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### **City of California City Committed to Meeting State Housing Element Requirements**

**CALIFORNIA CITY** – The City of California City received a notice issued by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and was mentioned in a press release from Governor Newsom regarding the status of the City’s 6th Cycle Housing Element, and would like to provide an update to the community.

The Housing Element is a required component of the City’s General Plan and outlines how California City will plan for future housing needs at all income levels, as mandated by the State. Like all jurisdictions in California, California City must identify opportunities for housing development to meet assigned regional housing needs. California City is uniquely positioned for residential growth, given that it is California’s third-largest city in geography and an incredible place to live.

The City submitted its initial Housing Element draft in 2025 and has taken a proactive approach by engaging a professional consultant to work closely with staff and HCD throughout the review process. Together, City staff and the consultant team have been actively addressing HCD’s comments, making substantial updates and revisions to ensure the Housing Element meets state requirements and reflects the community’s needs.

On October 27, 2025, HCD issued a letter finding that the draft Housing Element was substantially compliant upon adoption. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on January 6, 2026, and recommended that the City Council adopt the 2023-2031 Housing Element. On February 10, 2026, the City Council held a public hearing and considered the Housing Element. After significant public input, the City Council directed staff to address several specific items and to bring the Housing Element back for future adoption.

The Housing Element, as updated at the City Council’s direction, was posted for public review on March 17, 2026. The Housing Element is scheduled to be considered by the Planning Commission in April and, if recommended by the Commission, subsequently adopted by the City Council on May 12, 2026. California City remains committed to adopting a comprehensive Housing Element.

For more information, the updated Housing Element draft is available at the link below:  
[https://www.californiacity-ca.gov/CC/images/HE\\_31726 - Revised Draft.pdf](https://www.californiacity-ca.gov/CC/images/HE_31726_-_Revised_Draft.pdf)

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