



# THE CITY OF MONTEREY

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## **DRAFT HOUSING ELEMENT COMES BEFORE CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION AT JOINT SPECIAL MEETING Tuesday, September 19, 2023, 7:00 p.m.**

Monterey, CA. – A joint special meeting with City Council and Planning Commission is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on September 19, 2023. Residents can participate either in-person or online via Zoom. City staff will provide a report that includes a summary of public comments, as well as recommended staff changes related to the [2023-2031 Draft Housing Element](#), part of the Monterey 2031 General Plan update. Staff received and reviewed a total of 77 comments encompassing over 700 pages of material during the required 30-day public comment period. Staff also received public feedback at the Community Open House held at the Monterey Conference Center on August 7, 2023, for community members to learn about the content of the Draft Housing Element. In addition, 14 listening sessions, eight in-person pop-up outreach events, neighborhood outreach, and 3 public meetings over the past nine months were held throughout the community.

Monterey is required to plan for 3,654 new houses over the next eight years to accommodate this projected need, per the State-mandated RHNA (Regional Housing Needs Assessment). The Planning Commission and City Council together will review proposed changes to the public review draft of the Housing Element in response to public comments and staff recommendations. The City Council will then consider authorizing the City Manager to send a revised Draft Housing Element to the State Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) to start the legally mandated 90-day HCD review.

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“Tuesday’s meeting is another opportunity for your voice to be heard to help us plan the future of housing for our Monterey community,” said Levi Hill, Planning Manager. “As always, community involvement is important and encouraged.”

Monterey 2031 is an important citywide project that involves updates to the Housing, Land Use, Circulation, and Safety Elements of the City of Monterey General Plan to respond to emerging issues and new State laws. The update will be a collaborative effort between the city and its residents to create a blueprint that will guide Monterey in the years to come.

*The Draft Housing Element and items for the meeting are posted at <https://isearchmonterey.org> and at <https://haveyoursaymonterey.org/monterey2031>. To participate in-person, join the meeting at the City Council Chamber, Few Memorial Hall, 580 Pacific Street in Monterey. The Zoom link is posted with the agenda Viewers can also watch the meeting at <https://youtube.com/cityofmonterey>, or on cable channel 25 via Comcast.*

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