OFFICE OF THE MAYOR TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Executive Order No. 2025-<u>62</u>

ESTABLISHING THE NEIGHBORHOOD CONDITIONS INDEX PILOT PROGRAM AND TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, the City of Tulsa is committed to fostering thriving, inclusive, and high-quality neighborhoods for every Tulsan;

WHEREAS, the City of Tulsa seeks to deepen its commitment to community-driven and place-based strategies and investments that address disparities and holistically improve outcomes across Tulsa's neighborhoods;

WHEREAS, the City of Tulsa introduced the Neighborhoods Conditions Index (NCI) in 2023 as a data-driven tool to understand opportunities and resource needs for Tulsa's neighborhoods, guide equitable investment of City resources, and empower the City and residents to collaborate and drive sustainable, positive neighborhood change;

WHEREAS, NCI reports were developed for 80 distinct neighborhood groupings (Neighborhood Statistical Areas) covering city limits, offering data points across key neighborhood indicators: land use; housing and neighborhoods; parks and recreation; transportation; communities (civic engagement); environment and natural resources; economic development; history, culture and creativity; and public services;

WHEREAS, following the release of the NCI reports, the City launched the NCI Resource Center in 2024, providing a list of recommended resources, services, and other tools to empower residents to drive meaningful change in their communities;

WHEREAS, the City of Tulsa launched a Neighborhood Academy program in 2024, which utilizes NCI reports as a key part of the curriculum to help neighborhood leaders grow in their capacity and understand where to focus their efforts; and

WHEREAS, beginning in February 2025, the City of Tulsa will initiate two NCI programs: The NCI workshops, offered by application to all neighborhoods to educate residents about the NCI, share available resources and best practices, and lay the groundwork for community-driven initiatives and action planning; and an NCI pilot program offered to targeted neighborhoods where needs are greater based on NCI data and the City's equity goals.

NOW THEREFORE, BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TULSA, OKLAHOMA, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Executive Order is to establish an NCI pilot program and a cross-departmental task force to strengthen Tulsa's neighborhoods and equitably invest City resources. The goals are to pilot innovative neighborhood revitalization strategies and foster collaboration among residents, City departments, and community partners.

SECTION 2. NCI PILOT PROGRAM. The Neighborhood Conditions Index Pilot Program is hereby established. Key components of the program shall include:

- 1) Neighborhood-based workshops. A series of interactive community workshops shall be facilitated with participating neighborhoods to introduce the NCI, provide available tools and resources, and support the development of action plans.
- 2) Coordinated and targeted resources. Over a period of up to twelve (12) months, the City shall collaborate with participating neighborhoods to implement prioritized neighborhood initiatives and coordinate City resources and services. Examples of support may include enhanced animal services, streetlight repairs, code enforcement, beautification projects, and coordination with service providers.
- 3) Tailored neighborhood support. The program shall provide resources and tools tailored to the needs and priorities of participating neighborhoods, aligning with NCI data to ensure meaningful and equitable outcomes.

SECTION 3. NEIGHBORHOOD APPLICATION AND ELIGIBILITY. The program shall host a public information session and invite eligible neighborhood associations to apply for participation. Eligibility shall consider demonstrated neighborhood interest, need, and alignment with program goals. Final neighborhood selection shall be based on a holistic evaluation considering NCI priority groups and data, neighborhood interest, neighborhood demographics and priorities, Task Force recommendations, and application responses.

SECTION 4. TASK FORCE. A cross-departmental NCI Pilot Program Task Force ('Task Force') is hereby established to support the implementation of the NCI Pilot Program. The Task Force shall consist of members including representatives from the City of Tulsa and community stakeholders. The Mayor will select members from City departments and appoint neighborhood representatives and at-large members to the Task Force, with guidance from the Planning Office. The District Councilor representing the participating neighborhood may serve as a Task Force member. Members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation.

SECTION 5. DUTIES. The Task Force shall meet monthly and operate under the leadership of the Planning Office who shall coordinate its activities and serve as the main point of contact with participating neighborhoods. The Task Force shall:

- a) Review and approve neighborhood applications for program participation;
- b) Collaborate with neighborhoods on action plans tailored to selected neighborhoods;
- c) Coordinate City resources and services to implement neighborhood initiatives;
- d) Monitor progress and provide updates to the Mayor, City Council, and public; and
- e) By March 31, 2026, produce a final report summarizing NCI Pilot Program outcomes and learnings for future efforts.

SECTION 6. CITY RESOURCES. The facilities of the municipal government shall be made available to the Task Force; and City officers, personnel, and agencies shall cooperate with the Task Force in accomplishing the purposes and duties set forth herein.

SECTION 7. DURATION. The work of the Task Force shall end twelve (12) months after its first meeting.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Order shall take effect on the 13th day of February. 2025.

Dated this 13th day of February, 2025.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk (Cappell)

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Date

APPROVED:

City Attorney