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Recent data indicates that eviction filings continue to impact residents in the region. Between January 1, 2026, and February 21, 2026, approximately 730 evictions were recorded in Pulaski County, with many originating within the City of Little Rock. At the same time, the limited availability of affordable housing and rental assistance options has placed additional pressure on residents and has increased the risk of housing instability and homelessness.

Housing availability and affordability also play a significant role in workforce development and economic growth. Employers increasingly rely on communities that offer attainable housing options for workers across a range of income levels. When housing options are limited or unaffordable, communities may face challenges attracting and retaining workers, maintaining neighborhood stability, and supporting long-term economic vitality.

Recognizing these challenges, the City Board of Directors previously approved the establishment of the Little Rock Housing Assistance Program Fund through Resolution No. 16,888 on December 2, 2025. The Fund was created to support strategies that leverage public, private, and philanthropic partnerships to expand housing supply, preserve existing housing, and increase opportunities for homeownership.

Addressing the housing challenges facing Little Rock will require collaboration among nonprofit organizations, developers, financial institutions, community-based organizations, regional partners, and other stakeholders. Local governments across the nation have similarly recognized housing affordability and housing supply constraints as urgent issues requiring coordinated policy responses and strategic investments.

This resolution declares a housing crisis within the City of Little Rock and establishes a policy framework supporting proactive efforts to increase housing production, preserve and rehabilitate existing housing, expand workforce and affordable housing opportunities, and strengthen long-term housing stability for residents. It also reinforces the City's commitment to advancing the implementation of the Little Rock Housing Assistance Program Fund and associated governance structures in order to effectively leverage available resources and partnerships.