As a result of the realignment of the Housing & Community Development Act Committee, the Housing & Homelessness Commission and the Mental Health Board, the City is proud to introduce two new committees. The Housing & Community Development Committee focuses on improving the built environment and the Social Services Committee focuses on providing public services to ensure individuals and families most impacted by systemic inequities thrive in the community.

The Housing and Community Development Committee (HCDC) guides City policy on the use of federal entitlement funds (Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnership Program) and local resources (Affordable Housing Fund) to:

- Develop vibrant, welcoming, sustainable neighborhoods
- Improve housing, combat homelessness
- Maintain and expand housing affordability and diversity
- Support local businesses and job creation
- Revitalize public spaces (parks, community centers, and other community amenities)

The Committee oversees the City's HUD Consolidated Plan that governs the use of CDBG, HOME and ESG funding, and the annual Action Plans and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports to implement programs and activities to achieve its goals.

The Social Services Committee makes allocation recommendations for the use of federal Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") funds and City of Evanston Human Services funds to provide the following services:

- Holistic case management that enable households to thrive in our community
- Safety net services including, but not limited to, provision of food, domestic violence services, emergency shelter and street outreach
- Support services for low- and moderate-income Evanston residents including mental health care, child care, legal services, employment services, substance abuse counseling, etc.

This Committee also reviews use of the Emergency Solutions Grant ("ESG"), a federal grant program that provides funds for street outreach, emergency shelter, rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention assistance.