



To: The City of the Village of Douglas City Council

From: Lisa Nocerini, City Manager

RE: Flywheel Statement of Work/Proposal

Date: Monday, May 6th, 2024

The City Council Building Committee (North, Walker, Seabert), met with Housing Next and Flywheel Community Development Services, LLC, on April 10th, 2024, to discuss how they can assist with addressing our city's pressing need for affordable housing options.

Ryan Kilpatrick, Owner of Flywheel, presented the city with a proposal to help the city facilitate a housing workshop and plans to provide ongoing technical assistance in the amount of \$3500.00.

As we are all aware, the issue of affordable housing is of paramount importance to our community. The lack of affordable housing options not only impacts the well-being of our residents but also poses significant challenges to the overall economic vitality and social fabric of our city.

To effectively tackle this complex issue, it is essential for us to engage in comprehensive planning and collaborative efforts. Flywheel, renowned for its expertise in housing policy, urban planning, and community development, stands as an ideal partner to guide us through this process.

The proposed City Council Housing Workshop would serve as a platform for us to collectively explore strategies and solutions tailored to our city's unique needs and challenges. Through interactive sessions and expert guidance from Flywheel, we can delve into topics such as zoning policies, incentivized development, public-private partnerships, and innovative financing mechanisms—all aimed at expanding affordable housing opportunities within our community.

Furthermore, by enlisting Flywheel's ongoing technical assistance, we can benefit from their specialized knowledge and experience as we navigate the intricacies of implementing housing initiatives. Their support would be instrumental in conducting

feasibility studies, drafting policy proposals, engaging stakeholders, and accessing funding opportunities, thereby ensuring the successful execution of our housing goals.

Investing in Flywheel's expertise aligns with our commitment to proactive governance and sustainable community development. By harnessing their guidance and insights, we can chart a course towards a more equitable and inclusive city—one where all residents have access to safe, decent, and affordable housing options.

The City is requesting City Council support to approve \$3500.00 to start this engagement process.

Sample motion: Approve entering into a professional service agreement with Flywheel Community Development Services, LLC, in the amount of \$3500.00 with the funding coming from the professional services account.