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MEMORANDUM

TO: Albemarle County Planning Commission

FROM: Long-Range Planning Team, Albemarle County Planning Division

RE: September 27, 2022 Planning Commission Work Session – Framework for an Equitable and Resilient Community

During the September 27 Work Session, staff is seeking Planning Commission input on the draft Framework for an Equitable and Resilient Community (Attachment A). The Framework is intended to serve as a guide for our work in future AC44 Phases and will help us develop action steps for plan topics such as transportation and resource protection. The draft Framework was developed using community input from the Phase 1 engagement opportunities, initial Board direction on AC44 priorities, and Planning Commission guidance from the July 24 work session.

The AC44 Comprehensive Plan update is currently in Phase 1, which is focused on reviewing the growth management policy and building a Plan Framework to guide and inform upcoming AC44 phases. So far within Phase 1 the AC44 Team has engaged community members in three steps. First, we asked for input on the current growth management policy. In the second step, community members gave input on potential growth management options to consider while reviewing the current policy.

In the third step of Phase 1 engagement, the AC44 team invited community members to share input on four 'Big Ideas' for an equitable and resilient community (Attachment B) through a series of roundtables. During the roundtables the team asked community members to consider the following questions: do the Big Ideas reflect your vision of our community in 20 years, do they guide us towards a more equitable and resilient community, and what's missing. A feedback compilation is included in Attachment C.

The Framework for an Equitable and Resilient Community incorporates the four Big Ideas and the community input from this round of engagement. More information about the purpose, future application of the Framework, and how it relates to the 2015 Comp Plan topics can be found in Attachment A.

Staff is asking the Planning Commission to consider the following for the Work Session discussion:

- Does the Framework for an Equitable and Resilient Community provide guidance to support drafting policies and action steps in upcoming AC44 phases? If not, what's missing?
- Does the Commission recommend forwarding the Framework to the Board of Supervisors?

Attachments:

A – [Draft Framework for an Equitable and Resilient Community](#)

B – [Big Ideas for an Equitable and Resilient Community](#)

C – [Feedback Compilation for Phase 1, Step 3 'Big Ideas'](#)