



City of Sebastopol Staff Report

Meeting Date: September 28, 2021
Agenda Item: 12a
To: City Council and Planning Commission
From: Kari Svanstrom, Planning Director
Subject: Sixth cycle Housing Element Kick-off Presentation
Recommendation: Receive report and provide input to staff

BACKGROUND:

All cities in the State of California are required to maintain a General Plan and Housing Element, which is one of the required chapters of the General Plan. Unlike other components of the General Plan, which can be adopted within a flexible time frame (and generally occur every 15-20 years), Housing Elements are required to be updated 8 years (or, if a city is non-compliant with state requirements, every 4 years). The City of Sebastopol is eligible for the 8-year cycle. The City's next housing element is required to be adopted by January 1, 2023, and will cover the years 2023-2031.

In early 2021, staff issued an RFP, and selected 4LEAF consultants to assist the City in completing the required "sixth cycled" Housing Element. The consultant will be presenting an overview of the process, including housing element requirements and process, and related housing law, and requesting input from the Council, Commission, and public.

Public Comment:

No public comments have been received as of the writing of this staff report.

Recommendation:

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Attachments:

None.