



CITY OF SALINAS PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

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TO: PLANNING COMMISSION

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TITLE: 2023 HOUSING ELEMENT ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Motion to adopt a resolution recommending that City Council approve the 2023 Housing Element Annual Progress Report and authorize its submittal to the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Section 65400 of the California Government Code requires the City to file a Housing Element (HE) Annual Progress Report (APR) addressing the status of the City of Salinas 2015-2023 5th Cycle Housing Element and progress made toward implementing its goals and policies during calendar year 2023. The report must be submitted to the HCD and OPR by April 1st of each year. Failure to submit the report within sixty (60) days of the deadline would make the City ineligible for certain State grant programs. To ensure compliance with State law and maintain the City's eligibility for certain State grant programs, staff recommends that the Planning Commission adopt a resolution recommending the City Council approve the 2023 HE APR and authorize its submittal to HCD and OPR by April 1, 2024.

BACKGROUND:

The City Council adopted the City's 2015-2023 Housing Element on December 15, 2015, and received certification by HCD on February 4, 2016. The HE is one (1) of seven (7) mandated elements

of the City's General Plan (GP) and includes information related to the City's existing housing needs, an analysis of the City's population and employment trends, household characteristics, an inventory of land suitable for residential development and goals, and policies and programs intended to meet the identified housing needs and state-mandated requirements. The purpose of the HE APR is to provide the Planning Commission, Housing and Land Use Committee, City Council and the State with the City's progress on the General Plan Housing Element's implementation programs and status towards meeting the City's fair share of the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA).

DISCUSSION:

The draft 2023 Housing Element Annual Progress Report is attached as Exhibit 1 for Planning Commission review. The purpose of the Housing Element Annual Progress Report is to track and monitor progress in addressing the City's housing needs, goals and policies. HCD has specific reporting requirements for the Housing Element, which consists of a series of tables. The tables summarize the City's progress in each year for producing various types of housing units and implementing a variety of programs contained in the City's current Housing Element. Table D, which is part of Exhibit 1 of the Housing Element Annual Progress Report, tracks the City's implementation of Housing Element policies and action programs.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

The Housing Element APR is an informational report and not a project as defined by CEQA Guidelines Section 15378. Therefore, no environmental assessment is required.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Planning Commission Resolution
2. Exhibit 1 – 2023 Housing Element Annual Progress Report