

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

RESOLUTION NO. 47-25

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AND ASSIGNING COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO HOUSING AFFORDABILITY CODE TASK FORCE

Recitals:

Housing affordability is a problem in Grand Junction.

Beginning in 2019 the Grand Valley Housing Needs Assessment was completed.

In 2021, City staff and local stakeholders drafted the City's first Housing Strategy. That strategy originally included 12 strategies, with a 13th added in late 2022. The 13th strategy, Community Engagement and Outreach, is the subject of this resolution.

In furtherance of that strategy in particular and the Housing Strategy in general, in July 2024 local housing stakeholders, including non-profit service providers, market-rate and affordable housing developers, and real estate professionals were surveyed. Nearly 100 stakeholders responded. Insights from those surveys were used to develop preliminary recommendations for refining the housing strategy.

In September 2024, the City Council reviewed housing data and refined the City's Housing Strategy.

By and with Resolution 74-24 the City Council adopted the 2024 Housing Strategy which provides an integrated approach to generate resources for affordable housing development, seeks to preserve existing units, and increase access to resident services through partnerships, funding, and program development and support development of new affordable and attainable housing units. Resolution 74-24 is incorporated by this reference as if fully set forth

In June 2025 in the spirit of the 13th strategy the Home Builders Association of Western Colorado (HBA) approached the City Council and offered to convene a committee comprised of persons engaged in residential building and development to provide recommendations to the city to reduce the regulatory burden of developing new affordable and workforce housing which would result in reducing housing costs. By and with this Resolution the City Council names the persons that will serve on the Housing Affordability Code Task Force

It is the expectation of the City Council that the Housing Affordability Code Task Force will gather and incorporate into its recommendations feedback from persons in the single-unit and multi-unit home building and residential subdivision industry including others not named to the Committee. It is further the expectation of City Council that the Task Force will first establish metrics for which success can and should be measured from the outcomes of their work, including but not limited to those changes that will directly and demonstrably result in housing becoming more affordable.

The City Council thanks the many persons that applied and encourages them to provide feedback into the process and through those represented on the Task Force.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION COLORADO THAT:

In consideration of the Recitals the City Council appoints and assigns the following persons to serve as the Housing Affordability Code Task Force:

Kevin Bray
Ron Abeloe
Jane Quimby
Emilee Powell
Keith Ehlers
Mark Austin
Sandra Weckerly (Planning Commissioner)
Kim Kerk
Kelly Maves
Ivan Geer
John Gargas
Christi Reece
Michael Foster
Dillon Foster
Charlie Gecther

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th day of August 2025.



Cody Kennedy
President of the City Council

ATTEST:



Selestina Sandoval
City Clerk

