

## Process for updating Housing Element

Local outreach (throughout)

Research/data gathering

Draft Plan

Local decision maker review

State HCD review

Revise plan, if needed

Local adoption

State certification

## Requirement for updating Housing Element

California State law requires that local jurisdictions update the Housing Element every eight (8) years (or more frequently if they are not submitted on time). These frequent updates are required because housing is critical to ensure economic prosperity and quality of life for our region and the state. The revised Housing Element for Foster City must be adopted by the City Council and submitted to the State Department of Housing and Community Development Department no later than January 2023.

## Why do we need to update and what is included in it?

### Importance of updating Housing Element

- Allows the City to plan for the housing needs of the community.
- Demonstrates the ability to meet future housing growth needs.
- Allows the community to participate in the planning process.
- Makes the City eligible for some State grants and funding sources.
- Ensures the City complies with State housing law.
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### What is included in a Housing Element?

- A detailed analysis of the City's demographic, economic and housing characteristics.
- A comprehensive analysis of constraints to producing and preserving housing.
- A review of the City's progress in implementing current housing policies and programs.
- An identification of goals, objectives, and policies, in addition to a full list of programs that will implement the vision of the plan.
- An analysis of sites that could accommodate new housing at various income level, demonstrating the City's ability to meet our Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).

## Does the State require cities to produce housing units?

Under current State law, a jurisdiction is not required to build these housing units. Rather, it is required to ensure that there are "**opportunity sites**" that have the appropriate General Plan and Zoning designation to accommodate these housing units under market-driven conditions.

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