



Memo

To: Interested Community Members

From: Apollo Rojas, Senior Planner, City of Redwood City

Date: September 9, 2022

Re: September 2022 Draft Housing Element

We're pleased to announce the September 9, 2022 submittal of a [Draft Housing Element](#) for review by September 26, 2022.

What's new in the Housing Element?

In response to discussions and comments provided in the July 8, 2022 letter from HCD additional analysis, information, and program actions have been added to the Housing Element. A [matrix](#) of HCD comments and the City's responses/revisions to the Housing Element is included to facilitate review. In addition to the revisions that respond to HCD comments, the City made a few additional edits to address typographical errors, changes in circumstances in the sites inventory, and to address public comments.

Staff has taken into consideration all comments provided by organizations as well as individual members of the public. Many of the suggestions the City already had already included in the Draft Housing Element or is pursuing through other initiatives such as the [Anti-Displacement Strategy](#). However, we did incorporate the following comments into the second draft Housing Element:

- Making sure that we engage with nonprofit developers when updating our Affordable Housing Ordinance
- Revising the Zoning Ordinance to streamline 100% affordable housing
- Including additional housing needs and fair housing analysis
- Strengthening goals, programs and policies including implementation timelines
- Adding more specificity to the City's affirmatively furthering fair housing goals and programs
- Initiating our parking reduction analysis by 2023 and including an analysis of new parking technologies

How can the Community provide more input?

The City will be holding virtual and in-person listening sessions-at City Hall on the following days:

- Tuesday, September 13th from 1-5pm
- Thursday September 15th from 1-5pm
- Tuesday September 20th from 10am- 1pm
- Thursday , September 22nd from 1-5pm

The public can also submit comments through the [Housing Element website](#) or by email housingupdate@redwoodcity.org. If you have any questions, please contact me at housingupdate@redwoodcity.org.