



THE CITY OF  
**BENICIA**  
CALIFORNIA

**YOU ARE INVITED...**

**NOTICE OF  
PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON  
DRAFT HOUSING ELEMENT**

**It's time to update the City of Benicia's housing plan.**

**What are Benicia's housing needs? How will we grow? Where and how we house our citizens in the future will be one of the most important decisions we will be making. Come to the workshop. Your voice matters...**

**On May 15, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.,** City Staff will host a Public Workshop on the Draft Benicia Housing Element to explain the purpose of the Element and its components, and to receive comments on the Draft prior to submittal to the State Department of Housing and Community Development for their initial review, and ultimate consideration at formal public hearings before the Planning Commission and City Council.

The Housing Element is part of the General Plan, the master plan for the community. All cities and counties in California are required to have a Housing Element that identifies and analyzes existing and projected housing needs, and identifies sites for housing. The Housing Element must establish goals, policies, quantified objectives and scheduled programs for the preservation, improvement and development of housing. Through the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), the State of California mandates the number of new housing units that local jurisdictions must plan for in their Housing Element. The City of Benicia is required to plan for 327 new housing units in its Housing Element for the period 2014 through 2023. While the City is required to plan for new housing, it is not required to actually build the news. The City is also obligated to plan for and provide policies and programs for special needs groups including the homeless.

In consideration of the comprehensive update to the City's Housing Element completed less than two years ago (adopted November 2012), staff is proposing only minor updates to the existing 2007-2014 Housing Element. The focus is on updating the information to current data such as income levels and housing allocation, and continuing the programs from the 2007-2014 Housing Element with minor updates as needed.

**ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS:** Environmental review will be conducted prior to the adoption of the updated Housing Element.

**PLACE:** Benicia Public Library  
Dona Benicia Room  
150 East L Street, Benicia

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