

ITEM #45

**ADDITIONAL MATERIAL
REGULAR MEETING**

MARCH 7, 2024

SUBMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF

**RESILIENT ENVIRONMENT
DEPARTMENT**



BROWARD HOUSING COUNCIL

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February 26, 2024

Honorable Mayor and Members
Broward County Board of County Commissioners
115 S. Andrews Avenue, Room 409
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Re: Support for Broward County Ten-Year Affordable Housing Master Plan

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the Broward Housing Council (BHC), I commend the Board of County Commissioners (Board) on moving forward with the Broward County Ten-Year Affordable Housing Master Plan. The BHC was identified as a community stakeholder early in the planning process with a presentation by the consultant in December 2022. The Master Plan builds on the *2022 Affordable Housing Needs Assessment* sponsored by the BHC and, since the release of the Needs Assessment, Broward County's affordable housing crisis has worsened. The Master Plan's theme – leading the challenge and sharing the burden – encourages all municipalities to consider their own affordable housing stock supplies and funding strategies.

At our meeting on February 23, 2024, the BHC members reviewed and discussed the proposed Master Plan and its recommended strategies of densification, funding options, and legislative policy programs geared towards increasing the supply of affordable rental housing units. Following discussion, the BHC unanimously approved a motion supporting the County Commission's acceptance of the Master Plan, with a recommendation that the data be adjusted so that all municipalities and the Broward Municipal Services District, are reflected in appropriate data tables.

A recently released report from the Harvard University Joint Center of Housing Studies shows that Broward County is in the least affordable rental area in the nation, which only increases the sense of urgency to address our affordability issue. We look forward to working with the County Commission as the Master Plan strategies are implemented.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marcia Barry-Smith".

Marcia Barry-Smith, Chair
Broward Housing Council

Cc: Broward Housing Council Members
Josie P. Sesodia, AICP, Director, Broward County Urban Planning Division

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