

Amendment to CB 16-0625 related to creating dedicated funding streams from property taxes and commercial and residential linkage fees to be used for affordable housing programs.

By: Councilmembers Kniech and Brooks

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Mr. President,

I move to amend CB 16-0625 in the following particulars:

- 1) On page 4, line 9 strike the words “one hundred percent (100%)” and substitute with the words “eighty percent (80%)”.
- 2) On page 4, line 13, strike the words “one hundred and twenty percent (120%)” and substitute with the words “eighty percent (80%)”.

Explanation of Amendment

In a detailed review of the nexus study calculations, we found a small inconsistency with the current ordinance language on the use of linkage fee revenue. Our team made a policy choice in developing the proposal to set the income levels for the linkage fee revenue at 80% AMI for rental development, 100% AMI for homeownership development, and 120% AMI for homeownership assistance to match the property tax revenue income limits. However, findings of the nexus study do not support the housing gap above 80% AMI for the linkage fee. We are committed to maintaining a complete connection between the housing fund ordinance and the nexus study to support the legal foundation of the linkage fee, so this finding requires a technical amendment to the current ordinance to reflect 80% AMI as the income limit for linkage fee revenue on rental development, homeownership development and homeownership assistance. Please note that the property tax portion of the permanent fund will continue to be allowed by the ordinance to serve families up to 100% AMI for homeownership development and 120% AMI for homeownership assistance.