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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Mobile Home Park/Manufactured Housing Park Zoning, Read Before Packet

August 3, 2020

To: City Clerk Delynn Coldiron

Good Morning Delynn. Thank you for your return call on Friday with helpful direction for how to submit our Zoning statement to City Council. In accordance with our conversations, our Mobile Home Park/Manufactured Housing Park Zoning statement is attached. Please include this in the Read Before Packet for this coming Tuesday's Council meeting.

One extra question. Do you know if Council will be inviting public comment during their meeting? We are not certain given the Zoom nature of the current meetings.

Thanks again. We appreciate your good communication and helpfulness for navigating this Council process.

Also, thank you in advance for confirming receipt of this email.

Steve Goering for
Clergy/Faith Community Leaders of Fort Collins

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"Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive." Howard Thurman

"Living is a great deal more than simply not dying. It is carrying out a mission, committing oneself to fashion some meaning that will attain eternity." Leonardo Boff

July 29, 2020

Clergy/Faith Community Leaders of Fort Collins
Fort Collins, Colorado

Mayor Wade Troxell, Fort Collins
City Council Members, & City Manager, Darin Atteberry

Re: Mobile Home Park/Manufactured Home
Park Preservation Zoning

Dear City Leaders:

As a multifaith group of Clergy/Faith Community Leaders here in Fort Collins, we write this letter in solidarity with those in our community who are in need of protected affordable housing. On August 4, City Council will bring, to a first vote, zoning decisions related to Mobile Home Park/Manufactured Housing zoning in our city. We support and call for votes for Option A, the Mobile Home Park/Manufactured Housing Zoning that most completely protects current residents of these Park areas.

Our faith traditions support the Fort Collins City vision to be inclusive and welcoming to diverse communities. This means that affordable housing in our community must also reflect that same diversity. Mobile Home/Manufactured Home districts play a unique and even critical role in providing this mix of housing. These districts provide the least-cost foundational block of housing that simply is nowhere else available, and they represent an essential component of comprehensive affordable housing policies. Finally, they also provide unique housing that historically and currently supports Latinx immigrant communities.

Our concern is that the addition of other forms of affordable housing into these districts, as could happen in Option B, will almost surely displace current residents. Even if current residents are given first priority to the alternate "affordable housing," they most likely will not qualify for the new options. They will be displaced. This is exactly the type of exclusionary zoning that minority communities have experienced in the past. However intentioned and named, it results in people being displaced, devalued, and excluded.

We know that you as Council Members share these same concerns. We were encouraged by thoughtful questions posed in the working group presentation on April 28. Other communities have successfully preserved these Mobile Home/Manufactured housing districts. We encourage you to do the same.

As faith leaders who care for the well-being of all residents of our city, we believe this is the time for Fort Collins to stand forth for equity as compared to options that will result in exclusion. We call on you to support Option A which will most completely provide long term housing availability protection.

Sincerely,

*Clergy/Faith Community Leaders
of Fort Collins*

Signed -- Twenty Two (22) Faith Community Leaders as Presented on Page 2

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