



HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE

Amendments to the Adopted 2023-2031 Housing Element

January 8, 2024

BACKGROUND

- Housing Element adopted Jan. 31, 2023
 - Plan for city’s housing needs from 2023 to 2031
 - Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) is 2,946 units

- HCD requested revisions in April and Aug. 2023
 - City Council authorized transmittal of revisions to HCD

- HCD indicated revisions substantially compliant with Housing Element law in Dec. 2023

- Council adopted zoning-related amendments to implement adopted Housing Element programs in Nov./Dec. 2023
 - Amendments to Housing Element consistent with the adopted zoning-related amendments

HIGHLIGHTED REVISIONS

- Attachment F of staff report provides extensive list
- Examples of significant changes
 - Mid-cycle review program (H1.H) expanded: pipeline projects, Affordable Housing Overlay, governmental constraints, etc.
 - City-owned parking lots program (H4.G) updated: additional merit to proposals addressing certain housing priorities (extremely and very low income units people with special needs, etc.)
 - Program H4.J updated: increase lot coverage greater than 50% for R-3 and R-4 zoning districts
 - Program H4.U added: facilitate development on federally-owned and school sites such as USGS, VA, and Ravenswood School District sites
 - Program H5.J added: highlight General Plan Environmental Justice Element, use of community amenities fund, and implementation of one Environmental Justice Element program annually

NEXT STEPS

- Housing Commission will make recommendation Jan. 18
- City Council will consider recommendations and take action Jan. 23
- Following Council action, HCD will act on certification of the Housing Element
- Future project updates, including information on the Environmental Justice and Safety Elements, on City webpage at menlopark.gov/housingelement



THANK YOU