

## Housing Element Amendments

LA City PLUM Committee, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022

- AFFH: taking meaningful actions that overcome segregation and foster inclusive communities based on protected classes; requires an assessment of fair housing
- Affirmatively Forwarding Fair Housing was enshrined into CA pursuant to AB 686 passed in 2018
- AFFH is required by state law
- HCD letter stated two deficiencies:
  - o Programs, strategies and actions be revised to include additional strategies and milestones
  - o Existing AFFH in the plan and did not do enough by geographic location to reduce poverty or address non-housing place-based strategies
- The LA Housing Element accomplished RHNA goals
- No revisions needed to inventory of sites or rezoning
- Examples of program modifications
  - o More clarified fair housing programs
  - o Metrics
  - o Emphasis on higher resource areas
  - o Four new programs added
- Additional technical amendments such as Appendix 4.1 omitting values
- Only seven-day comment period
- In a May 11<sup>th</sup> letter, the Housing Element as amended complies with state law
- Any further revisions would need HCD review process and timeline
- HCD has 60 days to complete its review after going through the whole council
- More changes would need to go to HCD and CPC, adding delays to requirements
- Funding deadlines:
  - o Applications are due in July for infill grant and climate grants
  - o SB2 applications also open
  - o City expected to receive \$172M from SB2 funding
- State did not disagree with RHNA allocation or how LA City planned to meet that goal
- 191 SCAG cities in a similar situation of non-approval (out of 197) by February 11<sup>th</sup> deadline
- LA had one of the narrowest set of revisions to be compliant
- Many penalties for noncompliance, such as by-right approval, but also eligibility for new fundings sources could be jeopardized since many of these grants are awarded by point systems – if more cities are out of compliance, then LA could get more funding
- However, that would mean LA would have to produce more of that funding

- Recommendation is to adopt the resolution and environmental findings presented to the CPC on March 24<sup>th</sup>
- The motion was adopted by all members of City PLUM