



## Staff Report

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**FROM:** Steven D. Jones, Community Development Department Director  
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**DATE:** January 20, 2026  
**SUBJECT:** Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing Application to and Participation in the California Prohousing Designation Program

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**Description:** Program is administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), to access incentives available to jurisdictions with compliant Housing Elements.

### **Background and Analysis:**

The Prohousing Designation Program, administered by HCD, recognizes jurisdictions that demonstrate a commitment to facilitating housing production through local policies, incentives, and implementation practices. Jurisdictions awarded a Prohousing Designation receive priority consideration and competitive scoring advantages in a variety of state funding programs related to housing, infrastructure, and community development.

Following submittal, HCD has up to 60 days to review the application and may provide technical feedback or request revisions prior to issuing a determination. The application is self-scored and evaluates existing City actions and formally adopted commitments. There are no requirements to adopt new ordinances or policies as part of the initial application.

City staff have completed a preliminary review of the program requirements and believes the City of Beaumont has implemented, or is actively implementing, several actions that would support a successful application. City staff plan to engage with HCD's technical assistance resources during application development to ensure the application accurately reflects the City's policies and local context.

Accordingly, this request is for City Council authorization to proceed with preparation and, upon completion, submission of the application to HCD.

If ultimately awarded, the designation would enhance the City's competitiveness for a range of state housing, infrastructure, and community development grants by providing priority scoring or eligibility advantages in applicable programs. The designation would also formally recognize the City's ongoing efforts to balance housing production, economic development, and community needs.

**Environmental Determination:**

Recommended action contemplated by the proposed resolution is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 21083, Public Resources Code and no CEQA review is required because there is no possibility that the authority to apply may have a significant effect upon the environment. The proposed application constitutes information collection under CEQA Guidelines Section 15306, and such information gathering purposes may lead to an action not yet approved, adopted, or funded. Future program designation activity would undergo review for independent analysis and judgement for CEQA compliance.

**Fiscal Impact:**

There is no budget appropriation required for activity associated with applying for the Prohousing Designation Program. If authorized, any staff time necessary to prepare, coordinate, and submit the application would be absorbed within existing departmental resources and budgets. If awarded, the designation may provide future financial and programmatic benefits to the City through enhanced competitiveness for housing-related funding opportunities.

The estimated cost to prepare this report is \$212.

**Recommended Action:**

Adopt a resolution to authorize application to and participation in the Prohousing Designation Program, and

Authorize the Interim City Manager to execute and deliver the Application and the Program Documents on behalf of the Applicant for participation in the Program.

**Attachments:**

- A. Draft Resolution
- B. California Department of Housing and Community Development – Prohousing Designation Application Template
- C. PDP Presentation