



Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead



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**SUBJECT: JUNE 6, 2007 MEETING – AGENDA ITEM #6
HOUSING ELEMENT STATUS REPORT**

The Department of Regional Planning is scheduled to begin the process of updating the Housing Element of the General Plan. State law mandates that the Fourth Revision of the Housing Element be submitted to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) by June 30, 2008. The Housing Element update will focus on the planning period from 2006 to 2014. Until an updated Housing Element is adopted by the Board of Supervisors, the County continues to implement programs in the existing Housing Element which was adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 2001 and was conditionally certified by HCD in 2002.

The next update of the County's Housing Element will be especially challenging because there have been significant changes to State Housing Element law. At your meeting on June 6th, the planning staff will provide a status report on the department's efforts to secure a consultant to assist in the preparation of the Housing Element, present the project schedule, discuss some of the new statutory requirements, and provide information on the results of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) process. Additional written materials may be provided to you at the meeting and staff will walk you through the information and be available to answer your questions.

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me or Kari W. Davis at (213) 974-6425 or kdavis@planning.lacounty.gov.

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