City of West Hollywood Housing Element Update

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION APRIL 6, 2013



What is the Housing Element?

- One of the seven mandated elements of the General Plan
- Contents:
 - Provides an assessment of both current and future housing needs
 - Identifies constraints and opportunities for meeting those needs
 - Provides a comprehensive strategy that establishes goals, policies, and programs
- Must be reviewed by the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for compliance with State laws

Housing Element Contents

Needs Assessment

Demographics, Housing Trends and Special Needs Groups

Constraints

Governmental, Market and Environmental

Resources

- Financial and Administrative
- Adequate Sites

Housing Plan

- Previous accomplishments
- Policies and Programs



Regional Housing Needs Allocation

	Very Low	Low	Moderate	Above Moderate	Total
2006-2013 Fourth Cycle	142	91	99	252	584
2014-2021 Fifth Cycle	19	12	13	33	77
Percent Reduction	-86.62%	-86.81%	-86.87%	-86.90%	-86.82%
Average Reduction for SCAG	-39.2%	-42.9%	-43.1%	-40.6%	-41.1%

RHNA Obligation

- RHNA is a planning goal, not a production goal
- State law does not mandate the actual production of the units
- State law does require jurisdictions to demonstrate <u>adequate capacity</u> as reflected in local land use policies to accommodate the RHNA

Accomplishments

- **1234 Hayworth 48 units**
- Inclusionary Housing Agreements for 81 new units
- Financing provided for 49 new affordable units



On-Going Programs

- Code Compliance
- Home Secure Program
- Mills Act historic preservations contracts
- Rent Stabilization Ordinance
- Inclusionary Housing Ordinance
- Weekly residential rental referral list
- Tenant/Landlord mediation service

What's In the Works?

- Monitor construction of new affordable units
- Complete multi-family rehabilitation program best practices study
- Finalize citywide survey of soft story structures and general rehabilitation needs
- Complete feasibility study for seismic and building systems improvements
- Complete study analyzing the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance in-lieu fee

Housing Goals

- Goal 1 Provide affordable rental housing
- Goal 2 Maintain and enhance the quality of the housing stock and residential neighborhoods
- Goal 3 Encourage a diverse housing stock to address the needs of all socioeconomic segments of the community

Housing Goals

- Goal 4 Provide for adequate opportunities for new construction of housing
- Goal 5 Provide for a government environment that facilitates housing development and preservation
- Goal 6 Promote equal access to housing for all

Next Steps

Description	Date / Deadline	
Community Conversation	April 6, 2013	
Planning Commission	April 18, 2013	
Focus Groups	April/May 2013	
City Council/Planning Commission Joint Study Session	May 20, 2013 (tentative)	
City Council - Authorization to Submit Draft Housing Element to HCD	July 15, 2013 (tentative)	
HCD Review Period	July 2013 - TBD	
City Council Public Hearing - Final Housing Element Adoption	TBD (prior to October 15, 2013)	



City of West Hollywood Housing Production

	Units Constructed or Under Construction 2006-2012	Units Currently Approved, but Without Building Permits	Units Currently Under Review, but Not Yet Approved
Very-Low Income	195	38	6
Low Income	26	60	51
Moderate Income	12	20	62
Above Moderate	578	835	488
Total	811	953	607

