

Housing Element Update - Overview & Request for Input

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Agenda

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- 6th Cycle Housing Element Update
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- Wrap Up and Next Steps

Introductions

Meet The Planning Team

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Meeting Objectives

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1. 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

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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

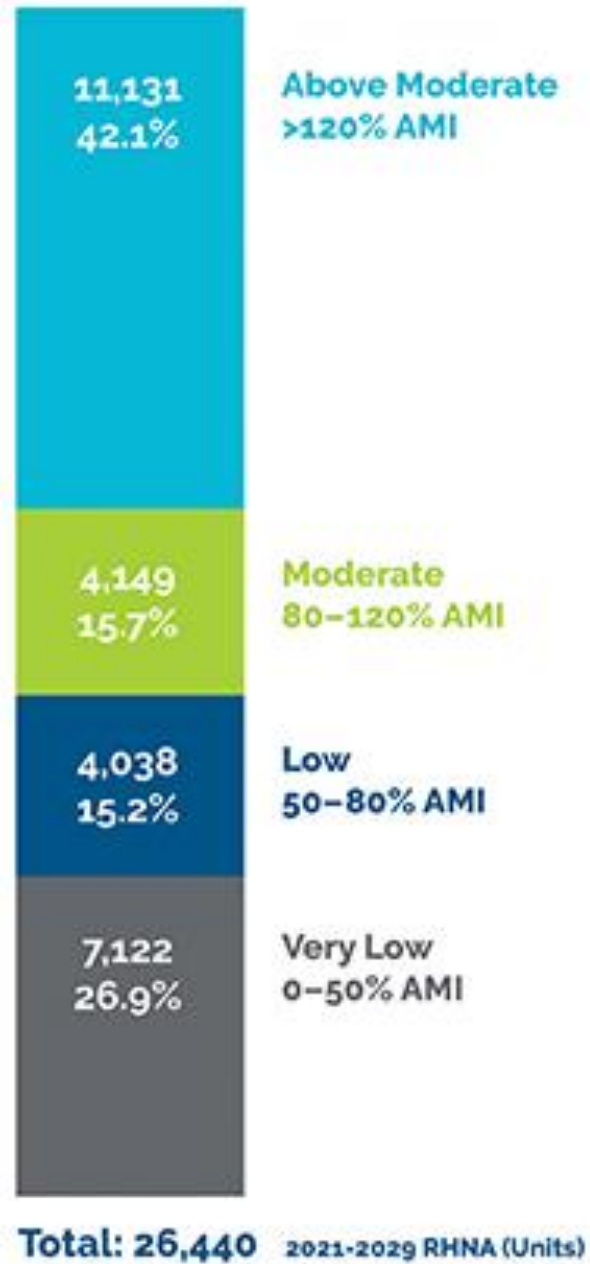
26,000 new units

needed over the next

8 years

Long Beach RHNA by Income Category

58% of assigned RHNA units are in the affordable categories



Next Steps

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Project Timeline

2020



2021



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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?**

Your Feedback on Policies for 2021-2029 Housing Element

Hearing From You--

- Do you have experience with any of the proposed policies and programs?
- What should be prioritized in this list?
- What's missing from this list?
- Are you familiar with examples from other cities that are working well?
- Based on your experience, what else should we be focusing on as we update the Housing Element for Long Beach through the year 2029?

Policies/Programs Being Considered to Serve People Experiencing Homelessness:

- Flexible Funding Pool
- Motel conversions
- (ADU) Production Incentives
- Priority points system
- Safe Parking program
- Zoning code changes
- Additional fees and revenue sources for affordable housing
- Adaptive reuse of commercial spaces
- Housing with religious facilities

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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