



Interoffice Memorandum

Agenda Item

April 13, 2021

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings
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County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: April 27, 2021 – Discussion Agenda
Universal Orlando Update on International Drive
Affordable Housing Project

In 2019, Mayor Demings convened the Orange County Housing For All Task Force to provide strategies and solutions to address the lack of affordable and attainable housing in our community.

The Housing For All Task Force recommended, and the Board approved, a 10-year Action Plan that outlined the need for an additional 30,300 affordable and attainable housing units in Orange County and the identification of five targeted areas due to their access to transit, employment, and centers of commerce. The five areas recommended for housing are Pine Hills, Downtown Orlando, Pine Castle, Orlando International Airport, and International Drive.

Realizing Orange County could not solve the problem alone, the Mayor pursued public-private partnerships, as well as federal and state funding, to assist the county in addressing the deficit in affordable housing. As a result, on December 16, 2019, Universal Orlando announced their intention to support the Housing For All initiative by committing 20 acres of land owned by the company near the Orange County Convention Center for affordable and attainable housing. The land is located in the International Drive employment center and across the street from a proposed multi-modal transportation hub.

Mayor Demings has invited Universal Orlando to provide a project update to the Board at the April 27 meeting.

This presentation is for informational purposes only and no action is required of the Board.