



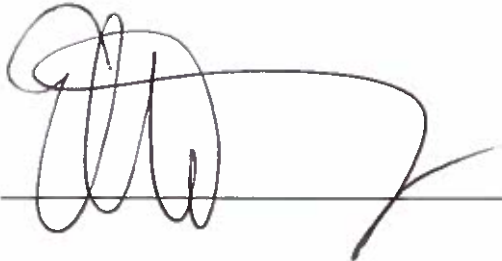
**City Of Richmond, Virginia
Office of the City Clerk**

Request to Withdraw Legislation

Paper Number: Res. 2018-R082

Chief Patron: Councilor Ellen Robertson

Introduction Date: September 10, 2018

Chief Patron Signature: 

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Attestation: 

Effective Date: 1-16-19

INTRODUCED: September 10, 2018

A RESOLUTION No. 2018-R082

To request the Mayor to propose any legislation necessary to establish a new affordable housing division within the new Department of Housing and Community Development and, in his Fiscal Year 2019-2020 annual budget, to include proposed appropriations sufficient to cover the cost of establishing this new division.

Patron – Ms. Robertson

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: SEPT 24 2018 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Richmond believes that the lack of affordable housing in the city of Richmond requires that the City prioritize the development of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that it is in the best interests of the residents of the city of Richmond that the City’s new Department of Housing and Community Development include a division dedicated to programs with the objective of increasing the amount of affordable housing available in the city;

NOW, THEREFORE,

AYES: _____ NOES: _____ ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: _____ REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:

That the Mayor of the City of Richmond is hereby requested to (i) prepare and introduce any legislation necessary to establish a new division within the new Department of Housing and Community Development with the mission of increasing the development of affordable housing, aiding in the rehabilitation of housing as affordable housing, establishing state and local partnerships to facilitate the development of affordable housing, and supporting activities that increase the availability of affordable housing and (ii) include in the annual budget that the Mayor proposes for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020, proposed appropriations sufficient to cover the cost of establishing this new division within the Department of Housing and Community Development.



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Ordinance/Resolution Request

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DATE July 30, 2018

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TITLE To Request the Expansion of the Housing & Community Development Department to include an Affordable Housing Division

This is a request for the drafting of an Ordinance Resolution

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

Ellen Robertson

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Land Use, Housing and Transportation

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

The patron requests a resolution to request that the Mayor as part of the FY20 budget include additional funding to expand the Housing & Community Development department to include an affordable housing division that has the objective of promoting and providing services that would enhance the development and delivery of quality affordable housing, including incentives and policy development that would prioritize affordable housing.

BACKGROUND

The Problem of Affordable Housing: The lack of affordable housing is widely considered a national crisis. Throughout recent history, housing costs has drastically increased while the number of prospective homeowners and renters who need low-priced housing has increased. These two pressures make affordable housing availability more difficult for Americans. According to the Urban Institute, only twenty-eight percent (28%) of adequate and affordable housing units are available for every 100 renter households with income at or below thirty percent (30%) of 'Area Median Income' (AMI) level.

According to the report "Housing the Richmond Region" released in March 2015 by the Partnership for Housing Affordability, more than a quarter of Richmond residents are "cost-burdened"—spending more than 30 percent (30%) of their

