



Housing and Homelessness Committee (HHC) Feedback Housing Element Working Group Survey

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Process Improvements and Public Engagement

- 1. Identify the usefulness of the following resources for preparing a Housing Element update.**

Topic	Ranking Scale (Not Useful, Somewhat Useful, Useful, Very Useful)
Contact list of local stakeholders and organizations	Useful
Model Ordinances	Very Useful

- 2. Identify the usefulness of the following resources for engaging local stakeholders and completing public participation requirements.**

Topic	Ranking Scale (Not Useful, Somewhat Useful, Useful, Very Useful)
Contact list of local stakeholders and organizations	Useful
Survey templates	Useful
Templates for incorporating public comments	Useful

- 3. Identify the usefulness of the following resources for supporting the public in their role to comment on and provide feedback to Housing Element updates.**

Topic	Ranking Scale (Not Useful, Somewhat Useful, Useful, Very Useful)
Draft sites inventory available in online download tool	Useful
Informational webinars for the public	Useful

Sites Inventory and Analysis

4. Identify the usefulness of the following resources for completing the required sites inventory and analysis.

Topic	Ranking Scale (Not Useful, Somewhat Useful, Useful, Very Useful)
Identify property owner interest	Useful
Local developer collaboration	Useful
Sample analyses (e.g., vacant/nonvacant sites, large/small sites, realistic capacity calculations, etc.)	Useful

Other Comments and Suggestions

What other topics or suggestions related to Housing Elements should HCD consider, including:

5. Ideas or opportunities to improve the Housing Element update and review process?

The California Behavioral Health Planning Council recommends that the Department provide targeted outreach to low-income households with disabilities, as well as to agencies and organizations that support these communities. This outreach should be designed to gather detailed information about their housing needs, accessibility requirements, and preferences, ensuring these insights inform the Housing Element update and review process.

6. Any other related comments, notes, or suggestions?

The California Behavioral Health Planning Council recommends placing greater emphasis on the development of housing that is affordable for individuals earning below 30% of Area Median Income (AMI). Many units labeled as “affordable” are not financially accessible to this population without rent subsidies. Given ongoing shortages in both tenant-based and project-based federal subsidies, housing produced for households at 50% or 60% AMI may remain underutilized due to the lack of tenants with sufficient income. Increasing the supply of housing targeted to extremely low-income households can help ensure that new development meets actual community needs and supports long-term occupancy.