



DIAMOND BAR HOUSING ELEMENT

JOINT MEETING of the CITY COUNCIL and PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING DATE: January 26, 2021

SUBJECT: **2021-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE | WORKSHOP #1**

INTRODUCTION & OVERVIEW:

State law requires every California city to adopt a comprehensive, long-range General Plan that includes the following mandatory components, or *elements*:

- Land Use
- Circulation
- Conservation
- Noise
- Open Space
- Safety
- Housing
- Environmental Justice

In 2019 the City Council adopted a comprehensive update to the Diamond Bar General Plan. The Housing Element is the one mandatory element of the General Plan that was not part of the 2019 General Plan Update because housing elements must be updated on a separate 8-year cycle. The next Housing Element update for Diamond Bar and all other cities and counties in the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) region covers the 2021 through 2029 planning period. The due date for these Housing Element updates is October 2021.

The Housing Element includes analyses of the community's housing needs, opportunities and constraints, as well as policies and programs to facilitate the construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of housing for all economic segments of the community.

The Joint City Council/Planning Commission Community Workshop is intended to be a "Housing Element 101" session to provide a general overview of the Housing Element update process and requirements, including the RHNA (Regional Housing Needs Assessment), which will likely be the most significant aspect of the Housing Element update. The workshop will provide an opportunity for the public to learn about requirements for the Housing Element, including recent State mandates and legislation that will need to be addressed, and will also solicit public comments regarding housing needs in Diamond Bar and potential programs to address those needs. This is the first

step in the public engagement process, and will be followed by a second public workshop this spring to review the draft Housing Element. Additional public hearings to consider adoption of the Housing Element will be held by the Planning Commission and City Council later this year.

Additional information regarding the Housing Element update is posted on the City's website at <https://www.diamondbarca.gov/963/Housing-Element-Update>. This website will be updated with meeting notices and additional information over the coming months. Interested persons may also submit comments regarding the Housing Element update to Grace Lee at GLee@DiamondBarCA.Gov.

Attached to this report are *Frequently Asked Questions* regarding the Housing Element update, as well as the PowerPoint slides to accompany staff's workshop presentation.

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Attachments:

1. Housing Element Frequently Asked Questions
2. PowerPoint presentation for Housing Element Workshop