Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

GENERAL PLAN AND HOUSING ELEMENT PROGRESS REPORTS CY 2015 (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The General Plan Annual Progress Report and Housing Element Progress Report for the 2015 calendar year describe the implementation status of the County's General Plan and Housing Element.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Consider the General Plan and Housing Element Progress Reports for 2015 at a public meeting;
2. Instruct the Department of Regional Planning (Department) to submit the reports to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the General Plan and Housing Element Progress Reports is to meet the requirements of Government Code Section 65400, which mandates that local jurisdictions submit an annual report on the status of the General Plan and progress in its implementation. The report is required to be submitted to the OPR and HCD by April 1, 2016. The requirement to report on the County's progress in meeting its share of regional housing needs, and to remove governmental constraints to the maintenance, improvement, and development of housing, is addressed in a companion document, the Housing Element Annual Progress Report. The annual progress reports inform legislative bodies and the State of the jurisdiction's effectiveness in implementing its general plan and housing element.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action supports the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 1, *Operational Effectiveness,* by tracking the continued implementation and update of the Countywide General Plan and Housing Element, and ensuring that long-range land use and housing goals established by the County are being met.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The recommendation does not have a fiscal or financing impact on the County.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

General Plan Progress Report

The Los Angeles County General Plan, which was adopted in 2015, is designed to guide the long-term physical development and conservation of the County's land and environment in the unincorporated areas, through a framework of goals, policies, and implementation programs. The General Plan also provides a foundation for more detailed plans and implementation programs, such as area or community plans, zoning ordinances, and specific plans.

Government Code Section 65400 mandates local jurisdictions to submit an annual report on the status of the General Plan and progress in its implementation. The General Plan Annual Progress Report provides a list of adopted and pending amendments to the zoning code and the General Plan in 2015; as well as implementation progress on two sub-elements of the General Plan (the Bicycle Master Plan and Community Climate Action Plan).

Housing Element Progress Report

The Housing Element is a component of the General Plan. The purpose of the Housing Element is to analyze existing, and to plan for future, needs for the unincorporated areas of the County. The Housing Element is intended to address the housing needs of all income levels and accommodate a diversity of housing types and special needs. On February 4, 2014, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Fifth Revision to the Housing Element, which covers the period 2014-2021. On April 30, 2014, the Housing Element was certified by HCD.

Government Code Section 65400(a)(2)(B) mandates that all local jurisdictions prepare an annual report on the implementation progress of the Housing Element of their General Plan. The report provides information on the County's progress toward meeting its share of the regional housing need and local efforts to remove governmental constraints to the development of housing, as defined in Government Code Sections 65584 and 65583(c)(3). The information must be reported using the guidelines set forth in the Housing Element Law and as provided by HCD. Prior to submission to the State, the report must be considered at a public meeting before the Board of Supervisors, where members of the public can submit oral and/or written comments on the report.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended action does not have an impact on current services or projects.

Should you have any questions, please contact Connie Chung in the General Plan Development and Housing Section at (213) 974-6417 or cchung@planning.lacounty.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments (2)

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County Counsel
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Community Development Commission
Parks and Recreation
Public Works

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