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BACKGROUND:

City Council directed staff in the 2016 budget to complete a housing study. The study looks at affordability, accessibility, residents' opinions on housing, opportunities, and ways to address identified housing issues in Littleton. The study is intended to help inform council policy decisions regarding housing issues moving forward.

The project was initially managed by the former city manager and was significantly delayed due to his termination in mid-2016. Once the project got back on track, a competitive selection process was pursued and a contract was awarded to BBC Research and Consulting of Denver.

A small housing advisory panel assisted in the development of the scope of study as well as providing some initial guiding input to the consultants in the development of the study. The advisory panel included councilmembers Peggy Cole and Bill Hopping, former RTD board member Kent Bagley, Realtors Stew Meagher and Kay Watson, and Jo Hamit and Kyle Henderson representing South Metro Housing Options/Littleton Housing Authority. Deputy City Manager Mike Braaten and Community Development Director Jocelyn Mills staffed the project.

For citizen outreach, the consultant conducted a statistically-valid random sample land-line & mobile telephone survey of 401 Littleton residents, held focus groups that included realtors, business owners, community non-profits and members of the "sunshine" citizen advocacy group. There was also an open on-line resident survey that was marketed through the city's social media sites and webpage that resulted in 350 responses.

The consultant team from BBC Research and Consulting will present the draft findings from the report. From this session, BBC will take council comments and prepare a final report. The project will then proceed to the development of draft implementation strategies with the assistance of the advisory panel. Those strategies will be presented to council at future study session later this summer for final review and approval.