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BOULDER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM #3

December 14, 2022 1:30 p.m.

Hybrid Public Hearing

PUBLIC HEARING with PUBLIC TESTIMONY

STAFF: Hannah Hippely, Long Range Planning Division Manager

<u>Docket BCCP-22-0002: Amendment to Boulder County Comprehensive Plan Housing Element</u>

Reinstate policy inadvertently removed from Housing Element during 2019 amendment approval. Language to be reinstated previous policy HO 1.10 "Housing Counseling Services, advice, and assistance concerning housing problems to consumers shall be provided."

Action Requested by <u>Planning Commission:</u> Approval

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SUMMARY

The Planning Commission last updated the Housing Element of the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan (BCCP) on November 20, 2019 (BCCP-18-0004). Policy HO 1.10 "Housing Counseling Services, advice, and assistance concerning housing problems to consumers shall be provided" was included in the previous version of the element but was inadvertently not included in the 2019 revised Housing Element. In the past this policy served as evidence that authority to provide housing counseling services has been granted to Boulder County's Housing Counseling Program (the Program). Occasionally the Program is required to demonstrate this authorization to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in order to maintain compliance with HUD regulations and maintain its HUD certification. Staff requests that Policy HO 1.10, which provides clear and specific authorization for the work of the Program, be reinstated.

Goal 2 of the Housing Element states:

Advocate and Support. Boulder County supports strategic and collaborative interventions at the local, regional, state, and federal levels to address the availability, accessibility, and preservation of affordable housing.

Staff proposes to reinstate the language "Housing Counseling Services, advice, and assistance concerning housing problems to consumers shall be provided" as a policy under Goal 2.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVE DOCKET BCCP-22-0002, AMENDMENT TO BOULDER COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN HOUSING ELEMENT.