



STUDY SESSION

Agenda Item # 1

**JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION
STUDY SESSION ON HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE**

Meeting Date: December 14, 2021

Subject: Joint City Council and Planning Commission Workshop on the Los Altos Housing Element Update

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Approved by: Gabriel Engeland, City Manager

Attachment(s):
None

Initiated by:
City Council

Discussion

On December 14, 2021, the City Council with the Planning Commission will be holding a joint study session to learn about and gain further insight into the Los Altos Housing Element Update.

The Lisa Wise Consultant team will provide the City Council, the Planning Commission, and the Community with an informational presentation on the Housing Element Update. Among the topics the Consultant Team will cover are:

- What is a Housing Element
- What are the components of a Housing Element
- An overview of the Housing Element Update Process
- How does a Housing Element Help
- What is the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), and why is it needed
- What are the unique challenges and constraints for the Los Altos Housing Element Update
- What opportunities does the community have to participate.
- Overview of timelines leading to certification of Housing Element Update by the State

Reviewed By:

City Manager

City Attorney

Finance Director



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The consultant team will be preparing a power point presentation that will provide more detailed information on the above and provide starting points for discussions and questions with the members of the City Council and the Planning Commission. A copy of this power point presentation will be provided under separate cover.

This is the first of at least two joint study sessions with the City Council and the Planning Commission and is intended to provide key information that will serve as the foundation for the important work on the Housing Element Update that lies ahead.