



CITY COUNCIL ACTION

01/08/2024 24-066

Council Meeting Date: 01/08/2024

Item No: 24-066

Responsible Dept: City Manager

Requested Action: Resolve

Map/Lot: N/A

Title, Resolve

Establishing Housing as the Bangor City Council's Priority for the 2023-2024 Council Year

Summary

During the annual priority setting sessions, the City Council discussed and indicated support for designating housing as the priority for the coming year, as housing impacts every aspect of our community. The City Council Standing Committees will be utilized to advance tasks associated with this overarching priority. Further, the City Council is committed to utilizing unobligated American Rescue Plan Act funding to invest in infrastructure that supports an increase in housing within our community.

Our goal is to increase the opportunities for all residents to have access to quality housing that meets their needs. Housing is a critical component of our community's well-being and economic vitality. By prioritizing housing, we aim to create a more vibrant and inclusive community where everyone can thrive.

Committee Action

Committee: Council Workshop
Action: Recommend for passage

Meeting Date: 12/27/2023
For: Against:

Staff Comments & Approvals

City Manager

City Solicitor

Finance Director

Introduced for: New Business



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Assigned to Councilor: Schaefer

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Whereas; the City Council has identified housing as its top priority for the 2023-2024 Council Year; and

Whereas; their goal being to increase the opportunities for all residents to have access to quality housing that meets their needs; housing is a critical component of our community's well-being and economic vitality;

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Bangor that, the following priority statement will serve as a guiding principle for our work in the coming year.

Housing is a critical component of our community's well-being and economic vitality. By prioritizing housing, we aim to create a more vibrant and inclusive community where everyone can thrive. By prioritizing housing, the Bangor City Council is demonstrating their commitment to:

Economic growth: A strong housing market can support and attract new businesses and residents, which can lead to increased economic activity and job creation.

Improved health outcomes: Safe and affordable housing can improve health outcomes by reducing exposure to environmental hazards and stressors.

Reduced homelessness: Prioritizing housing can help reduce homelessness and provide support to those in need.

Increased social equity: Access to quality housing can promote social equity by reducing disparities in housing quality and affordability.

Improved quality of life: Quality housing can improve the overall quality of life for residents by providing a stable and comfortable living environment.