



Policies and Programs: First Review

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Ad Hoc Housing Element Committee

Town of Portola Valley



Key Topics

Objectives

Framework for Analysis

Committee Analysis and Discussion



Objectives

- Determine which eight programs from current Housing Element (RHNA Cycle 5) should be removed or modified/rolled forward
- Determine whether draft policies and programs for Housing Element update (RHNA Cycle 6):
 - Policies are representative of Committee's vision
 - Programs will facilitate policies and RHNA



Purpose of Housing Element Policies and Programs

- Policies set the *goals and intentions* of the Housing Element
- Programs serve to *implement* the policies and facilitate achievement of the Town's RHNA



Framework for Discussion

- In reviewing *existing* programs of RHNA Cycle 5:
 - Reflect on whether the program has been achieved
 - Eliminate or carry forward with modifications?
- Take a ‘first cut’ of draft policies and programs for Housing Element update (RHNA Cycle 6)
 - Do policies/programs meet:
 - Committee’s overall vision for Town’s Housing Element
 - Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH)
 - Town Council’s 2016 Housing Strategic Plan
 - Mix of ranges in implementation timeframes
 - Reasonable regarding anticipated staff time and resources?
 - Suggestions for other policies/programs?



Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH)

- State law requires jurisdictions to actively work and take “meaningful actions” to dismantle the legacy of segregation and to create equal housing opportunities
- Housing Element will contain a separate section devoted to AFFH
 - Still, must be woven into the Town’s goals policies and programs: Identification of fair housing goals and actions, demonstrate new affordable housing in opportunity areas



Council's 2016 Housing Strategic Plan

- Identifies negative impacts to the community caused by the high cost Bay Area housing and limited housing options in Portola Valley
- Three Underserved Populations:
 1. Seniors and “empty nesters”
 2. Young adults
 3. Employees of Town businesses
- Six key strategies:
 1. ADUs
 2. Town-owned property
 3. Affiliated Housing
 4. Affordable Housing Funds
 5. Shared Housing
 6. Community Engagement



Committee Discussion

- Determine which programs from current Housing element (RHNA Cycle 5) should be:
 - Removed
 - Modified/updated
- Review draft policies and programs for Housing Element update (RHNA Cycle 6) to determine whether:
 - Policies and programs are representative of further the Committee's vision of the draft Housing Element?
 - Language needs to be altered/expanded?
 - Anything is missing? Suggestions?
- Iterative process – Committee will discuss at future meeting



Discussion Structure

1. Committee questions for staff
2. Public comment
3. Review existing programs (active discussion)
4. Review proposed policies and programs (active discussion)

Meeting outcome: Committee has reviewed existing and proposed policies and programs and provided initial feedback

