





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# IDDEAS Advisory Council (IAC)

## Public Meeting

*August 27, 2024*

 Agenda Item	Time
• Welcome and Meeting Overview	1:00 pm to 1:10 pm
• Council and Partner Updates	1:10 pm to 1:25 pm
• Member Spotlight: Stefanie Gross	1:25 pm to 1:30 pm
• Update and Approval of Public Comment Policy	1:30 pm to 1:35 pm
• Advisory Council Meeting Location and Structure Discussion	1:35 pm to 1:50 pm
• Break	1:50 pm to 1:55 pm
• Landlord and Builder Assessment Review and Discussion	1:55 pm to 2:35 pm
• Public Comment (3 minutes per speaker, up to 20 minutes)	2:35 pm to 2:55 pm
• Forecasting Next Meeting	2:55 pm to 3:00 pm



# Intellectual and Developmental Disability Equitable Access to Services (IDDEAS)

**Mission:** IDDEAS partners with the community to manage local taxpayer dollars dedicated for Denver residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**Vision:** We strive to make Denver an inclusive community where people with I/DD feel welcome, valued and empowered to live the lives they envision for themselves

**IDDEAS Advisory Council (IAC)** is comprised of Denver residents with lived experienced with I/DD. The IAC meets monthly to discuss all sorts of topics relevant to Denver residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Using community feedback, individual knowledge, and expert presentations, the council provides recommendations to Denver Human Services about the best way to prioritize funds and programs.

# IDDEAS Advisory Council Meeting Expectations



Please be respectful of everyone attending the meeting.



Mute yourself, raise your hand, and unmute to speak. Introduce yourself to speak.



Stay on topic.



All meetings are public and recorded. Chats are posted publicly as well.



Votes will happen in the chat. Ensure that chat is set to “everyone”.



Please remain safe during meetings.



Have fun!

# Minutes

- Review 07/30/2024 meeting minutes
- Any requested changes?
- Potential action item: vote to approve minutes
  - Motion to approve [with revisions]?
  - Second?
  - Vote in chat (all voting members to respond: Yes, No, or Abstain)



# CAC Member report out

- Rocky Mountain Human Services Community Advisory Council report
- Other updates by other council members can also be shared during this time

<https://www.rmhumanservices.org/cac>





# Council Updates

Update us on current events or happenings related to our advisory council and Denver residents with I/DD.



# Council Member Spotlight

In hopes of promoting connection, access, and a sense of community, we're going to try something new thanks to a suggestion from Brian! During this time, one council member will be featured to tell their story, share their history and experience, and express themselves to better connect with the rest of the council.

August 2024: Stefanie Gross



# Update and Approval of Public Comment Policy

1. Anyone interested in public comment must have signed up beforehand. To sign up for public comment, members of the public must email [IDDEAS@denvergov.org](mailto:IDDEAS@denvergov.org) or go to our [online public comment form](#) by 1:00 pm the day before the IAC meeting. The IAC Secretary will then contact the co-chairs to review and approve. Any written public comment will be read aloud by one of the co-chairs
2. Anyone making a public comment should state:
  - Your name and any organizational affiliation
  - Whether you are a Denver resident
  - Public Comment
3. Commentors have 3 minutes to speak
  - Please honor the time allowed so we can hear as many voices that wish to speak up as possible. Thank you!
  - As commentors speak, council members and guests will listen without response or interruption.
  - Speakers must limit their comment to an agenda item topic or a topic pre-approved by co-chairs

# Meeting Location and Structure

Due to the events at the June 25<sup>th</sup> Advisory Council meeting, we have revised our procedures to better protect our guests and their voices.

1. All guests must register beforehand. Registration links will be posted on [our website](#).
2. We will be using Zoom Webinar; only council members and presenters will be able to speak, use the chat, and share their screen throughout the meeting.
3. We will no longer allow the use of AI or third party software in the Zoom meetings.
4. Only panelists (council members, DHS staff, and presenters) will be able to unmute, show video, and chat. Pre-approved guests can request to come off mute during public comment by raising their hand. Only hosts will share screens.
5. Only United States IP addresses will be allowed into meetings.



## Meeting Location and Structure Discussion

- Discussion on new revisions
- Consider a “hybrid” model in which meeting is hosted in-person with a virtual component as an option



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# Break (5 minutes)

Please take 5 minutes to rest your eyes and brain, use the bathroom, have water or a snack, or do anything else you need. Feel free to step away and turn off your camera. Please come back and turn your camera on at the noted time.



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# The Landlord and Builder Assessment Review and Discussion

*Time for Councilmembers to discuss the report and its  
recommendations*

## Previous IAC Housing Recommendations (2021)

Incentivize builders to create I/DD inclusive housing.

Leverage Mill Levy funds to convert already existing properties to tailor towards individuals with I/DD.

Leverage Mill Levy funds to offer more housing vouchers for people with I/DD.

Create a housing navigation program. *Implemented*

Investigate and Identify landlord and builder concerns with renting and creating housing for I/DD community. *Complete*

Advocate to the State on issues that are critical to Denver as they relate to housing.

Housing becomes priority for Mill Levy funds. *Implemented*

## New Recommendations offered by The Kelsey

Increase Availability of Operating Subsidies to Support Service-Linked Projects

Create local funding incentives and enforcement to encourage housing builders to create accessible, affordable housing.

