



## Agenda Report

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Agenda Date: 3/23/2021

### REPORT TO COUNCIL

#### SUBJECT

Accept the 2020 General Plan Annual Progress Report

#### COUNCIL PILLAR

Promote and Enhance Economic, Housing and Transportation Development

#### BACKGROUND

California State Law requires local jurisdictions, including Santa Clara, to maintain a General Plan to guide the orderly, long-term use of lands within the City through policies and General Plan Land Use designations. The General Plan communicates the City's long-term vision for future growth and land use and establishes a policy framework to govern decision-making concerning the physical development of the community. The seven major strategies of the General Plan, along with their implementing goals and policies, define and communicate the City's overarching vision for the community in relation to physical development patterns. The City's seven major General Plan strategies are:

1. Enhance the City's High Quality of Life
2. Preserve and Cultivate Neighborhoods
3. Promote Sustainability
4. Enhance City Identity
5. Support Focus Areas and Community Vitality
6. Maintain the City's Fiscal Health and Quality Services
7. Maximize Health and Safety Benefits

The General Plan further establishes multiple goals and policies to guide decision making to be consistent with the realization of these strategies.

The Housing Element is a required component of the General Plan and per State law must demonstrate the City's ability to support residential development capacity consistent with the City's Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA).

The City is required to provide three annual reports to the State to demonstrate the City's progress toward implementation of its General Plan:

- General Plan Annual Progress Report (GP APR)
- General Plan Housing Element Annual Progress Report (Housing Element APR)
- Housing Successor Agency Annual Report regarding the Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund (LMIHAF)

These reports are due on April 1<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year and the Housing Element APR and LMIHAF

must be submitted to California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) using the forms and definitions adopted by HCD. These two documents must also be posted on the City's website.

Historically the City has submitted three reports to the State on an annual basis, in conformance with these requirements.

Staff is preparing all three documents to submit to the State prior to April 1, 2021.

Beginning in 2020, the State further mandated that all cities, including Charter cities such as Santa Clara, and all 58 counties, submit the GP APR to their legislative body as well as to the Governor's OPR (Government Code Section 65400). This report is being submitted to the City Council to fulfill this requirement.

### **DISCUSSION**

Annual Progress Reports (APRs) provide local legislative bodies with information regarding the implementation of the General Plan for their city or county. The Annual Progress Report is strictly a reporting document and does not create or modify any City of Santa Clara goals or policies found within the General Plan. APRs must be presented to the local legislative body for review and acceptance. Once approved, the General Plan APR must be filed with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research and the Housing Successor Agency Annual Report must be posted on the City's Website.

This report includes four attachments documenting the City's implementation of the General Plan over the last calendar year. In summary, as described in these documents, the City's General Plan is consistent with state law, and has been successful in creating market-rate housing, especially in the City's General Plan Focus Areas.

Attachment 1 is a fact sheet that includes relevant milestones for the General Plan, along with a short discussion of additions that need to be made to the General Plan in the coming years. A summary of the Housing Element APR, including housing production numbers for the year and Housing Element implementation actions, is included as Attachment 2.

The Housing Successor Annual Report regarding the Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund (LMIHAF) has been prepared pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 34176.1(f). The report sets forth details of the City of Santa Clara Housing Successor activities in Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and is included for reference as Attachment 3.

A list of all General Plan Amendments filed since the adoption of the 2010-2035 General Plan is included as Attachment 4. No amendments were made to the General Plan in 2020.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

The action being considered is simply to accept an annual report on the City's General Plan and as such does not constitute a "project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5), in that it is a governmental administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect changes in the environment.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

This report has no fiscal impact in that it simply reports housing production for the prior calendar year and gives the Council a report on the status of the implementation and upkeep of the General Plan.

**COORDINATION**

This report has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office.

**PUBLIC CONTACT**

Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City's official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall Council Chambers. A complete agenda packet is available on the City's website and in the City Clerk's Office at least 72 hours prior to a Regular Meeting and 24 hours prior to a Special Meeting. A hard copy of any agenda report may be requested by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (408) 615-2220, email [clerk@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:clerk@santaclaraca.gov) <<mailto:clerk@santaclaraca.gov>>.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Accept the General Plan Annual Progress Report as presented by staff.

Reviewed by: Andrew Crabtree, Director of Community Development

Approved by: Deanna J. Santana, City Manager

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Santa Clara General Plan 2010-2035 Fact Sheet
2. Summary data from the 2020 Housing Element Annual Progress Report
3. FY 2019-2020 Successor Agency Annual Report
4. Amendments to the General Plan, 2010-present