

CITY OF ANAHEIM

HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE PROJECT

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #3 MEETING SUMMARY

On Thursday, September 2, 2021, the City of Anaheim hosted a community workshop at the Downtown Anaheim Community Center. The workshop began at 6 pm and had a total 10 participants. The workshop was provided in two languages (English and Spanish) using live translation and translation headsets, the information on the PowerPoint presentation was in both English and Spanish.

The City welcomed workshop participants and provided team introductions. During the workshop, the City's Consultant team provided a presentation which included the following information:

- A refresher of background information and basic education about the Housing Element Update.
- An update on the status of the Housing Element document and a timeline of efforts to date.
- An overview of Community Outreach efforts to date including:
 - Community workshops
 - An online community survey
 - Housing Element Update Committee meetings available to the public
 - Workshops with elected and appointed officials
 - The available public review draft of the Housing Element
 - A summary of key findings and comments received from the community
- Direction on how to access the Public Review Draft document was provided and an overview of the analysis and intention of each section within the draft.
- A discussion and summary of the sites analysis strategy identified to meet the City of Anaheim's RHNA allocation.
- A discussion and summary of the draft policies and programs and how to read policies to identify objectives, timing, implementation, and funding source.

Following the presentation, the Housing Element Update Team opened the workshop for community discussions and questions. All community engagement comments, and participant feedback are detailed below.

COMMUNITY QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Q Does the Housing Element speak to affordability?

A *Yes, sites are identified at all income levels.*

Q We want to make sure that we aren't creating silo zones and that we allow for the flexibility for mixed income.

Q In this process, I am concerned that we are still zoning for the lowest density in the higher income areas of the city.

Q Is the predicted plan for the 6th cycle to double the amount of housing opportunity and try to hit the mark? Was this the similar plan for the 5th cycle?

- A** *Yes, the City has identified ample capacity for the 6th cycle in hopes that implementation can meet the RHNA goal. The 5th cycle sites requirements and strategy were not the same.*
- Q** I am a representative with the southwest carpenters, I suggest that you use and hire local skilled workers during this process. It cuts down on commuting and less VMT and GHG emissions.
- Q** For the sites that would require a rezone, does the City take the initiative to rezone before the developer shows interest or proposes a project?
- A** *Yes, the rezones will be City initiated as a part of the requirements of the Housing Element.*
- Q** You spoke about how the plan was available online, are you making it available in print and is it accessible to the Latino community?
- A** *Yes, the element is available in print at City Hall and at the Anaheim Central Library. The document is available in Spanish by google translate.*
- Q** When I learned about the meeting, there was a post on Facebook to provide comments on the document, but it would be helpful if there was a link attached with the post.
- Q** Is this an entirely new document or is it a change from the 5th cycle?
- A** *The document is entirely updated with new data and information from the 5th cycle.*
- Q** If you made major changes during the public review period, would you start the whole process again? Would the document be recirculated?
- A** *The document will continue to be made publicly available as it is updated.*
- Q** Is the state having any discussions on simplifying this effort to include best practices? This seems like a lot of effort to have cities go through every eight years.
- Q** At the end of this, the state should have created a road map and should be able to go city to city to show best practices on how to create and develop housing.