



City of Ukiah

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CITY OF UKIAH MOVING FORWARD WITH UPDATE TO HOUSING ELEMENT

Ukiah, CA March 1, 2019. – The City of Ukiah is embarking on an update to its Housing Element, and will be providing several opportunities for the community to participate in the process.

Community Development Staff will be preparing the Housing Element Update with input from the community and will provide a work plan to the City Council at its regular meeting on March 6th describing the process, timeline, and expectations for the Update. This meeting will also initiate the official start of the Update process.

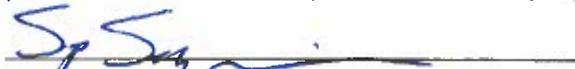
Craig Schlatter, Community Development Director, notes “The Housing Element can be much more than just another planning document to meet State requirements. If done with active participation from the public and developed with goals and policies that are realistic, accessible, and implementable, the Housing Element can map out the City’s housing plan for the future. We encourage our community to be a part of this process.”

Two workshops have been scheduled – on March 21, 2019 and April 25, 2019 – for the community to provide input and ideas on the goals and policies in the Housing Element. Both meetings will be at the Ukiah Valley Conference Center, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and Spanish-translation services will be available. The City will maintain a web page specifically for the housing element update, with key announcements, and list announcements on the City’s Facebook page. Interested members of the public will also have the opportunity to submit comments and suggestions throughout the Update process.

By late summer 2019, a draft housing element update will be presented to the Ukiah Planning Commission, and a City Council hearing for Housing Element adoption is tentatively set for fall of 2019.

California law mandates that local governments adequately plan to meet the existing and projected housing needs of all economic segments of a community by preparing a Housing Element as part of the General Plan. Currently, the City of Ukiah is one of only 24 cities and counties (out of 539) in the State that is in full compliance with requirements outlined in State Bill 35 and Regional Housing Needs Assessment housing unit production goals. The City’s Housing Element Update will encompass the 2019-2027 planning period and updates the Housing Element last adopted in 2016 for the 2014-2019 planning period.

For more information about the Housing Element Update process or to be added to an email distribution list, please contact Alicia Tlelo, Assistant Planner, at atlelo@cityofukiah.com or (707) 463-6268.


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