

# City of Glendale Housing Element Virtual Community Meeting

## Summary of Questions and Answers

### 1. When will the draft Housing Element be available for public review?

The City of Glendale will release a draft Housing Element for a 30-day public review period on November 1, 2021. This timeline is in accordance with State requirements. Public comments on the draft are encouraged and will be shared with the Planning Commission and City Council during their review process.

### 2. Glendale has had high transit connectivity to the region for a long time. Why was this not a bigger factor in past cycles (i.e., the 5<sup>th</sup> Cycle which planned for housing from 2013-2021) and why is it a big factor in this cycle (i.e., the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle, which plans for housing from 2021-2029)?

As part of each Housing Element update cycle, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) receives from the State of California an allocation of housing units it needs to plan for during the planning period. To determine how these units are distributed throughout the region, SCAG establishes a methodology based on numerous factors, including (but not limited to) population trends, socioeconomic characteristics of a community, access to jobs, and access to transit corridors.

The methodology used to distribute units around the region changes each planning period. For the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle (2021-2029), the methodology weighed heavily on allocating units to areas with access to transit facilities. For this reason, access to transit was a more significant factor in determining a City's allocation in the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle than it was in the 5<sup>th</sup> Cycle.

### 3. How will the City plan to address fair housing in the Housing Element?

Assembly Bill 686 (AB 686) requires cities updating their Housing Element on or after January 1, 2021 (this includes the City of Glendale) to consider fair housing issues as part of the Housing Element. The draft Housing Element, scheduled for public review beginning on November 1st will include a chapter analyzing fair housing in accordance with the requirements of AB 686 and the guidance provided by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). This section will include, but is not limited to, a summary of public outreach conducted, an analysis of local, regional, and federal information, an analysis of proposed housing sites as they relate to affirmatively furthering fair housing, and an assessment of contributing factors and goals, policies, and programs included to address these factors.

### 4. Is the City considering goals, policies, or programs to promote adaptive reuse of existing buildings?

The City of Glendale has very limited vacant land and new development is expected to occur at infill locations. The City does not currently have an "adaptive reuse" ordinance. The draft Housing Element will include programs that promote opportunities for infill development and identify ways

for the City to reduce constraints related to housing production. The City may consider opportunities related to adaptive reuse as part of this program.