



# THE CITY OF MONTEREY

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## **CITY COUNCIL SELECTS PRELIMINARY LIST OF REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION (RHNA) 'OPPORTUNITY SITES' 3,654 New Houses Required as Part of the Monterey 2031 Draft Housing Element**

Monterey, CA. – At the June 20, 2023 Monterey City Council meeting, City Council reached an important milestone by providing direction to staff regarding a preliminary list of housing sites to include in the Draft Housing Element of the General Plan Update. The State mandated 3,654 new houses for the City of Monterey over the next eight years to accommodate the projected need. Referred to as “opportunity sites”, the preliminary housing locations will facilitate the production of the City’s regional share of housing. Staff will prepare the proposed list as they continue to work on the Draft Housing Element as part of the [Monterey 2031 General Plan Update](#), along with the Land Use and Safety Elements, to respond to emerging issues and new State laws. The Draft Housing Element will continue to receive further review by the public and City Council.

City Manager Hans Uslar said, “We achieved a big step in the process at Tuesday night's Council meeting by designating locations for future housing in Monterey – an important milestone in the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).”

Resident participation throughout the yearlong process is encouraged. The [Community Survey Report](#) and the [Preliminary Sites Inventory and Key Strategies Memorandum](#) are available for review, and the *Have Your Say Monterey* engagement portal has a page at <https://haveyoursaymonterey.org/monterey2031> to help keep the public involved.

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## BACKGROUND

Since 1969, California has required that all local governments (cities and counties) adequately plan to meet the housing needs of everyone in the community. This process starts with the state determining how much housing at a variety of affordability levels is needed for each region in the state, and then regional governments developing a methodology to allocate that housing need to local governments. California's local governments then adopt housing plans (called housing elements) as part of their "general plan" (also required by the state) to show how the jurisdiction will meet local housing needs. More information is available on the State Housing and Community Development (HCD) website at <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/planning-and-community-development/regional-housing-needs-allocation>.

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