 2040 Vision goals and strategies (see listed goals below), and Planning Maricopa, a Housing Needs Assessment Study will provide staff and the elected officials the direction to carry forward and meet those goals and objectives.

Goal 2, Strategy #1, Create zoning districts that include various densities and building heights;

Goal 1, Strategy #3: Engage high quality City staff for the development of Master and Area Specific Plans.

Housing Availability and Diversity

Goal 2, Strategy # 1 Conduct a detailed citywide housing needs assessment redevelopment areas.

General Plan 2006: Land Use Element, Goal 1- Achieve a balance in the community between jobs and housing.

At the end of the General Plan Update process, and the successful ratification and approval of the General Plan by the citizens in November 2016, staff initiated the procurement process to hire an outside expert on housing needs assessment study.

The Housing Needs Assessment Scope of Work was created and the public notice for Intent to Contract - Request for Proposal, RFP #17 - DS 101422016 was published in the newspapers November 8, 2016. The City received a total of six (6) bids at the closing on December 5, 2016. Three were shortlisted, and through in-person interviews, the finalist, Atria Planning, LLC, was identified.

This item is presented by Development Services Director Martin Scribner.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and City Council take action and approve the hiring of the recommended consultant for the Housing Needs Assessment Study.