

## Housing Element Committee Meeting Summary - November 15, 2021

The Ad Hoc Housing Element Committee's charge is to develop a Housing Element that complies with State law and will be certified, while maintaining Town values. Agendas are structured to facilitate the completion of the Housing Element on the timeline required by the State.

The Ad Hoc Housing Element Committee began meeting in August 2021 and will serve through December 2022. Committee members are expected to:

- Provide recommendations to the Town Council on an updated Housing Element that provides means to accommodate additional housing units
- Explore options to minimize the impacts of additional housing units on the Town's character, safety concerns, and traffic.
- Maximize public participation in the update by encouraging residents, business owners, and the Town's diverse workforce to attend meetings and share ideas
- Communicate information on the Committee's progress and recommendations to residents

Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month from 4:30 - 7:30 PM on Zoom. Until further notice, all meetings will be held virtually. For information on Portola Valley's Housing Element Update process go [here](#). To stay updated, sign up for an [eNotices](#) and select "Housing News."

The agenda for the November 15, 2021 meeting can be viewed [here](#). If you'd like to review the presentations for this meeting, find them [here](#). If you would like to watch the recorded zoom meeting, it is posted [here](#).

The committee received a presentation from Town staff on Accessory Dwelling Units including background, history, terminology, recent Town Code amendments, income category assignments, and projections for Cycle 6. The committee also heard feedback from the Community Meeting and Town Council Planning Commission Study Session on October 14, 2021, attended by over 70 citizens of Portola Valley.

### **AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION**

For more information on the items to be considered by the Committee, please email [housing@portolavalley.net](mailto:housing@portolavalley.net). Please subscribe to the Town Portola Valley's Housing [eNotices](#) to get all updates on housing meetings and news.