Wilmington, Delaware
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Sponsor:

Council Member Oliver

WHEREAS, Resolution 26-046 established a Housing Subcommittee, under the purview of the Community Development and Urban Planning Committee, to "undertake a focused analysis and provide recommendations related to housing availability and affordability, neighborhood stability, the Wilmington Neighborhood Conservancy Land Bank, as well as other strategies and mechanisms to ensure that Wilmington's neighborhoods remain attractive places to live and build community"; and

WHEREAS, the Subcommittee shall consist of nine (9) members appointed by the President of the Council of the City of Wilmington, including community stakeholders from housing nonprofits, tenant advocacy organizations, affordable housing developers, financial institutions, and other individuals with education, experience, or demonstrated interest in real property, housing policy, and related domains; and

WHEREAS, Council President Ernest "Trippi" Congo, II appoints the following individuals who have agreed to serve as members of the Housing Subcommittee:

- James M. Baker,
- Italo Carrieri-Russo,
- Romona Fullman,
- Theopolis Gregory,
- Sallie Hendricks,
- Ray Fitzgerald,
- Jeff DiSabatino
- Azeez Weeks, and
- Vincent White; and

WHEREAS, these individuals will work collaboratively to: review existing administrative structures affecting housing supply and affordability in Wilmington; identify strategies to advance affordable housing goals; coordinate with state and federal housing

initiatives and funding sources; engage with community stakeholders and housing experts; evaluate how existing resources could be optimally leveraged; and provide guidance on legislative and policy recommendations to support housing availability and affordability; and

WHEREAS, the Subcommittee shall provide an initial report within 180 calendar days of its first meeting to the Community Development and Urban Planning Committee outlining key areas of focus and preliminary recommendations, with a final report to be issued within one calendar year proposing legislative, regulatory, and funding strategies to address Wilmington's housing challenges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that this Legislative body appoints the aforementioned individuals to the Housing Subcommittee, a subcommittee of the Wilmington City Council Community Development and Urban Planning standing committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Subcommittee shall select from among its members a chairperson, vice-chairperson, and notetaker to facilitate compliance with the stipulations of this Resolution, as well as all other applicable laws, including, but not limited to, the federal Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Title 29 of the Delaware State Code. Their responsibilities shall include organizing the times and locations of meetings, developing meeting agendas for posting, documenting the outcomes of convenings, and liaising with the members of Council and other relevant entities on behalf of the group.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Subcommittee shall meet quarterly, with additional meetings as warranted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that within 180 days of its inaugural meeting, the Subcommittee shall submit a preliminary report, followed by a final report to the Community

Development and Urban Planning Committee within one calendar year of its initial meeting. The final report shall include actionable recommendations for improving the City's housing stock and increasing accessibility for all residents, current and future.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST:_____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution appoints nine members to the Housing Subcommittee, which was established by Resolution 26-046, *A Resolution to Establish a Housing Sub-Committee of Community Development & Urban Planning Standing Committee*. Within 180 days of its first meeting, the Subcommittee shall outline key areas of focus and preliminary recommendations, with a final report to be issued within one year proposing legislative, regulatory, and funding strategies to address Wilmington's housing challenges.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT: De minimis.