

RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-

A RESOLUTION authorizing a Letter of Intent with the Yakima Housing Authority regarding development of affordable housing.

WHEREAS, the Yakima Housing Authority ("YHA") develops, maintains and operates affordable housing units within the City of Yakima; and

WHEREAS, the City of Yakima is currently experiencing a housing shortage, including a shortage of affordable housing units, as evidenced by vacancy rate statistics and preliminary drafts of the Housing Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has indicated that housing and partnerships are both strategic priorities of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City owns a number of properties within the downtown core, where it has also been determined there is a significant lack of early childhood learning centers for downtown residents and workers; and

WHEREAS, the YHA has expertise in developing affordable housing projects, and the parties seek to develop either affordable housing for farmworkers and their families or permanent supportive housing for the homeless; and

WHEREAS, the City and YHA are both committing to providing resources at their disposal towards bringing the conceptual project to fruition; and

WHEREAS, the City and YHA seek to collaborate on an affordable housing development which will be able to score well to receive funding, provide housing units to residents of Yakima in need, and have a first floor commercial element that includes an early childhood learning center; and

WHEREAS, to provide an opportunity to maximize housing units constructed as part of the project, the parties agree that the design will include parking under roof and the parties will work together to find necessary resources to cover this extra expense associated with the project; and

WHEREAS, the Letter of Intent outlines the intention of the parties to work together towards this goal, which both parties agree is needed in the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Yakima finds that it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to enter into the Letter of Intent with the Yakima Housing Authority to develop an affordable housing complex in the downtown core, now, therefore,

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

The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the Letter of Intent with the Yakima Housing Authority regarding development of affordable housing. A copy of the agreement is attached hereto and is fully incorporated herein.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Patricia Byers, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sonya Claar Tee, City Clerk