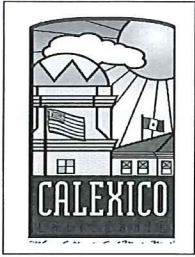


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# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** March 2, 2022

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**APPROVED BY:** Miguel Figueroa, City Manager *MH*

**PREPARED BY:** Lisa Tylenda, Planning and Building Services Director

**SUBJECT:** 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment Housing Element Update - Resubmittal to Housing and Community Development

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## **Recommendation:**

The Planning division requests that the City Council hear the presentation by both the Planning & Building Services Department and the Consultant, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., and it is recommend to the City Council, approving the resubmittal of the updated housing element report to the Housing and Community Development Department of the State of California for Certification.

## **Background:**

On April 7th, 2021 the Calexico City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a professional services agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. to assist the City of Calexico with drafting, submitting for public review and certification of the 6th Cycle of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment Housing Element Update (Housing Element Update). Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. and the City of Calexico have since executed a formal professional services agreement and the consultant has been working closely with the Planning Division on this matter.

On June 28, 2021, the Planning Division did give an initial update on the Housing Element Update as an Informational Item. On July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 both the Planning Division and Kimley-Horn and Associates did give a detailed presentation on the work completed thus far on the Housing Element Update and did receive feedback. This public hearing is intended to solicit public input from a variety of stakeholders as the Planning Division moves forward in the process.

Funding for the Housing Element Update was secured by the Planning Division through successful application submittals for the Senate Bill 2 and Local Early Action Planning grant programs administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development. In short, this process is paid for at no cost to the City of Calexico through the use of state grant funds.



## Discussion and Analysis:

Beginning in 1969, the State of California has required that all local governments adequately plan to meet the housing needs for all residents in the community. Calexico will meet this requirement by adopting housing plans as part of their "general plan." General plans serve as the local government's "blueprint" for how the City will grow and develop and include seven elements: land use, transportation, conservation, noise, open space, safety, and housing.

The State of California is now entering its 6<sup>th</sup> Housing Element Cycle, therefore, this current update is titled 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment Housing Element Update.

California's housing-element law acknowledges that, in order for the private market to adequately address the housing needs and demand of Californians, local governments must adopt plans and regulatory systems that provide opportunities for housing development in a way that does not unduly constrain the ability of the development to take place. Calexico's housing policy is based off of the effective implementation of the Housing Element.

The State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development, HCD will review the Housing Element Update for compliance with State law. The City of Calexico is a part of a larger planning region called SGAG or the Southern California Association of Governments. SGAG's deadline for submission to HCD is October 15, 2021 for this current Housing Element cycle. Our Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) for the 2021-2029 period is 4,868, this equates to the capacity of our City to accommodate those number of housing units. Capacity is determined by many factors, simply put, the City of Calexico must have residential land zoned to meet this number at various income levels. Those levels are broken into several categories:

Income Category	% Median Family Income	Income Range		RHNA Allocation
		Min.	Max.	
Very Low Income	0 – 50% MFI	--	\$34,950	1,279 Units
Low Income	51 – 80% MFI	\$34,951	\$55,900	655 Units
Median Income	81 – 120%	\$55,901	\$84,850	614 Units
Moderate Income	> 120% MFI	\$84,851	>\$84,851	2,320 Units

## Fiscal Impact:

SB 2 Grant.

## Attachment(s):

1. PowerPoint Presentation.