



City of Arvada City Council Agenda AUGUST 19, 2025

Councilmembers:

Lauren Simpson, Mayor
Randy Moorman, Mayor Pro-Tem
Shawna Ambrose, District 2
Sharon Davis, At large
Bob Fifer, District 4
John Marriott, District 3
Brad Rupert, At large

Staff Members Usually Present:

Don Wick, City Manager
Linda Haley, Deputy City Manager
Rachel Morris, City Attorney
Jacqueline Rhoades, Director of Infrastructure
Jessica Garner, Director of Community & Econ. Dev.
Bryan Archer, Chief Financial Officer
Gabriella Bommer, Director of Human Resources
Ryan Stevenson, Director of Vibrant Community & Neighborhoods
Rachael Kuroiwa, Director of Communications & Engagement
Ed Brady, Chief of Police
Kristen Rush, City Clerk

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THIRD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

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4:00 PM

STUDY SESSION

1. Call to Order/Roll Call of Councilmembers
2. Study Session Topics
 - A. Denver Regional Council of Governments Regional Housing Needs Assessment and Recommendation of City Participation to Meet Requirements of SB24-174
3. Adjournment



REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

AGENDA ITEM
2.A.

TO: THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

DATE: August 19, 2025

SUBJECT: Denver Regional Council of Governments Regional Housing Needs Assessment and Recommendation of City Participation to Meet Requirements of SB24-174

Report in Brief

Staff from the Housing and Planning Divisions will present a summary and analysis of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment authored by the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG). Council will have the opportunity to discuss the contents of the DRCOG assessment and provide comments which will then be submitted to DRCOG. This presentation is in preparation for a business meeting where staff will recommend that the City participate in the use of the DRCOG regional housing needs assessment to fulfill the requirements of SB24-174.

Background

The Sustainable Affordable Housing Assistance Act (SB 24-174) mandates local governments to conduct and publish a housing needs assessment that conforms to methodologies developed by the Colorado Department of Local Affairs by December 31, 2026. Local governments are exempt from the requirement to conduct a local housing needs assessment if they participate in a regional housing needs assessment that complies with the Department of Local Affairs methodology. In December 2024, DRCOG submitted its Regional Housing Needs Assessment to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs for review to ensure conformity with SB 24-174. The Colorado Department of Local Affairs approved the DRCOG regional housing needs assessment, which enables local governments in the DRCOG region to use the regional assessment for compliance with the state law's housing needs assessment requirement.

The City of Arvada completed a Housing Needs Assessment shortly before the legislation was passed and would therefore need to revisit and amend small sections of the Arvada housing needs assessment to meet all the requirements in the legislation's guidance. By agreeing to participate in using the DRCOG Regional Housing Needs Assessment, the City will meet the requirements. The City may then use its own housing needs assessment, in addition to the DRCOG Housing Needs Assessment, to develop the Arvada Housing Action Plan (also a requirement of SB 24-174).

During this study session, the Housing and Planning teams will present a summary and analysis of the DRCOG Regional Housing Needs Assessment to the Arvada City Council. The Council can then provide comments, which will be sent to DRCOG during DRCOG's 60-day public comment period. The Housing team recommends that the City participate in the use of the DRCOG regional housing needs assessment and will bring this recommendation to the city council for approval at the September 2, 2025, business meeting.

Strategic Alignment

This study session aligns with the following City Council Strategic Result-
Housing: Improve access to diverse, safe and affordable housing options and programs, providing residents with opportunities to obtain housing that meets their needs in all phases of life.

Next Steps

FOR WORKSHOPS ONLY

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Enclosure, exhibits & attachments required to support the report