Resolution to Establish Council Priorities for the Program Year 2025-2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) & HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Programs

WHEREAS the City of Charlottesville has been designated as an Entitlement Community by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and as such is a recipient of federal funds through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) & HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) programs, and

WHEREAS the City is a contributing member of the Thomas Jefferson HOME Consortium (TJHC) in partnership with the counties of Albemarle, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa and Nelson, and through the Consortium shares in the benefits of participation in HUD's HOME program, and

WHEREAS in accordance with the City of Charlottesville's HUD-approved Citizen Participation Plan, the city's CDBG/HOME Task Force composed of residents and community representatives will be called on to review requests for funding of potential CDBG & HOME projects and to make recommendations for funding to Council in the Spring of 2025; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the Program Year 2025-2026 CDBG & HOME programs (PY25) shall prioritize to the degree possible:

- A continued emphasis on expanding access to affordable housing opportunities, including but not limited to low-income housing redevelopment; workforce development, including but not limited to efforts to bolster Section 3 training opportunities other economic development activities; microenterprise assistance; access to quality childcare; homeowner rehabilitation and energy-efficiency upgrades; down payment assistance; and improvements to public infrastructure designed to eliminate or reduce barriers to access to public amenities for mobility-impaired residents
- For program year 2025-2026, \$89,896.51 of CDBG Entitlement funds shall be set aside to support Economic Development activities
- o For program year 2025-2026, \$89,896.51 of CDBG Entitlement funds shall be set aside to support Public Facilities and Improvement activities, with a special emphasis on activities that will eliminate or reduce barriers to access for mobility-impaired residents
- The CDBG Admin and Planning budget shall be set at 20% of the City's CDBG allocation
- Any other guidelines or directions Council may wish to give in determining how CDBG and HOME funds should be spent