



County of Santa Cruz

HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION

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A. Duties 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, as follows:

The Commission shall advise the Board of Supervisors on housing policy; advise the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission on matters relating to the Housing Element of the General Plan, developed pursuant to Cal. Gov't Code § 65302(c) and Cal. Health & Safety Code § 50459; conduct a continuous study of housing in Santa Cruz County; and may conduct public hearings on housing problems and potential solutions. The Commission shall assess the housing needs in this County and study, prepare, review and make recommendations on public policies and/or programs designed to meet those needs. The Commission may also study, review and make recommendations on housing issues or matters.

(Prior code § 3.17.020; Ord. 2110, 1975; Ord. 3620 § 18, 1985; Ord. 5498, 9/9/2025)

B. Regular Meeting Dates, Time, and Location

Regular meetings of the Housing Advisory Commission are held in the Coastlines Meeting Room, on the 5th floor of the County Building at 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, unless noted otherwise on the meeting agenda. Regular Meetings are held from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each odd-numbered month of the year, or on the second Wednesday of the month, in case of a holiday during the first week. If a regular meeting is cancelled for any reason, or if additional meetings are needed, Special Meetings may be scheduled as allowed by County Code with notice as required by the Brown Act and County Code. The regular meeting dates for Calendar Years 2026 and 2027 are shown below. Any meetings scheduled on dates other than those shown below are considered Special Meetings.

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2026	2027
January 2026 [<i>Cancelled</i>]	January 6, 2027
March 4, 2026 [<i>Cancelled</i>] <i>Special Meeting: March 25, 2026</i>	March 3, 2027
May 6, 2026	May 5, 2027
July 8, 2026	July 14, 2027
September 16, 2026	September 15, 2027
November 4, 2026	November 3, 2027

The Board of Supervisors has directed that the Commission shall hold at least two and no more than six meetings per year.

C. Planned Activities for 2026 & 2027

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 aware of planned and proposed significant housing projects in the County, including market-rate and affordable housing developments, listed online at: <https://cdi.santacruzcountyca.gov/UPC/GetInvolved/MajorProjectApplications.aspx>
 - The Commission will be aware of County, State, and Federal housing programs, which are accessible through this Housing website: <https://cdi.santacruzcountyca.gov/Planning/Housing.aspx>
 - The Commission plans to continue to provide input on the sale and resale process for affordable housing units; interested purchasers list, marketing issues and procedures, etc..
 - The Commission will be informed by County Housing staff on significant trends related to foreclosures and mortgage defaults in the County, and may also monitor information on this topic available on various publicly available websites.
 - The Commission will play an active role and make recommendations regarding Affordable Housing Impact Fees, Hosted and Non-Hosted Rentals, and ADU programs, which would include at least one public meeting for this purpose.
 - Other housing issues identified by the Commission throughout the year, including Disaster Recovery as it relates to housing, and programs for the unhoused; such as emergency shelters.

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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 program(s):

- The 2023-2031 Housing Element indicates that the Commission is involved in implementing certain programs (e.g., Program H-3J: Modify the County's inclusionary housing requirements in SCCC Chapter 17.10¹). The Commission will prioritize this program for review and recommendations to the Board when relevant materials are made available by staff.

D. Approval

The Housing Advisory Commission approved and adopted this 2026 & 2027 Work Program on _____, 2026.

Signed by:

Reed Geisreiter, HAC Chair

Date

¹ See page 4-48 of 2023 Housing Element for full text of Program H-3J, available online at: https://cdi.santacruzcountycalifornia.gov/Portals/35/CDI/Planning/Policy/GeneralPlanTownPlans/General%20Plan%20Chapters/2023%20Housing%20Element_Final_10-16-24%20New%20Date.pdf?ver=RmuioueNcjRq2th9g6kStg%3d%3d