

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Housing Savannah Task Force, comprised of 39 diverse members, was appointed by the Mayor and Aldermen in August 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force studied and researched Savannah's unique housing affordability challenges and found that housing costs in Savannah have outpaced incomes at a rate of at least 2:1 during the past 30 years, resulting in about 21,000 (40%) Savannah households being unable to afford quality housing; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force discussed, refined, and developed the Housing Savannah Action Plan which includes five (5) aspirational and achievable strategies and 43 action items; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force, after solicitation of community input, presented the strategies and action items incorporated in the Housing Savannah Action Plan to the Mayor and Aldermen; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that there is a need for local support and investment to address local housing needs and opportunities and has recognized an immediate need for funds to help support and continue the City of Savannah's housing programs for low- and moderate-income residents; and

WHEREAS, for years, the City has encouraged banks, businesses, non-profits and other private entities to invest in the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund along with the City of Savannah; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Savannah Action Plan calls for an increase in community-wide awareness, support and education; incrementally increased and sustained housing investment beginning in 2022 that will reach \$100M+ annually and benefit 15,000 households by 2032; housing partner capacity and quantity increases; and support of local, state, and federal housing policy and legislation, to effectively address Savannah's housing crisis; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah do hereby adopt the Housing Savannah Action Plan.

Adopted this ____ day of October 2021.

Van R. Johnson, II, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council