

## CITY OF HERCULES HOUSING ELEMENT

Community Workshop #2 April 25, 2022



### Welcome & Introductions

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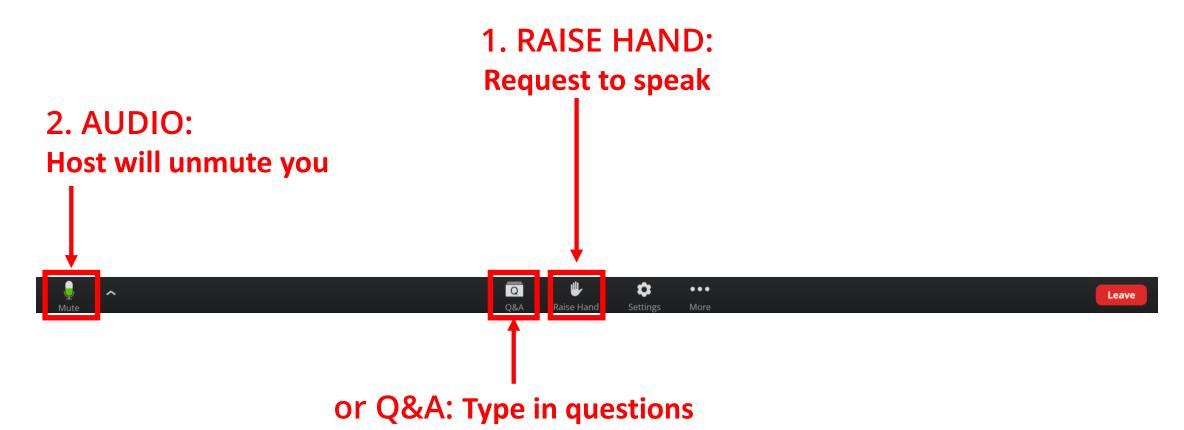
## Workshop Agenda

- Welcome and Workshop Overview
- Housing Element Overview
- Housing Needs and Housing Resources
- Policies and Programs
- Opportunities for Input
- Public Comment
- Next Steps and Closing Comments

## How to Participate in Tonight's Workshop

- Respond to polling questions
- Submit your comments and questions using the chat
- Speak to the group during the public comment period at the end of the meeting

### **Zoom Instructions**



How long have you lived in Hercules?

- less than 1 year
- 1-5 years
- 5-10 years
- 10+ years
- I do not live in Hercules

Do you work in Hercules?

- Yes
- No
- Does not apply (retired, student, etc.)

What is your housing situation?

- Own my home
- Rent my home
- Live with family/friends, do not pay rent
- Do not currently have a permanent home

#### What is your age?

- Under 18
- 18-29
- 30-49
- 50-64
- 65+

How do you identify your race and ethnicity? Select all that apply.

- White non-Hispanic
- Hispanic or Latino
- African American or Black
- Asian or Asian American
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- Native American
- Two or more races
- I prefer not to say

### Let's test the chat!

- What's one word that describes housing in Hercules?
- Submit you answer using the chat

## HOUSING ELEMENT OVERVIEW

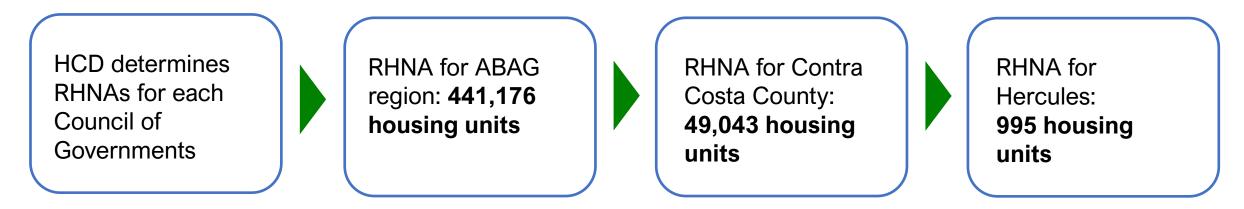


## Housing Element Requirements

- Must be updated every 8 years
- Identifies required number of units (RHNA)
- Identifies locations for new housing
- State review required by California
   Housing and Community Development
   Department (HCD)
- Adoption deadline: January 2023
- Non-compliance has consequences



#### What is a Regional Housing Needs Allocation?

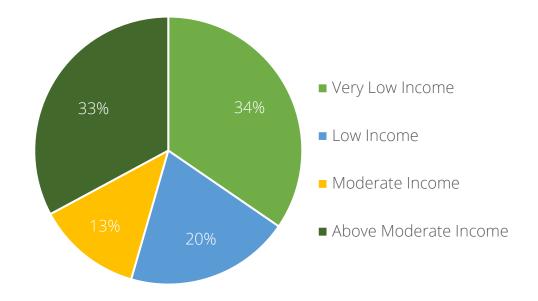


- Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA): identifies the housing need in every California jurisdiction
- 5<sup>th</sup> Cycle RHNA was 682
- Every jurisdiction is required to plan and zone lands for its RHNA
- The RHNA is NOT a construction obligation

