



City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

File Number: 2024-684

Agenda Date: September 19, 2024

Department: Department of Housing & Community Development

Title: 2024-684 Carver Gardens Renovation Letter of Support (B)

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Description: Request for the City Commission to authorize the Mayor to send a letter supporting Standard Communities's request for funding from the Alachua County Housing Finance Authority. Standard Communities intends to use the funding to renovate 100 apartment units in Carver Gardens.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Explanation: The Carver Gardens is a family low-income housing apartment complex that was built in 1970. As such, the apartments are in need a major renovation. The Standard Communities company is pursuing the purchase and renovation of the property. The proposed full unit overhaul includes new floors, stainless steel appliances, cabinets and countertops along with an update of all building services including windows, roofs electrical panels and HVAC systems. There will also be landscape, communal spaces, camera and lighting upgrades.

Strategic Connection:

- Goal 1: Equitable Community
- Goal 2: More Sustainable Community
- Goal 3: A Great Place to Live and Experience
- Goal 4: Resilient Local Economy
- Goal 5: "Best in Class" Neighbor Services

Recommendation: The City Commission authorize the Mayor to send a letter supporting Standard Communities's request for funding from the Alachua County Housing Finance Authority to renovate the Carver Gardens Apartments, subject to City Attorney approval as to form and legality.