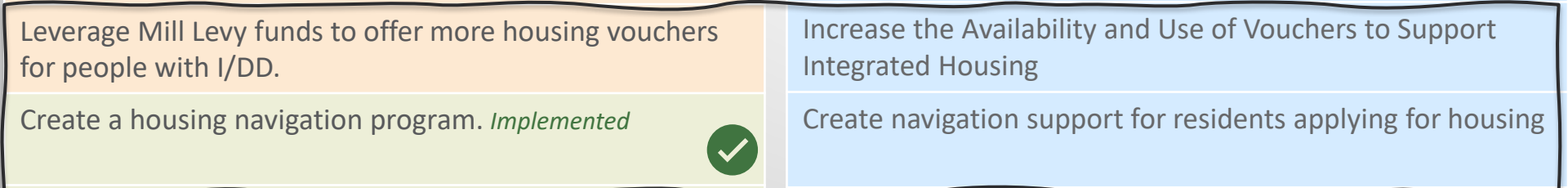
Increase the Availability and Use of Vouchers to Support Integrated Housing

Create navigation support for residents applying for housing

Provide educational support for property managers to understand and support people with I/DD in their communities.

Require the use of plain language in leasing documents for projects that receive local funding for affordable housing.

Fund a I/DD housing pilot project



### **Recommendation 1: Increase Availability of Operating Subsidies to Support Service-Linked Projects**

- Offer money to housing builders to be able to have on-site supportive services at new properties that house people with I/DD

### **Recommendation 2: Local Funding Incentives and Enforcement**

- Affordable housing builders compete with one another for funding. The cheaper you can build, the more likely you will be awarded money. IDDEAS could offer additional dollars (“incentives”) to developers to cover the extra costs that come with including accessible features in their housing.
- Remind owners of their obligation to build more accessible units, make reasonable accommodations, and accept vouchers.

### **Recommendation 3: Increase the Availability and Use of Vouchers to Support Integrated Housing**

- Create a housing voucher for people who use HCBS waiver services to promote housing where people with and without disabilities live together
- Streamline existing federal vouchers by partnering with disability service providers to better target folks with IDD and help identify available accessible units

### **Recommendation 4: Create Navigation Support for Residents Applying for Housing**

- Many of the residents we talked to had not heard of Bayaud’s BE HOME navigation program. There should be a focus on advertising the program so people can find it. Longer term, the city can create a single database to apply for affordable housing.

### **Recommendation 5: Educational support for property managers to understand and support people with I/DD in their communities**

- Training program for property managers to teach them the best ways to engage with residents with I/DD.

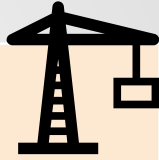
### **Recommendation 6: Require the Use of Plain Language in Leasing Documents for Affordable Housing projects**

- Require affordable properties to use plain language documents in their unit applications, leases, and other forms of communication. IDDEAS can provide guidance, trainings and examples on plain language for landlords.

### **Recommendation 7: Fund a I/DD Housing Pilot Project**

- Funding could include buying land, paying city building fees, and/or funding pre-building activities such as interviewing community members

## How difficult will these recommendations be to accomplish? How much money will each cost?



### New Recommendations offered by The Kelsey

### Mill Levy Lift

Rec 1: Increase Availability of Operating Subsidies to Support Service-Linked Projects

**Difficult**  
**\$\$\$ Lots of Money**

Rec 2: Create local funding incentives and enforcement to encourage housing builders to create accessible, affordable housing.

**Difficult**  
**\$\$\$ Lots of Money**

Rec 3: Increase the Availability and Use of Vouchers to Support Integrated Housing

**Difficult**  
**\$\$\$ Lots of Money**

Rec 4: Create navigation support for residents applying for housing\*

**Easy to Moderately Difficult**  
**\$\$ A Little Money**

Rec 5: Provide educational support for property managers to understand and support people with I/DD in their communities.

**Easy**  
**\$\$ A Little Money**

Rec 6: Require the use of plain language in leasing documents for projects that receive local funding for affordable housing.

**Somewhat Difficult**  
**\$ Very Little Money**

Rec 7: Fund a I/DD housing pilot project

**Very Difficult**  
**\$\$\$ Lots of Money**



# Do Councilmembers want to adopt any of The Kelsey recommendations as formal IAC recommendations?

Motion to adopt:

- All of the recommendations? or
- Any specific ones?

Do Councilmembers want DHS to prioritize some recommendations over others?

# Public Comment

- IAC meetings are open to the public!
- Every meeting we hold space for public comment. To sign up for public comment, email [IDDEAS@denvergov.org](mailto:IDDEAS@denvergov.org) or go to our [online public comment form](#) by 1:00 pm the day before the IAC meeting.
- If you need help accessing or filling out the form, reach out by email or text/call 303-551-4305.
- Public commentators will be allotted 3 minutes to make comment related to either an agenda topic or a separate topic that has been pre-approved by either of the IAC co-chairs. All public comments are recorded within our minutes and recordings.
- Outside of public comment, discussion and engagement is reserved for members of the advisory council, DHS staff, and guest presenters. **All guests are asked to observe on mute.**



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# Forecasting Next Meeting

September 24, 2024



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# Council Adjournment

Council members are invited to move to adjourn.