

# OUR HOME OUR FUTURE

## Updating Carlsbad's Housing Plan...Together

Since 1969, California law has required that all cities and counties demonstrate how they will meet the housing needs of everyone in the community through housing plans, known as Housing Elements. The state regularly forecasts the need for housing in each region based on population projections, and then each region distributes this projected need to each city and unincorporated county area. This is referred to as the Regional Housing Needs Allocation. The current allocation includes the housing needs for the City of Carlsbad through the year 2029. To show how housing needs can be met in Carlsbad, housing plans must be updated regularly. At the end of the process, the city's updated housing plan must be approved by the state.

The city started its housing plan update in 2020. It's a very public process. In fact, the city has established the Housing Element Advisory Committee with members from each quadrant of the city to help guide plan development. Whether you comment at a committee meeting or respond to an online survey, we need your input so the new plan reflects our community values.

## General Plan

The housing plan is officially part of the city's General Plan, a collection of policies that guide future development in Carlsbad. These policies are based on what the community told us was most important, which is summarized in the nine core values that make up the Carlsbad Community Vision.

## Why A Housing Plan Is Important

- State law requires the city to adopt a plan by April 2021.
- Providing housing to meet the needs of all income levels is critical to the social and economic health of the city.
- With an approved housing plan, Carlsbad is eligible for state grants to help fund infrastructure improvements.
- Without an approved plan, the city could face fines, penalties, and lawsuits.
- The plan will also include policies to address housing for special needs populations, including the homeless.

### For more information and to participate

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## TIMELINE

- JAN 2020**  
Work begins on housing plan update
- JAN - MAR 2020**  
Citywide housing sites inventory starts
- Summer 2020**  
Analysis of potential sites available for review  
  
Public input on site selection criteria
- Fall 2020**  
  
Public input on potential sites  
  
Draft plan released for public review
- JAN - MAR 2021**  
Public hearings for final plan adoption
  - Housing Commission
  - Planning Commission
  - City Council
- APRIL 2021**  
Current housing plan expires  
  
Deadline for final approval of new plan  
  
Provide plan to the state for approval