



Staff Report

TO: Planning Commissioners
FROM: Gustavo Romo, Deputy City Manager
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DATE May 14, 2025
SUBJECT: 2024 Housing Element Annual Progress Report
APPLICANT: City of Beaumont

Description A request for a recommendation to the City Council to receive and file the 2024 Housing Element Annual Progress Report.

Background and Analysis:

California Government Code Section 65300 requires each city and county to adopt a general plan to guide the physical development of its jurisdiction. The City of Beaumont's General Plan establishes a vision for the City's long-term growth and enhancement and outlines strategies and implementation actions to achieve this vision. State law mandates that general plans include seven required elements: Land Use, Circulation, Housing, Safety, Noise, Conservation, and Open Space.

The City of Beaumont adopted its updated General Plan in December 2020, which included all required elements along with several optional components. The update took effect in January 2021. The Housing Element was subsequently updated and adopted in 2021, establishing goals and objectives for the 2022–2029 planning period.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65400, the City is required to prepare an annual report detailing the status of the General Plan and the progress made toward implementing its goals and policies, including efforts to meet its share of regional housing needs. The 2024 General Plan Annual Progress Report (Attachment A) was received and filed by the City Council on February 4, 2025.

In addition to the General Plan report, state law requires that the Housing Element Annual Progress Report be submitted to the City Council, the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation Office (formally the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR)), and the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) by April 1, 2025. This report includes information on planning entitlements, building

permits, and progress toward the Housing Element goals. Staff submitted the Housing Element Annual Progress Report (Attachment B) to HCD on April 4, 2025. Staff has confirmed with HCD that there are no repercussions for the late submittal.

The Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation requires that the City Council formally review and approve the Housing Element Annual Progress Report before it is submitted to the State.

In 2024, the City received 18 entitlement applications, five of which remained pending at the end of the year. The City also issued 548 residential building permits. Notably, in 2024, the City implemented pre-approved Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) plans, supporting Goal A, Program 4 of the Housing Element.

Housing Element Goals:

- **Goal A:** Facilitate the development of housing to accommodate the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA)
- **Goal B:** Promote affordable housing development and rental opportunities to meet the needs of lower- and moderate-income households
- **Goal C:** Remove governmental constraints to the maintenance, improvement, and development of housing
- **Goal D:** Conserve and improve the condition of the existing affordable housing stock
- **Goal E:** Promote fair housing access and opportunity
- **Goal F:** Encourage energy conservation

Recommended Action:

Forward a recommendation of approval for City Council to receive and file the 2024, Housing Element Annual Progress Report and direct staff to submit the reports to the Land Use and Climate Innovation Office and Certify with the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

Attachments:

- A. 2024 General Plan Annual Progress Report
- B. 2024 Housing Element Excel Spreadsheet