

STAFF REPORT

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Date: March 25, 2025

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Patti Garibay, Director - Community Development
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Subject: Approval of the 2024 General Plan Annual Progress Report and the 2024 Housing Element Annual Progress Report

Recommendation:

1. Approve the 2024 General Plan Annual Progress Report and the 2024 Housing Element Annual Progress Report.

G.C. Section 84308: No

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Background:

California Government Code Section 65400 mandates that each City and County planning agency prepare an annual report on the status and progress in implementing their General Plan and Housing Element. The General Plan Annual Progress Report and the Housing Element Annual Progress Report (APRs) are submitted to the State Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) every year.

OPR and HCD use the APRs to identify how local planning activities relate to statewide goals and policies. The Housing Element APR utilizes a standard template set by HCD, and outlines information regarding housing production and affordability, implementation of Housing Element programs, and local efforts to promote the development of housing. The General Plan APR expands on this information, outlining the implementation status for each General Plan element and highlighting project and permit activity overall. Included among these highlights for 2024 are:

- Pending General Plan Amendments, which would allow for additional single-family and mixed-use housing, as well as commercial and industrial development,

- Continued promotion of alternative energy resources through the formation of FPH2 and through partnership with various organizations,
- Grand opening of the Lancaster Police Department's (LPD) new headquarters, with state-of-the-art technology and space for community outreach events,
- Several LPD initiatives aimed at improving safety for residents and visitors, including the Safer Shopping Initiative,
- Groundbreaking for the Parris Center, previously called the Multi-Agency Regional Resilience Center (MARRC), in collaboration with the City of Palmdale and the Antelope Valley Fair Authority,
- Conversion of the Lancaster Municipal Stadium to a 5,300-seat soccer stadium to support men's professional and women's pre-professional soccer,
- Recognition by the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) as the 2024 Most Business-Friendly City, and
- Essential coordination with outside agencies, including Caltrans, Southern California Edison, SoCal Gas, and the City of Palmdale.

The General Plan and Housing Element APRs describe the progress of the City's ongoing efforts to implement and assess identified goals, policies, and objectives in the General Plan and Housing Element. Demonstration of ongoing compliance with State-required reporting ensures that the City maintains eligibility and competitiveness for ongoing grant funding opportunities that may help to implement these goals and policies. Therefore, staff recommends that the City Council approve the 2024 General Plan Annual Progress Report and the 2024 Housing Element Annual Progress Report.

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Attachments:

Attachment A – 2024 General Plan Annual Progress Report

Attachment B – 2024 Housing Element Annual Progress Report