



# City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street  
Pensacola, FL 32502

## Memorandum

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**File #:** 20-00028

City Council

1/16/2020

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### **LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM**

**SPONSOR:** Grover C. Robinson, IV, Mayor  
City Council President Jewel Cannada-Wynn

**SUBJECT:**

APPOINTMENTS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING TASK FORCE

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That City Council approve the following 13 appointees to the Affordable Housing Task Force:

1. Douglas Brown, Executive Director, Community Action Program Committee, Inc.
2. George Ed Brown, Jr., Vice President, United Bank
3. Rick Byars, Regional Manager, Corporate External Affairs, Gulf Power Company
4. Timothy Evans, Executive Director, Pensacola Habitat for Humanity
5. Frederick Gant, Attorney
6. Laura Gilmore, Branch Manager, Senior Loan Officer, Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation
7. Percy Goodman, Executive Director, Community Enterprise Investment, Inc.
8. Carolyn Grawi, Executive Director, Center for Independent Living of Northwest Florida, Inc.
9. Shirley Henderson, Deputy Executive Director, Area Housing Commission
10. Patricia Lott, Executive Director, Escambia County Housing Finance Authority
11. John Rickmon, Real Estate Broker
12. Paul Ritz, Architect, Bullock Tice Associates
13. Renee' Wilhoit, Market Sales Leader, Synovus Mortgage Corporation

**HEARING REQUIRED:** No Hearing Required

**SUMMARY:**

On October 24, 2019, City Council authorized the establishment of an Affordable Housing Task Force. The goal of the task force is to research and propose solutions for the development of affordable, workforce housing. Additionally, the task force members will look at funding opportunities and solutions to housing in reference to the diversity of housing types.

The Task Force members will participate in four public meetings planned for February 2020 through May 2020. A final report incorporating task force member recommendations will be presented to City Council in the Summer of 2020.

Additionally, members of the Escambia/Pensacola Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) were invited to serve on the task force. The AHAC members are jointly appointed by City Council and Escambia County, per statutory guidelines, to serve as an advisory committee. The committee makes recommendations to the City Council and the Board of County Commissioners regarding initiatives to encourage and facilitate affordable housing programs.

**PRIOR ACTION:**

October 24, 2019 - City Council authorized the establishment of an Affordable Housing Task Force

**FUNDING:**

N/A

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

None

**CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW:** Yes

12/23/2019

**STAFF CONTACT:**

Keith Wilkins, City Administrator  
Kerrith Fiddler, Deputy City Administrator - Community Development  
Don Kraher, Council Executive  
Marcie Whitaker, Housing Administrator

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None

**PRESENTATION:** No