

STAFF REPORT

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To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Larissa De La Cruz, Director - Community Development
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Subject: Approval of the 2022 General Plan Annual Progress Report and the 2022 Housing Element Annual Progress Report

Recommendation:

Adopt **Resolution No.** , approving the 2022 General Plan Annual Progress Report and the 2022 Housing Element Annual Progress Report.

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 2022 are:

- Pending General Plan Amendments which would allow for additional single-family and mixed-use housing,
- Progress made in the Lancaster Health District Master Plan area,
- Continued conservation and expansion of energy resources through the new Power Choice residential solar program and the planned development of numerous hydrogen facilities,

- Establishment of additional social service programs with the grand opening of the new Lancaster Community Center,
- Preparation for the adoption of the innovative Vehicle Mile Traveled (VMT) Impact Fee Mitigation Program in accordance with State law, and
- The creation and retention of local employment through the recent “Shop Local – Open Rewards” program.

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 2022 General Plan Annual Progress Report and the 2022 Housing Element Annual Progress Report.

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Attachments:

Resolution No.

Attachment A – 2022 General Plan Annual Progress Report

Attachment B – 2022 Housing Element Annual Progress Report