

## Legislation Text

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**SUBJECT:**

Discuss and consider approval of the creation of the Affordable Housing Advisory Taskforce.

**BACKGROUND / RATIONALE:**

The City Council was presented with the New Braunfels 2018 Workforce Housing Study on February 11, 2019. The study clearly showed that the price of housing in New Braunfels has increased to the point where certain segments of the workforce in our community are experiencing housing insecurity. The study identified the need and total demand for affordable for-sale housing and rental units.

City Council may consider the creation of a Workforce Housing Taskforce to review the results of the report and, working with City staff and other housing experts, develop a plan to improve opportunities for workforce housing in New Braunfels.

The attached provides staff's recommendation on the creation of the committee, as was presented at the June 10, 2019 Council meeting. Additionally, the following items Council should decide:

- Appointment of Taskforce members - staff recommends the City Council ask each representative organization to make a recommendation of their appointee to the City Council.
- At-Large Members - staff recommends the following qualifications:
  - Resident of the City of New Braunfels.
  - Not also be a member of or associated with the other representative organizations.
  - Ask interested at large members to apply, similar to how we take applications for other committees.

**ADDRESSES A NEED/ISSUE IN A CITY PLAN OR COUNCIL PRIORITY:**

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Costs for managing the committee will be absorbed in the current budget.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

N/A

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the City Council provide direction on the creation of a Workforce Housing Taskforce as presented in the attachment.