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City of San Diego Continues to Gather Public Input to Update Housing Policies

WORKSHOPS AND SURVEY WILL HELP CRAFT THE CITY'S GENERAL PLAN HOUSING ELEMENT

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego continues to gather input from residents about housing in San Diego and ideas for future housing policies. The City held its first two workshops this week and will proceed with three more, as well as an online survey. At these workshops, residents will learn about housing trends within the city, share which housing topics are most important to them, discuss what barriers they face when it comes to housing and provide input on how the City can help senior citizens and the homeless.

The workshops are part of an effort to update San Diego's housing blueprint, also known as the Housing Element, of the City's General Plan. The Housing Element, mandated by law to be updated every eight years, considers the City's needs regarding housing access, inventory, affordability and quality. It provides a policy framework intended to guide housing capacity citywide and identifies actions to help meet housing goals. While some of the City's housing goals are likely to remain the same, such as enabling the construction of more, high quality housing, improving the existing housing stock and providing new affordable housing opportunities, City planners want to make sure the update enhances the quality of life for all citizens and is a model of sustainable development and growth.

The City will need to plan for approximately 108,000 new housing units for all income groups by 2029, which is the end of the eight-year cycle. For the City to meet that target, the annual number of units being produced would need to triple. Meeting this goal will be especially important and challenging for very low, low and moderate-income housing production because construction in those categories was below target during the past eight years.

After conducting these workshops, City planners will prepare a draft Housing Element and release it for public review. Ultimately, the updated Housing Element will be submitted to the City Council for adoption.

Community members are invited to attend the workshops and provide their input anytime from 6 until 8 p.m.

- Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2019, Gil Johnson Mira Mesa Recreation Center, 8575 New Salem St., San Diego, CA 92126
- Thursday, Sept. 26, 2019, Colina del Sol Recreation Center, 5319 Orange Ave., San Diego, CA 92115
- Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2019, Crown Point Junior Music Academy Auditorium, 4033 Ingraham St., San Diego, CA 92109

If residents are unable to make it, they are encouraged to share their opinions in [this online survey](#).

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