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**REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

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**SUBJECT**

HEARING to receive public comment on the 2021:  
A. Housing Element Annual Progress Report  
B. General Plan Annual Progress Report

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that City Council:

1. Hold a public hearing to receive public comment on the 2021 Housing Element and General Plan Annual Progress Reports, and
2. Accept the 2021 Housing Element and General Plan Annual Progress Reports

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

California housing law requires that the City of Fresno produce a Housing Element Annual Progress Report (APR) to document the City’s progress on implementing housing objectives and programs in the Housing Element. As part of implementing Program 3 of the Housing Element, the City is required

to hold a public hearing on the APR. In addition, state law requires that the City present a General Plan Annual Progress Report to the public. The purpose of the public hearing is to afford the public an opportunity to provide public testimony and written comment on the APRs. All comments received will then be forwarded to the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). The Housing Element, APR and public workshop documentation are available at [www.fresno.gov/housingelement](http://www.fresno.gov/housingelement) <<http://www.fresno.gov/housingelement>>. The APRs are also included as exhibits.

## **BACKGROUND**

The City of Fresno Housing Element is a coordinated and comprehensive strategy for promoting the production of safe, decent, and affordable housing for all community residents. Based on community input and data, it identifies housing needs and issues and establishes objectives, policies, and programs to address them. The current Housing Element, which is valid until 2023, includes twenty-eight programs which are designed to achieve the objectives in the Element. The APR is a summary of the status of each of those programs for the calendar year 2021. The General Plan Annual Progress Report summarizes progress made on implementation of General Plan policies for 2021. The reports are intended for the public and decision-makers and are required by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

## **Public Participation**

### Public Workshops (Housing Element APR)

- Regional Task Force for Affordable Housing: March 15, 2022 (remote)
- Planning Commission, April 20, 2022 (hybrid)
- Public Workshop, April 26, 2022 (remote)

At the workshops, City staff provided an overview of the Housing Element Annual Progress Report. Questions and comments from the public were received at both workshops.

### Outreach Methods:

- Outreach by Email: Housing and anti-displacement email lists, which together include approximately eight hundred stakeholders, were used to distribute information about the workshops and the APR and highlights brochures, as well as the City Council hearing.
- Highlights Brochures: Highlights of the Housing Element APR were described in a 4-page brochure that was translated into Spanish, Hmong, and Punjabi (see Exhibit B) and posted on the City's website to make the information in the APR more accessible.

### Public Notice:

Display ads were placed in the Fresno Bee in English and Spanish to advertise the April 28, 2022, City Council public hearing, the availability of the APR and the public comment opportunity through April 27, 2021 (see Exhibit C). A display advertisement was re-published in the Fresno Bee on May 13 to advertise the May 26, 2022, continued City Council hearing.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS**

Pursuant to the definition provided in the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378, this item does not qualify as a “project” and is therefore exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act requirements.

## **LOCAL PREFERENCE**

Local preference is not applicable because this item does not include a bid or award of a construction or services contract.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A

## **Attachments**

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