



County of Santa Cruz

HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION

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HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION 2011-12 WORK PROGRAM

I. Role of the Housing Advisory Commission

The duties of the Housing Advisory Commission are listed in Section 2.94.050 of the Santa Cruz County Code. These duties specifically include:

1. Assessing the housing needs of Santa Cruz County residents and making recommendations on public programs designed to meet those needs;
2. Advising the Board of Supervisors on housing policy;
3. Advising the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission on matters related to the Housing Element of the General Plan; and
4. Conducting public hearing on housing problems and potential solutions to them.

II. Meeting Dates, Time and Location

The Housing Advisory Commission meets at the County of Santa Cruz 4th Floor conference room located at 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz unless noted otherwise on the agenda. Meetings are held from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month, or the second Wednesday in case of a holiday. The scheduled meeting dates for 2011 are as follows:

January 12, 2011
March 2, 2011
May 5, 2011

June 1, 2011
September 7, 2011
November 2, 2011

January 11, 2012
March 7, 2012
May 2, 2012

Per Board of Supervisors, Commission meetings shall be limited to no more than 6 meetings per year.

III. Planned Activities for 2011-12

The Housing Advisory Commission plans to focus on the following areas of activity:

1. Providing input to and oversight of county housing policies, and monitoring housing programs, projects and Activities;
2. Keeping informed of any housing legislation and other housing actions related to the County of Santa Cruz;
3. Facilitating required public participation related to funding applications for housing programs and policies, as appropriate.

The Commission plans to focus on activities within each of these categories as summarized below:

1. Housing programs, projects and activities:
 - The Commission will be informed by Planning staff of planned and proposed housing projects in the County, including market-rate and affordable housing developments.
 - The Commission will be informed by Planning staff of County housing programs.
 - The Commission plans to continue to provide input on the sale and resale process for Measure J units; interested purchasers list, and marketing issues, etc.
 - The Commission will be informed by Planning staff regarding foreclosures and mortgage default issues in the County.
 - Other housing issues identified by the Commission throughout the year.
2. Housing Legislation and Information
 - The Commission plans to stay informed of new state and local housing legislation that may affect the provision of affordable housing in the County or otherwise affect local housing supply, demand and/or the development process.

- The Commission will seek information related to the creation of adequate housing for agricultural workers and their families, and for other groups with special housing needs.
- In order to remain well informed, as appropriate, the Commission may invite speakers from various housing organizations, public agencies, etc. to make presentations on current housing topics of interest. In addition the Commission plans to continue to communicate regularly with other housing groups.

3. Public Participation

- The Commission will continue to serve as a forum for public discussion of any housing issues, sponsor or conduct public hearings, as required by law, and to hear public comments related to local housing issues, needs and developments.

4. Implementation of the Housing Element and its programs.

- The Housing Element indicates that the Commission is involved in implementing certain policies and programs. The Commission will prioritize the policies and programs and focus on their implementation.

IV. Approval

The Housing Advisory Commission approved and adopted this 2011 Work Program on September 7, 2011.

Chairperson