Housing Element Update - Overview & Request for Input

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Agenda

- Introductions
- Meeting Objectives
- 6th Cycle Housing Element Update
- Discussion
- Wrap Up and Next Steps





Introductions





Meet The Planning Team

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Meeting Objectives





Objectives

- To provide information about the upcoming Housing Element Update
- 2. To gain insight to help inform development of housing policies and/or programs for the Housing Element Update





6th Cycle Housing Element Update





What is the Housing Element?

Required Elements



- Required element or chapter of the City's General Plan
- Assesses the condition of the City's housing and the housing needs of its residents
- Establishes a roadmap for accommodating projected housing unit demand for existing and future residents over the next eight years
- Sets citywide goals, objectives and policies for housing
- Shows how the City will meet demand for housing at all income levels, per State Law





Why update the Housing Element?

- Providing housing for all Californians is of vital statewide importance
 - Housing Elements are a mandatory part of the General Plan
 - Must be updated every 8 years
- Housing availability and affordability affects the people's health, quality of life and the economy
- Detailed roadmap of how the City will meet its RHNA allocation by income level;
 - Lay out the City's plan for removing barriers to housing production to counter well-documented housing shortages
 - Ensure that the City is planning for its "fair share" of affordable housing;





Housing Element Goals

- The Housing Element Update aims to achieve these overarching goals:
 - Accommodate projected housing demand, as mandated by the State;
 - Increase housing production to meet this demand;
 - Improve housing affordability;
 - Preserve existing affordable housing;
 - Improve the safety, quality and condition of existing housing;
 - Facilitate the development of housing for all income levels and household types, including special needs populations;
 - Improve the livability and economic prosperity of all City residents; and
 - Promote fair housing choice for all.





The "Big Picture" Goal

To evaluate and update the Long Beach roadmap to accommodate the more than

26,000 new units

needed over the next

8 years





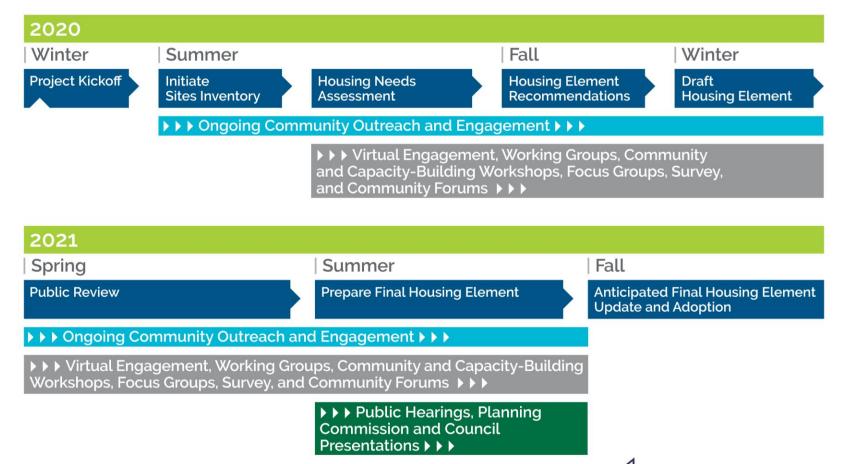
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Project Timeline







Relevant Policies & Programs from 2013-2021 Housing Element

- **COC** Support continued efforts to implement and expand the Continuum of Care program for homeless persons.
- Century Villages- additional units for low and very low income
- Zoning code update for special needs housing (i.e. emergency shelters, transitional housing)
- Affordable housing development assistance and funding
- HOME security deposit assistance for to homeless households
- VASH (Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing) in partnership with the VA
- Continuum of care permanent supportive housing (voucher assistance to disabled veterans)
- Project-based vouchers for youth aging out of the foster care system, homeless households, and lower income households
- Family self sufficiency program (employment, education and support services for Section 8 voucher holders)
- HOPWA tenant-based rental assistance for persons with AIDS





Additional Policy Ideas for 2021-2029 Housing Element

- Flexible Funding Pool to help house people who aren't served by Section 8 (i.e. those with a criminal justice background, undocumented residents)
- Motel conversions to shelters and/or permanent supportive housing
- Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Production Incentives in exchange for affordability covenant, perhaps specifically for people experiencing homelessness
- Priority points system for allotting the inclusionary/affordable units could include points for formerly homeless
- Safe Parking program
- Zoning code changes to make it easier and cheaper to build affordable housing
- Additional fees and revenue sources for affordable housing
- Adaptive reuse of commercial spaces
- Housing with religious facilities
- Other ideas?





Discussion





We welcome your feedback!

More opportunities will be available to provide your comments and hear more information as it is released.

More Opportunities for Community Feedback

- Digital workshop available on the project website- much more detail and opportunities to provide input- please share this tool!
- Storytelling videos (coming soon)
- More virtual meetings as the planning process progresses





Questions?

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