

# 6th Cycle 2023-2031 Housing Element Update

## Draft Summary / Reader's Guide

August 1, 2023

The City is progressing with its Housing Element update project, with a Draft 6th Cycle 2023-2031 Housing Element presented to the City Council on August 1, 2023. Below you will find key project dates and a high-level overview of the Draft document, which responds to public comments received on the previously released Public Review Draft during the 30-day review period (June 5th to July 6th).

### Key Project Dates (updated)

<b>Aug 1st:</b>	<b>City Council meeting to review revised Draft Housing Element</b>
Aug 2nd:	Submit Draft Housing Element to the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for a 90-day review period
Sept 15th:	45-day check-in with HCD for a status update
Oct 31st:	90-day review by HCD complete

### Overview of the Draft 6th Cycle 2023-2031 Housing Element

#### Chapter 1 - Introduction - Minor Revisions

- Added section on the Public Review Draft and Stakeholder Survey.

#### Chapter 2 - Goals, Policies, and Programs - Notable revisions below

- Added maps as *Figures* throughout the chapter.
- Clarified *timeframes* throughout the chapter.
- Added **Program 1.3.D** specific to *Overnight Visitor Accommodation - Employee Housing Program* (program language previously included within Program 1.3.C Accessory Dwelling Units).
- Added **Program 1.3.H: Prepare Checklist and Procedures for SB35** (State requirement).
- Added **Program 1.3.I: Implement State law SB-10** opportunities on three R-1 sites (Red Cross, American Legion, and First Church of Christ Scientist) per Council direction received on July 11, 2023.
- Substantially revised **Program 1.4.A: Eliminate Unnecessary Use Permit Requirements**.
- Removed **Program 2.4.B: Residential Inspection Services**.
- Substantially revised **Program 3.1.G: Housing Priority Overlay District**.

Chapter 3 - Housing Needs and Constraints (20 pages) has been **eliminated** as the information was duplicative of Appendix B.

Chapter 4 - Sites Inventory (6 pages) has been **eliminated** as the information was duplicative of Appendix C.

Chapter 5 - Energy and Resource Conservation (9 pages) has become **Appendix G**.

Appendix A - Housing Needs and Fair Housing Report - No substantive changes

- Expanded on the history of segregation.

- Expanded the summary of population, employment, household, and housing stock characteristics.
- Added Table A-11 with data on special needs groups.
- Added discussion and Figure A-32 on persons with disabilities.
- Added discussion on male-headed single-parent households.
- Added discussion on existing assisted housing developments.
- Deleted and reorganized text regarding fair housing issues.

#### Appendix B - Housing Constraints

- Reorganized discussion on infrastructure constraints (water and sewer).
- Expanded discussion on use permits.
- Expanded discussion on overnight visitor accommodations.
- Included additional quotes from the community meetings.
- Expanded discussion on development fees imposed by other agencies.
- Added discussion of SB-10.
- Expanded the summary of governmental constraints and added Table B-9.
- Added Table B-9, summary of non-governmental constraints.
- Expanded the discussion on affordable housing financing.

#### Appendix C - Vacant and Available Sites

- Updated description of RHNA sites (Primary Underutilized Sites).
- Updated description of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).
- Updated Table C-3, housing sites inventory.
- Added discussion of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH).

#### Appendix D - Review of Previous Housing Element - No substantive changes

- Effectiveness of 5th Cycle (2015-2023) Housing Element; progress in implementation; and appropriateness of Goals, Objectives, and Policies.

#### Appendix E - List of Contacted Organizations - Updated

- Summary of outreach efforts to date.

#### Appendix F - ECONorthwest Feasibility Study - No Changes

- Feasibility Study prepared by consultant ECONorthwest and received by the City Council on February 7, 2023.

#### Appendix G - Energy and Resource Conservation (formerly Chapter 5)

#### Appendix H - Stakeholder Survey - NEW

- 157 survey responses to the online stakeholder survey.