



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE PROJECT

The City has been working on updating the Housing Element of the General Plan, and we want you to be involved!

What is the Housing Element Update? The City has been working on an update to the Housing Element, which is a long-term plan that outlines the City's housing needs and goals, and identifies policies and programs that will be implemented to meet the housing needs of the community. The State requires that Housing Elements be updated every eight years. The City is currently working on the Housing Element update that will cover the period from 2021 to 2029.

What is the next step?

Upcoming Virtual Informational Meeting

A virtual informational community meeting is scheduled for **April 28, 2021**, starting at 6 PM and may be accessed at: <https://www.gotomeet.me/CBHCD/events>. At this meeting, Planning staff will provide an overview of housing conditions in the City, discuss potential housing constraints, and strategies that can be used to make building housing in the City easier. Please check the Housing Element webpage (www.beverlyhills.org/housingelementupdate) for more information.

Why are housing constraints important?

One topic required to be addressed in the Housing Element is potential constraints that make the construction of housing in a community more difficult. Staff is currently working to identify the various constraints that may exist in the City. It is important to understand constraints in order to identify policies and programs that address the unique issues that may exist in a particular community or neighborhood.

Why are housing strategies important?

Housing strategies are tools that jurisdictions can utilize to address the identified housing constraints. Generally, there are two main types of strategies that are often utilized: regulatory and financial. Regulatory strategies involve changes to land use regulations, while financial strategies involve methods to reduce the cost of housing or developing programs that can provide affordable housing units.

How can I participate?

Your comments, feedback, and participation are an essential part of the Housing Element update process. In addition to the upcoming virtual meeting, the City has prepared a survey regarding accessory dwelling unit (ADU) regulations. ***Please take this short survey to provide your thoughts on ADUs:*** <https://publicinput.com/survey2>.

Questions?

Please contact the Planning Division of the Community Development Department at (310) 285-1141, or send an email to housingelement@beverlyhills.org or visit: www.beverlyhills.org/housingelementupdate.