



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

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## CHAIR AND PLANNING COMMISSIONERS

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### RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file the 2013 Housing Element Annual Report and instruct the Director of Development Services to submit the Annual Report to the City Council, State Office of Planning and Research, and the California Department of Housing and Community Development. (Citywide)

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### DISCUSSION

On May 19, 2009, the City Council adopted the 2008-2014 Housing Element, one of seven mandated elements in the City's General Plan. Housing Element Law [§65400] mandates that local governments adequately plan to meet the existing and projected housing needs of all economic segments of the community. Moreover, California law requires that all cities and counties submit to their legislative bodies and the State of California Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) an annual report on the city's achievements in meeting its goals and Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) targets embodied in its adopted Housing Element. The intent of this statute is to ensure that the Housing Element remains an effective guide for allocating limited housing resources at the local level.

In 2007, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) developed its RHNA based on growth forecasts. These growth forecasts were then assigned to Long Beach and its fair share of State mandated affordable and market rate housing goals were allocated. In allocating the City's future housing needs, SCAG considered the following: 1) market demand for housing, 2) type and tenure of housing units, 3) employment opportunities, 4) commuting patterns and 5) suitable sites and public facilities. The City of Long Beach was allocated 9,583 total housing units for the time period covered by the 2008-2014 Housing Element. It should be noted, however, that this RHNA allocation does not require the City to produce any housing units; rather, it requires that the City identify adequately zoned sites for such development to occur.

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On March 27, 2010, the HCD adopted guidelines and forms for the preparation of the Housing Element Annual Reports. (Previous to that time, jurisdictions made up their own report formats.) These reports are now due back to the State on April 1 of each year. Pursuant to this requirement, the 2013 Annual Report for the 2008-2014 Housing Element has been prepared for your review and consideration, and is attached hereto. (Exhibit A – 2013 Housing Element Annual Report).

As indicated in the Housing Element Annual Report for 2013, the City has made progress in implementing the programs outlined in the 2008-2014 Housing Element. For calendar year 2013, 295 total new units were permitted for construction. Of these, 121 units were made affordable for very-low income households and 20 more units were made affordable for low-income households.

Altogether in calendar year 2013, the Long Beach Housing Development Company provided \$18.3 million in long-term financing to assist in developing the Ramona Park Senior Apartments (61 units) and the rehabilitation of the Belwood Apartments (34 units); and also provided the land for the development of a Habitat for Humanity single-family home (1 unit) at 2367 Atlantic Avenue. In addition, the City's Housing Authority also provided project-based vouchers for the 81 new units at the Villages at Cabrillo. Through these efforts the City assisted in facilitating the production of 177 units of affordable housing in 2013.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment: Exhibit A - 2013 Housing Element Annual Report