Task Force Evaluation

Workforce Housing Task Force

Planning and Development Services Department

Thank you for your service and work on the San Marcos Workforce Housing Task Force. Please complete the following survey based on your involvement in the process and the resulting draft of the Strategic Housing Action Plan.

1. Do you think the Action Plan moves us towards greater housing affordability in San Marcos?

☐ Less than expected ☐ As expected ■ More than expected

Why?

I feel the diversity of the Taskforce membership led to a much more progressive and inclusive approach to housing in general. As we have repeatedly stated their is no silver bullet when it comes to attaining affordable housing for all. We have to take a multi pronged approach which is reflected in the final action plan.

2. Are there proposed strategies or actions that you think will not lead the City towards greater affordability.

■ None ☐ As expected ☐ More than expected

If so, what are they and why are they important?

There has been a lot of misinformation (and videos) circulated that challenge the effectiveness of some of our strategies. If we decide to side with those who have failed to address the affordability issue to the North of us then we are simply following in their footsteps. We have to be more progressive and inclusive in our perspectives than those who fought against efforts in Austin to address this issue.

3. Do you think that the process to develop the Action Plan has achieved its goals of being inclusive, transparent, accessible, and accountable?

☐ Less than desirable ☐ As expected ■ Better than expected ☐ Consistently met goals

Why?

I am incredibly disappointed that there is chatter about this being a behind closed doors, staff led process. Staff did an amazing job of capturing the content of our many discussions and keeping the process moving forward as we directed. To assume the Taskforce took all direction from staff is frankly insulting to our members. I do not understand the logic behind undermining the credibility of a staff that is so well intended in their actions. Especially by City leadership. What could possibly be the motivation for anyone involved in this process to try and "pull one over" on the community? Without the buy in and support of the community we cannot achieve our goals. To move the needle on creating affordability we have to be able to see beyond our small corner and perspectives and decide we believe that everyone deserves housing that meets their specific needs and preferences. In addition we need to think globally and acknowledge the broad support the Taskforce has garnered in our community and act in the best interest of the many, not the few who fear change.

4. What strategies or actions are you most excited about and why?

I am excited about ALL of the strategies and the possibilities they bring to our community.

Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this survey. Your feedback is valued and very much appreciated!