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**TO: COMMUNITY BUILDING COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE**  
**FROM: CAROLYN EAGAN**  
**DATE: AUGUST 22, 2019**  
**RE: PROPOSED REQUEST FOR INFORMATION PROJECT**

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The City Council has a goal of approving 3,000 housing units by June 30, 2021. In order to achieve that goal, Council asked staff to consider development code changes to remove barriers to housing development and to identify funding gaps that Council could elect to fill for select projects. Council has expressed an interest in hearing directly from the development community and individuals who are planning to build housing about cost, code and infrastructure barriers they currently encounter.

One way to learn about such barriers is to create and then issue a Request for Information (RFI). The purpose of the RFI is to identify the City actions that could unlock land for housing unit construction. Initially, the responses received would be reviewed and evaluated and then placed into broad categories such as:

- 1) Code modifications
- 2) Standard and Specifications updates
- 3) Infrastructure (CIP) reprioritization
- 4) Developer funding gap

The information from the RFI will inform future Council actions/decisions related to the four categories above. The proposed timeline is as follows:

- 1) Fall 2019 – develop RFI questions and advertise RFI issuance
- 2) Winter 2020 – issue RFI and review responses
- 3) Spring 2020 – prioritize, categorize and prepare recommendations to Council

At that point, if Council chooses, staff would start the Request for Proposal (RFP) process to solicit project proposals aimed at providing housing. The RFP would likely list potential Council actions to remove a barrier(s) currently preventing housing projects from proceeding. Many other jurisdictions have used similar approaches to establish innovative Request for Proposal (RFP) processes that have delivered on Council and community goals.

Subcommittee Question:

Do you have any questions or feedback on this suggested program and approach?

