



County of Santa Cruz

HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION

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HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION 2009 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 Aptos-La Selva Fire Protection District's first floor conference room located at 6934 Soquel Drive, Aptos. Meetings are held from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month, or the second Wednesday in case of a holiday. The scheduled meeting dates for 2009 are as follows:

January 14, 2009	May 6, 2009	September 2, 2009
February 4, 2009	June 3, 2009	October 7, 2009
March 4, 2009	July – Summer recess	November 4, 2009
April 1, 2009	August – Summer recess	December 2, 2009
January 13, 2010		

In the past, the Commission has elected to cancel the July and/or August meetings for a Summer hiatus. Should the Commission elect to cancel the July/August meetings, notice will be given in the prior month's Agenda.

III. Planned Activities for 2009

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 adoption of 2009 Housing Element and funding applications for housing programs and policies, as appropriate;
4. Follow through on HAC's role in implementing the Housing Element and its programs.

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.
 - The Commission also plans to explore ways to encourage the construction of more multi-family housing (i.e., attached dwellings such as townhomes, apartments, four-plexes, etc.) to meet local needs.
 - 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, the Commission plans to 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, to conduct public hearings on proposed County housing legislation and plans, 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 2009 Work Program on January 14, 2009.

 16 Jan 2009
Chairperson