#### Hercules 2023 – 2031 RHNA

995 units Allocated by income categories:

- 344 Very Low Up to 50% of Area Median Income (AMI)
- **198 Low** 51 to 80% of AMI
- 126 Moderate 81 to 120% of AMI
- **327 Above Moderate** 120%+ of AMI



## Components of the Housing Element

#### **Needs Assessment**

- Demographic
  Trends
- Housing Market Trends
- Special Needs Groups

### Previous Accomplishments

 Progress toward Implementing Previous Housing Element

## Constraints to Housing Development

- Governmental
- Market
- Environmental
- Infrastructure

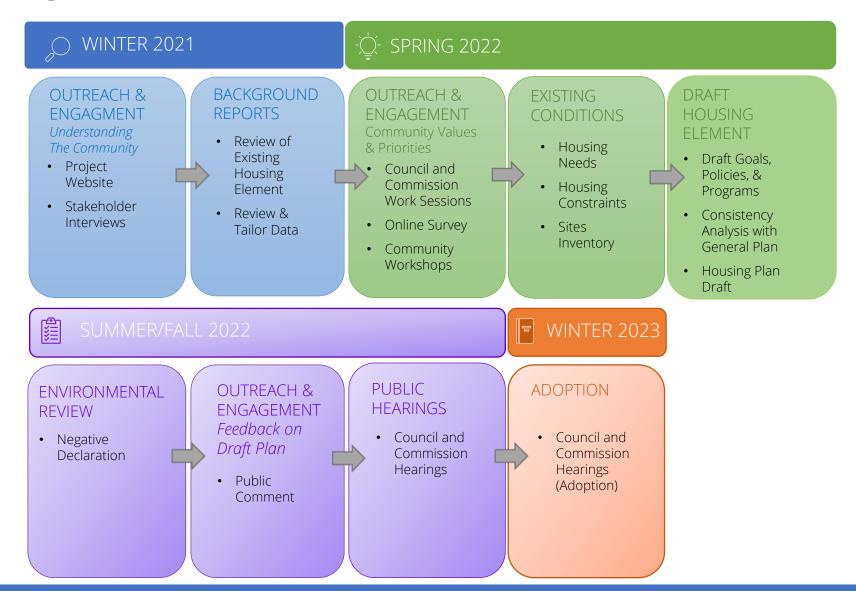
## **Resources and Sites Inventory**

- Sites for all Income Levels
- Public / Private
  Partnerships
- Financial Resources

### Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing

- Five Categories of Analysis
- Existing Condition and Distribution of RHNA Sites
- Meaningful Actions

### Housing Element Process



## OUR HOUSING NEEDS



#### Who lives in Hercules?

- **25,075** residents
- Seniors ages 65+: 16% (increased from 8% in 2010, 171% increase in real number)
- Singles living alone: 19% of residents
- Families: **34%** of households (2,831)
- Large households (over 5 people):
  - 12% homeowners and 3% renters
- People with disabilities: 9% of residents









#### **Needs Assessment**

- Housing Options 65% single-family homes
  - More Variety Suggested
- Aging population 16% residents 65+ and growing
  - Increased from 8% in 2010
- Limited vacancy for rent or for sale
  - 3.1% Vacancy rate
- 32% of households cost-burdened; 41% Renters, 30% Owners
- 60% of cost-burdened households are severely cost-burdened (>50% of income allocated to housing costs

## On-Line Housing Survey Results

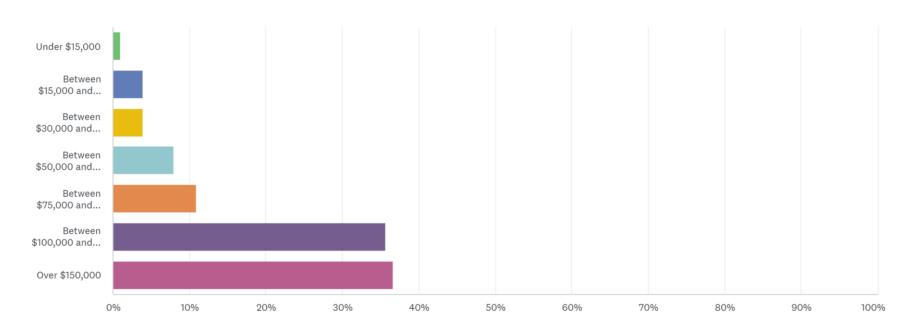
#### 103 Residents responded to an online survey

