## **MEMORANDUM**

To: The Honorable Rita Ali and Members of the City Council

From: Vaibhav Shah, Chair of the Fair Housing Commission and Members of the Fair Housing

Commission

Date: August 27, 2021

Re: Proposed Ordinance Changes

I am addressing you on behalf of the Fair Housing Commission to request the change in the ordinance for the duties of a proposed Housing Commission.

Throughout 2021, the Fair Housing Commission has been reviewing the current duties of the commission and creating a revised ordinance to better reflect housing needs in Peoria. The Commission agreed that there is a need for a Commission to focus on housing issues beyond just fair housing within the City of Peoria. The proposed ordinance expands the scope of the duties of the Commission.

If the ordinance changes are approved, the current Commissioners also request the option to be appointed to the new Housing Commission. Outlined below are the interest areas each Commissioner has with the highlighted suggestions of which role each could fulfill based on the proposed ordinance. The current Commissioners would fill seven of the eleven available positions on the new Housing Commission as proposed.

| PROPOSED COMMISSION COMPOSITION |                               |                    |        |          |  |                          |                       |              |     |                       |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------|----------|--|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----|-----------------------|
|                                 | INTERESTS                     |                    |        |          |  |                          |                       |              |     |                       |
|                                 | REQUIF                        | OPTIONAL           |        |          |  |                          |                       |              |     |                       |
| Current<br>Commissioners        | Neighborhood<br>Interests - 3 | Fair<br>Housing -1 | Tenant | Landlord |  | Special Needs<br>Housing | Lending/<br>Financing | Construction | РНА | Affordable<br>Housing |
| Vaibhav Shah                    | Х                             |                    |        |          |  | х                        |                       |              |     | Х                     |
| Cheryll Boswell                 |                               | Х                  |        |          |  | X                        | Х                     |              |     | Х                     |
| Christell Frausto               |                               |                    | Х      | Х        |  |                          |                       | X            |     | Х                     |
| Nicole Livsey                   |                               | Х                  |        |          |  |                          |                       |              |     |                       |
| Jane Genzel                     |                               |                    |        |          |  |                          |                       | Х            |     | Х                     |
| Michelle Sanders                | X                             |                    |        |          |  |                          |                       |              |     |                       |
| Donna Crowder                   | X                             |                    |        |          |  |                          |                       |              |     |                       |

The Commissioners also request that an effort be made for the additional appointments to be made in the areas that do not have representation including the following areas:

- Tenant Interests
- Licensed realtor
- Construction Interests
- Finance/Lending
- A Peoria Housing Authority representative.