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TO: Planning Commission

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SUBJECT

Adoption of the 2023-2031 Housing Element for the City of Hayward.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Planning Commission recommends that the City Council approve an Amendment to the Hayward 2040 General Plan for the Adoption of the 2023-2031 Housing Element; and review an Addendum related to the General Plan Amendment prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

SUMMARY

The Planning Commission is being asked to review and provide a recommendation to the City Council on a proposed General Plan Amendment for Hayward's 6th Cycle Housing Element (2023-2031). Pursuant to State Law, all local jurisdictions in California must update the Housing Element, a required chapter of the City's General Plan every five to eight years. The City of Hayward is on an eight-year cycle. The last Housing Element was adopted on December 2, 2014, and the updated Housing Element is due January 31, 2023. City staff intends to submit the adopted Housing Element to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) following the City Council meeting, which is tentatively scheduled for February 7, 2023.

A Housing Element provides an opportunity for a community to analyze local housing challenges and develop solutions to address those issues. The Housing Element is composed of goals, policies, programs and actions to remove constraints and streamline new housing development; allow for establishment of a variety of housing types; prioritize funding for affordable housing development, particularly for special needs populations; ensure that programs affirmatively further fair housing goals; provide education and outreach opportunities for the community; and, identify sites that are zoned to accommodate the City's Regional Housing Needs Allocation. It is important to note that State Housing Law does not require that jurisdictions build or finance new housing, but cities must plan for it in a manner that affirmatively furthers fair housing.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment I	Staff Report
Attachment II	Draft Findings
Attachment III	Addendum
Attachment IV	State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) Letter
Attachment V	City Response to HCD Letter