Resident Comments 2026-2030 Consolidated Plan and 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan Public Hearing on 12/3/24

Comments from Residents and Responses from Staff:

C1: The City needs more homeownership opportunities and more dense, affordable, multifamily units.

R1: Staff will incorporate this feedback in the creation of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. This input will also be shared with Planning and Development Department staff working on the Comprehensive Plan update.

C2: The City needs limited equity housing cooperatives where units are owned by residents.

R2: Staff will incorporate this feedback in the creation of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. This input will also be shared with Planning and Development Department staff working on the Comprehensive Plan update.

C3: The City needs enhanced funding for anti-poverty programs.

R3: Staff will incorporate this feedback regarding additional funding in the creation of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. The City currently works with organizations that address poverty through the Human Services Agency grants and also uses federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to support anti-poverty organizations.

C4: Fair Housing is not mentioned in the discussion. The Fair Housing Act passed in 1969, and City Council members need Fair Housing training.

R4: Fair Housing is the focus of the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, which is currently underway as part of the Consolidated Planning process. Below are links to the two most recent Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice documents.

- 2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice
- o 2015 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice

The City's Fair Housing Board and staff will investigate opportunities for public education around Fair Housing and related laws.

The City's Housing & Neighborhoods Department worked with the North Carolina Fair Housing Project in 2024 to provide a Fair Housing training for City staff as well as community stakeholders and partners. The goal is to provide Fair Housing training on a regular basis.

C5: The City needs a focus on keeping families together.

R5: Staff will incorporate this feedback in the creation of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. The City requires all family shelters it funds to adhere to HUD's Equal Access Rule. While shelter is a necessary element of the homelessness response system, the City recognizes that permanent housing is the solution to homelessness and keeping families together.

C6: The City needs more housing for individuals under age 23.

R6: Staff will incorporate this feedback regarding additional funding in the creation of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. The City currently provides funding to organizations such as Hope Center of Pullen that provide housing and navigation support services for youth exiting the foster system.

C7: The City needs more Section 8 housing.

R7: The Raleigh Housing Authority and Wake County Housing Authority both administer the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) program in Raleigh. Those agencies are both separate and apart from the City of Raleigh. The number of vouchers allocated to those agencies is determined at the federal level by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Both the City of Raleigh and Wake County have policies and programs in place to increase the number of landlords that accept tenants with Section 8 vouchers, including the County's Landlord Engagement Unit and the City's policy requiring that any property receiving City funding support must accept vouchers.