- 88% home-owner; 10% renter
- 76% 35-64 years old
- 60% female; 40% male

## Findings from Survey: Income

#### What best describes your annual household income?

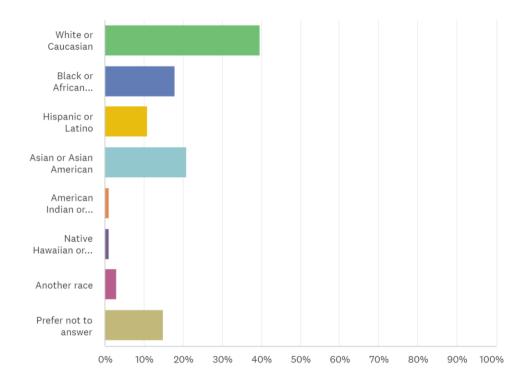
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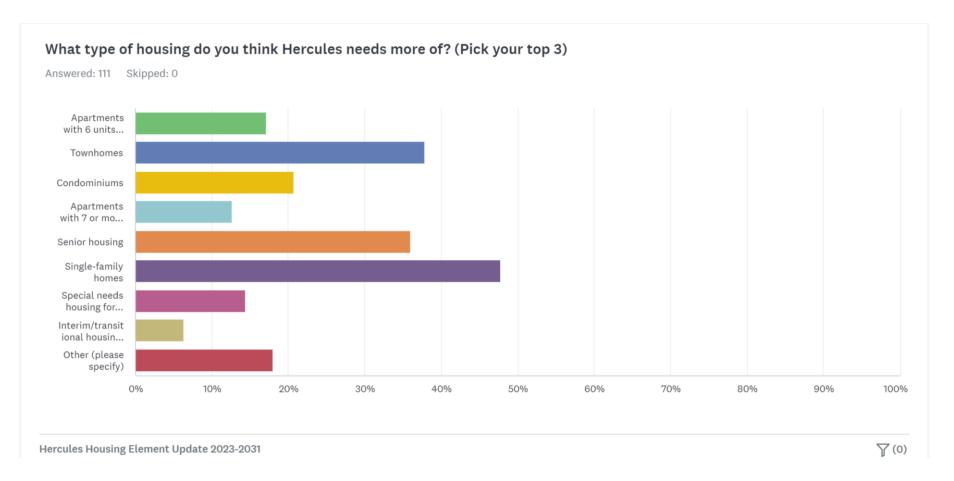
## Findings from Survey: Ethnicity

How do you identify your race and ethnicity? Select all that apply.

Answered: 101 Skipped: 10



## Findings from Survey: Housing Variety



#### What we heard...

- Housing Variety
- Affordable Housing
- Single-Family Housing
- Senior Housing
- Multi-Family Housing
- Starter Homes

#### What we also heard...

- No more housing
- Traffic is a concern
- Need more commercial development
- Preserve character of Hercules
- Protect the environment

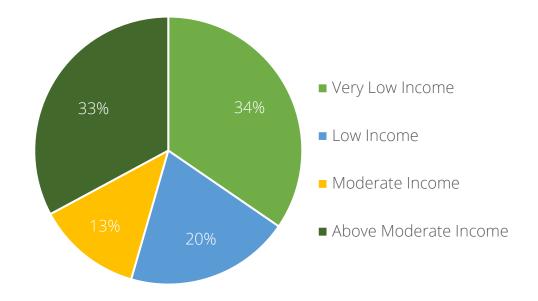
## HOUSING RESOURCES



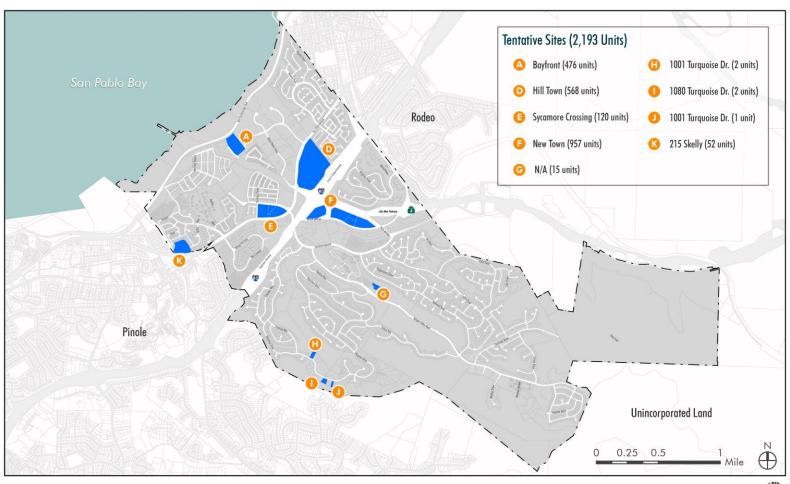
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#### Housing Resources



City of Hercules Housing Element Sites - April 2022



## Questions?

Please type in your questions.

