



# County of Santa Cruz

## Housing Advisory Commission

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#### HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION 2024 and 2025 WORK PROGRAM

##### A. 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 hearings on housing problems and potential solutions to them.
5. Conduct a continuous study of housing in Santa Cruz County.

##### II. Meeting Dates, Time, and Location

The Housing Advisory Commission usually meets at the County of Santa Cruz Government Center, Coastlines Meeting Room, 701 Ocean Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 520, unless noted otherwise on the agenda. Meetings are held from 1:00 PM. to 2:30 PM on the first Wednesday of the month, or the second Wednesday in case of a holiday. The scheduled meeting dates for Calendar Years **2024 and 2025** are as follows:

#### 2024

January 10, 2024  
March 6, 2024  
May 1, 2024  
July 10, 2024  
September 11, 2024  
November 6, 2024

#### 2025

January 8, 2025  
March 5, 2025  
May 7, 2025  
July 9, 2025  
September 10, 2025  
November 5, 2025

The Board of Supervisors has directed that Commission meetings shall be limited to no more than 6 meetings per year.

### **III. Planned Activities for 2024-2025**

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

1. Providing input on county housing policies, and monitoring housing programs, projects and activities;
  - The Commission will be informed by Planning staff of planned and proposed significant 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 affordable housing units; an interested purchasers list, marketing issues and procedures, etc.
  - The Commission will be informed by Planning staff regarding foreclosures and mortgage default issues in the County.
  - The Commission will play an active role and make recommendations regarding Affordable Housing Impact Fees, Hosted Rentals, and ADU changes, which would include at least one public meeting for this purpose.
  - Other housing issues identified by the Commission throughout the year.
2. Keeping informed of any housing legislation and other housing actions related to the County of Santa Cruz;
  - 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. Facilitating required public participation related to funding applications for housing programs and policies, as appropriate.
- 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 2024-2025 Work Program on November 1, 2023.

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Sibley Simon, Chairperson

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Date