Updated Draft 2021-2029 Housing Element is Now Available for Public Review

The City is updating the Housing Element of the General Plan, as required by State law. The 2021-2029 Housing Element is the sixth update and is also referred to as the 6th Cycle Housing Element. The Housing Element Update builds upon and revises the goals, policies, and programs of the existing Housing Element to ensure that the City can meet the housing needs of all Long Beach residents through 2029, when the plan is scheduled to be updated again.

The Housing Element provides the City with a roadmap for accommodating the projected number of housing units needed to house existing and future City residents and guides future decisions that impact housing. The Housing Element aims to achieve several overarching goals:

- Accommodate projected housing demand, as mandated by the State,
- Increase housing production to meet this demand,
- Improve housing affordability,
- Preserve existing affordable housing,
- Improve the safety, quality, and condition of existing housing,
- Facilitate the development of housing for all income levels and household types, including special needs populations,
- Improve the livability and economic prosperity of all City residents, and
- Promote fair housing choices for all.

Click below to review the revised plan, which was released on November 5, 2021:

- Proposed 2021-2029 Housing Element (6th Cycle)- Released 11/5/21
- Technical Appendices to the Housing Element- Released 11/5/21

Click below to review previous versions of the plan:

- Revised Draft Plan and Technical Appendices presented to Planning Commission 10/7/21
- Housing Element Draft Plan – Released 7/9/21
- Housing Element Draft Appendices – Released 7/9/21
UPDATE: Storefront Boarded Up Removal Program

The deadline for the Economic Development’s Storefront Boarded Up Removal Program has been extended to January 31, 2022. This program is for business and property owners who have put up plywood boards to protect their storefront due to COVID-19 and the civil unrest in 2020. A maximum grant of $600 per business or commercial property for assistance with the cost and labor associated with removal of the window/storefront coverings (plywood). Through its contracts with its “on-call” property management consultants, ED will coordinate removal and haul away costs associated with removal of window/storefront coverings (plywood). For more information, program guidelines, and application forms, please visit the program’s website.
Passage of $1.2 Trillion Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act by Congress

“This historic infrastructure package stands to accelerate investments in our clean transportation infrastructure, help mitigate some of the worst impacts of climate change and accelerate new projects that will create thousands of jobs.” Gov. Newsom said. Governor Gavin Newsom issued the statement on November 6, 2021 regarding the congressional passage of President Biden’s $1.2 trillion Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act bill package.

This once-in-a-generation investment will help to create quality jobs for Californians, support the modernization of key state infrastructure, improve our transportation systems and help fund the expansion of zero-emission vehicle infrastructure.

More details on how the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will benefit California can be found [here](#). California expects to receive:

- $25.3 billion for federal-aid highway apportioned programs and $4.2 billion for bridge replacement and repairs over five years
- $9.45 billion over five years to improve public transportation options across the state
- $384 million over five years to support the expansion of an EV charging network in the state and the opportunity to apply for the $2.5 billion in grant funding dedicated to EV charging
- A minimum of $100 million to help provide broadband coverage across the state
- $84 million over five years to protect against wildfires and $40 million to protect against cyberattacks
- $3.5 billion over five years to improve water infrastructure across the state and ensure clean, safe drinking water for California communities
- $1.5 billion for infrastructure development for airports over five years

With Governor Newsom’s $100 billion California Comeback Plan, California has already made significant investments in infrastructure which will be supported by the additional funding in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

The Governor’s Plan made the single largest investment in wildfire and emergency preparedness in our state’s history – investing $2 billion to purchase new firefighting equipment like air tankers and helicopters and support a comprehensive forest and wildfire resilience strategy statewide.

The Governor’s Plan includes a $3.9 billion investment to hit fast-forward on our zero-emissions vehicle goals, leading to cleaner air for future generations. The California Comeback Plan includes $3.7 billion to build resilience against the state’s multi-faceted
climate risks, including extreme heat and sea level rise, and address environmental justice priorities that support the low-income and disadvantaged communities bearing the brunt of climate change impacts.

The Governor’s Plan invests $5.2 billion over three years to support immediate drought response and long-term water resilience in the face of more extreme weather cycles, including funding for emergency drought relief projects to secure and expand water supplies, Sustainable Groundwater Management Act implementation and projects to support wildlife and habitat restoration efforts.

California has invested $6 billion to expand broadband coverage and access through the construction of a state-owned open access middle mile network and last mile projects that connect unserved households and businesses with local networks.

Governor Newsom will continue to support and implement policies aimed at uplifting every Californian. The success of California’s programs, along with our partnership with the Biden White House, will help propel our groundbreaking work here in California to other states throughout the nation.

DECEMBER 9: Long Beach Economic Partnership Forum

Accelerate Long Beach is presenting its quarterly forum, The Long Beach Economic Partnerships, on Thursday, December 9.

This free, virtual event will explore skyline-changing projects that were recently completed, are under construction or are in the pipeline. Investors who are in-the-know are building on a solid foundation and betting on Long Beach’s future.

We’ll also hear from the Cal State University, Long Beach Office of Economic Research about Long Beach’s economic picture, and how the city has been experiencing massive growth in development over the past couple of years. The buildout of thousands of residential units and millions of square feet of commercial real estate help attract and retain professional workers and world-class corporations to this waterfront metropolis.

This live, virtual conference is FREE and open to all. Live Q&A sessions with our speakers and experts will give you a chance to get deeper insight into Long Beach’s economic picture.

To register for free, please click HERE.

For more information, please click HERE.
Emergency Broadband Benefits Program

The Federal Communications Commission has started a temporary program to help eligible families pay for Home Internet service during the COVID-19 Pandemic. This program includes up to $50 a month discount on Internet service. See the flyers below to learn about eligibility for Home Internet service and low-cost refurbished computers for classrooms, individuals or groups.

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Eligibility for affordable Home Internet service if your home meets one of the following criteria:

- Participant in OCC Lifeline: Participant in an existing affordable Home Internet offer
- Child enrolled in the National School Lunc
- Program (NSLP)
- CalFresh (food stamp) or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Medi-Cal or Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Student with a Pell Grant

Eligibilidad para recibir servicio de internet en el hogar a un precio económico si su hogar cumple con uno de los siguientes requisitos:

- Participante en el programa de Línea (OCC): Participante en un plan existente de internet económico
- Niño inscrito en el Programa Nacional de Almuerzo Escolar (NSLP)
- CalFresh (estímulos alimentarios) o Programa de Asistencia Nutricional Suplementaria (SNAP)
- Medi-Cal (seguro de salud) o Ingresos Económicos Suplementarios (SSI)
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www.internetforallnow.org/applytoday or call 866-696-8748 to apply today!
Industry Links

City of Long Beach Issues Updated Health Order

Long Beach Dedicates Chittick Field Sports Complex to Former Vice Mayor And Councilman Dee Andrews

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