

RESOLUTION NO. 8729

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EMERGENCY HOUSING ACTIONS FOR
THE CITY OF RENO.**

WHEREAS, the mission of the City of Reno is "Creating a community that people are proud to call home", and,

WHEREAS, the Reimagine Reno Master Plan guiding principle of Vibrant Neighborhoods and Centers addresses mix of housing types, mixed use development, neighborhood amenities, and infill/redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, Reno has seen extremely low housing vacancy rates, averaging at the lowest 1.17 percent in Q2-17 and currently 3.06 percent; and

WHEREAS, the pricing of housing in Reno is continuing to rise with the median sold price topping \$405,000 in July 2019 and average rents hitting a high of \$1,316 per month currently; and

WHEREAS, the average weekly wage in Washoe County at \$967 is below the national average of \$1,055; and

WHEREAS, the region's population is growing rapidly with currently more than 250,000 residents and anticipated increase of 36,000 additional residents over the next five years, or seven percent of the current population; and

WHEREAS, Opportunity Zones have been identified by both the federal and state governments in the Reno area for the purposing of encouraging investment and economic development in low-income urban areas; and

WHEREAS, the Reno City Council has identified a Tier 1 Priority of "Increase Affordable Housing" for 2019;

WHEREAS, the City of Reno may enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary or redirect funds to respond to emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Reno must perform and exercise functions, powers, and duties as are necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the civilian population;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The City Council of the City of Reno, Nevada has identified that the City of Reno is experiencing an emergency housing circumstance causing or threatening human suffering to the extent that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Reno City Council determines it necessary to implement a limited term strategy to encourage private residential development to begin construction sooner than it might otherwise if the City were to not provide incentives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, City of Reno staff is directed to negotiate development agreements with developers who own or have control of properties within Opportunity Zones within the City of Reno for the purpose of accelerating the construction of new housing units;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Reno City Council identifies the “1,000 homes in 120 days” program as attached to be an immediate solution for the good of our community and directs staff to move forward with this program expeditiously upon passage of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Manager is hereby directed to utilize all available methods to assist this program as a solution to the current housing emergency.

Upon motion of Council Member Duerr seconded by Council Member Weber, the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted this 2nd day of October, 2019, by the following vote of the Council:

AYES: Duerr, Weber, Brekhus, Jardon, Reese, Schieve
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: Delgado

APPROVED this 2nd day of October, 2019.



Hillary L. Schieve
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MAYOR OF THE CITY OF RENO

ATTEST:

Ashley D. Turney
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CITY CLERK AND CLERK OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RENO, NEVADA