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City's Housing Element Gets a Nod From the State

CUPERTINO, CA – The City of Cupertino is pleased to announce that its draft housing element meets all legal requirements for State certification. The Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD) April 10, 2024, letter notified the City that the draft housing element meets the statutory requirements of State Housing Element Law (Gov. Code, § 65580 *et seq.*).

This achievement marks a significant milestone in our ongoing commitment to providing affordable housing opportunities, fostering inclusive communities, and addressing the diverse housing needs of our residents. The City will now move swiftly toward the review and adoption of the housing element and related zoning ordinance amendments by the Planning Commission and the City Council, paving the way for future housing.

The State of California requires cities to review their Housing Element every eight years to ensure that each city can effectively achieve its Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA). To meet this requirement, the City of Cupertino must plan for the development of at least 4,588 new housing units.

"State acceptance of our Housing Element is a triumph for Cupertino! More than just a letter, it signifies our commitment to our community – equitable opportunities, inclusive neighborhoods, and a future where every resident has a place to call home", said Cupertino Mayor Sheila Mohan. "Together, we've reached a milestone that reflects our collective commitment to building a stronger, more vibrant Cupertino. Let's celebrate this achievement and continue working hand-in-hand to realize our vision of a city where everyone thrives."

The three-year planning process included analysis by the City's Community Development Department, City Manager's Office, and City Attorney's Office, as well as extensive engagement with residents through townhalls, public meetings, and other outreach efforts.

HCD's letter to the City is available on the [City's website](#). The City's draft housing element is available for review at [Housing Element | Engage Cupertino](#)

Looking ahead, the City of Cupertino remains committed to implementing the strategies outlined in the Housing Element to address housing affordability, accessibility, and equity.

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