## POLICIES AND PROGRAMS



## Policies and Programs

- Provide opportunities for a variety of housing choices to meet the diverse needs of the County
- Facilitate the development of affordable housing, particularly for those with lower income
- Remove barriers to creating housing
- Improve the condition of existing housing
- Preserve existing affordable housing
- Promote fair housing

## Previous Example of Housing Goal

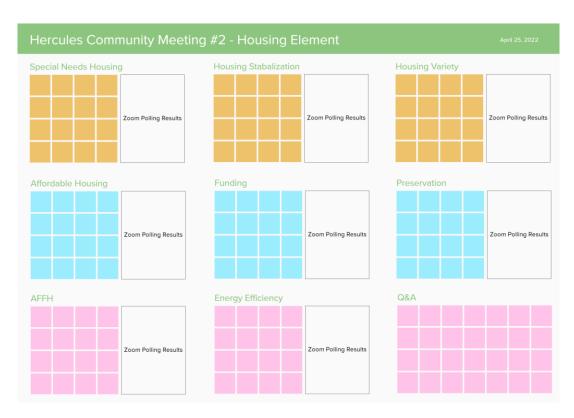
#### Goal 1: Assist in the provision of housing that meets the needs of all socioeconomic segments of the community

- **Policy 1.1** Facilitate homeownership opportunities for low-and moderate-income households
- **Policy 1.2** Seek all available resources, including tax-increment revenue, in-lieu fees, and State and Federal monies for the creation of housing opportunities affordable to low- and very low-income households when projects are presented
- **Policy 1.3** Actively support and work with non-profit housing, development corporations and other housing providers to promote the development of housing that is affordable to moderate-, low-, and very low-income households
- Policy 1.4 Strive to ensure that units receiving City assistance preserve their affordability for a period of at least 30 years and no less than 15 years
- **Policy 1.5** Encourage development of new special needs housing for seniors, single parents, families, large families, the disabled, including those with developmental disabilities, and extremely low-income households
- Policy 1.6 Use density bonuses and other incentives to facilitate the development of new housing for extremely low-, very low-, and low-income households in conformity with State law

# Input on the Proposed Policies & Programs

#### Seven proposed policy topics:

- Respond to the polling question:
  - Love it!
  - Like it!
  - Leave it!
  - No opinion.
- Tell us why you selected your response in the chat...



## Housing Plan: Special Needs Housing

Policies to promote housing for special needs groups such as seniors and individuals with special needs:

- locating senior housing such as housing near public transportation
- promoting home modification programs
- accessibility improvements
- promoting Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) via fee reductions and waivers

## Housing Plan: Housing Stabalization

#### Policies to support stable housing:

- emergency shelter compliance
- anti-displacement
- eviction protections
- rent stabilization
- education for homeowners and tenants

## Housing Plan: Housing Variety

Policies for young adults focused on:

- promoting and service support for independent living
- social housing
- and homeowner education

## Housing Plan: Affordable Housing

Policies to encourage, enhance, and support affordable housing:

- incentive zoning
- density bonuses
- inclusionary housing/affordable housing ordinances

## Housing Plan: Funding

Policies to examine the generation and use of funds for housing via:

- commercial linkage fees
- housing impact fees
- other funding sources established by the state

### Housing Plan: Preservation

Polices to promote neighborhood preservation and housing rehabilitation through

- code enforcement
- historic or architectural designations
- CDBG or other state funds
- housing conditions surveys

## Housing Plan: AFFH

Policies that ensure equal housing opportunities for all such as:

- fair housing choice
- enforcement of fair housing laws
- promoting a balance of housing types

## Housing Plan: Energy Efficiency

Policies that protect the environment and promote energy conservation in residential developments:

- electrification
- renewable energy
- promotion of LEED certification

## Questions?

Please type in your questions.

#### **Public Comment**

To make a comment, please use the raise hands feature

 Facilitator will call on you and you will be unmuted and able to speak to the group

Please keep your comments to two minutes or less

# Next Steps



## Opportunities for Public Input

- Community Council Meeting: June
- Administrative Draft Comment Period: June-July
- Planning Commission Meeting: July

For more information, please visit: <a href="https://www.ci.hercules.ca.us/HousingElement">www.ci.hercules.ca.us/HousingElement</a>

To submit your questions or comments, please email: HousingElement@ci.Hercules.ca.us

## **Opportunities for Public Input**

- Public Draft Early June (30 days)
- Submission to HCD (up to 90 days)
- Public Draft Edits Early September
- Final Draft Public Hearings at Planning Commission and City Council in October-November

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