



City of Santa Barbara California

NOTICE OF A COMMUNITY WORKSHOP AND SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE DRAFT 2015 HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE

**COMMUNITY WORKSHOP
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2014
4:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M
CENTRAL LIBRARY – 40 E. ANAPAMU STREET
FAULKNER GALLERY**

**PLANNING COMMISSION SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2014
1:00 P.M.
CITY HALL – 735 ANACAPA STREET
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Community Workshop. On Wednesday, October 22, 2014, the City of Santa Barbara Planning Division will host a Community Workshop related to the Draft 2015 Housing Element Update. The Workshop will entail an Open House from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., followed by a presentation regarding the Draft 2015 Housing Element Update and an opportunity to ask question and provide comments.

Planning Commission Special Public Hearing. Recent legislative changes extended housing element planning periods from five years to eight years. To comply with this change, the City is required to submit the 2015 Housing Element to the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for review by February 15, 2015. Because the existing Housing Element was recently certified by HCD in 2012, no policy changes are proposed.

The Draft 2015 Housing Element Update addresses the City's 2015-2023 planning period, and is prepared in compliance with State Housing Element law, including analysis of existing and projected community housing needs and identification of goals, policies and quantified objectives to meet those needs.

On Thursday, October 23, 2014, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the Draft 2015 Housing Element Update, take public comment, and forward a recommendation to the City Council. The Draft 2015 Housing Element will be submitted to HCD for review prior to consideration for adoption by the City Council at a future meeting.

To Review the Draft 2015 Housing Element Update. The Draft 2015 Housing Element Update and associated appendices are available for review on the City website at www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/HEU. The Draft Housing Element Update can also be viewed at the public counter at the Planning Division, 630 Garden Street, Santa Barbara, CA, 93102.

Public Involvement. You are invited to attend the Community Workshop and Planning Commission Special Public Hearing. Written comments for the Planning Commission hearing are welcome and will be entered into the public record. Written information should be submitted prior to the meeting at the Planning Division Office, 630 Garden St; by mail attention Planning Commission Secretary, P.O. Box 1990, Santa Barbara, CA 93102-1990; or by email at PCSecretary@SantaBarbaraCA.gov, and received no later than 4:30 P.M. on the Monday before the Planning Commission hearing. Please submit 12 copies of any written materials over 2 pages. Written

comments are accepted at and up to the time of the hearing; however, the Planning Commission may not have time to consider materials submitted after the Monday deadline.

Environmental Review. The Draft 2015 Housing Element is within the scope of the 2011 General Plan. The Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the 2011 General Plan adequately describes the activity for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). An Addendum to the EIR for the 2015 Housing Element Update documents no substantial change to impacts previously identified.

If you challenge the Draft 2015 Housing Element Update or environmental document in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to the public hearing.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you need auxiliary aids or services or staff assistance to attend or participate in the Workshop or Planning Commission meeting, please contact the Planning Commission Secretary at (805)564-5470, extension 4535. If possible, notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will usually enable the City to make reasonable arrangements. Specialized services, such as sign language interpretation or documents in Braille, may require additional lead time to arrange.

NOTE: On Thursday, October 16, 2014, an Agenda with all items to be heard on Thursday, October 23, 2014, will be available at 630 Garden Street. Copies of all documents relating to agenda items will also be available for review at 630 Garden St. and posted online at www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/PC on Thursday, October 16, 2014. Please note that online Staff Reports may not include some exhibits.

* Meetings can be viewed live on City TV-18, or on your computer at www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/CityTV. A rebroadcast schedule can be found at www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/CityTVProgramGuide.