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SUBJECT: Review a Summary of Public Comments Received During the Required 30-Day Public Comment Period on the 2023-2031 Draft Housing Element (Not a Project Under CEQA per Article 20, Section 15378 and Under General Rule Article 5, Section 15061)

RECOMMENDATION:
That the City Council and Planning Commission review Agenda Report #19. This agenda report includes a summary of public comments provided during the required 30-day public comment period on the 2023 – 2031 Draft Housing Element and recommends changes. The Planning Commission should provide feedback to the City Council on this agenda item.

VALUE DRIVERS:
Foster a local government that is transparent and collaborative; and solicits, welcomes and appreciates input from all.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:
Government Code 65583(c)(9) requires that the City make “a diligent effort … to achieve public participation of all economic segments of the community in the development of the housing element, and the program shall describe this effort.”

Government Code 65585(b)(1) requires: “The local government of the planning agency shall make the first draft revision of a housing element available for public comment for at least 30 days and, if any comments are received, the local government shall take at least 10 business days after the 30-day public comment period to consider and incorporate public comments into the draft revision prior to submitting it to the department. For any subsequent draft revision, the local government shall post the draft revision on its internet website and shall email a link to the draft revision to all individuals and organizations that have previously requested notices relating to the local government’s housing element at least seven days before submitting the draft revision to the department.”

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