



# City of Santa Barbara California

## NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO INITIATE A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT RELATED TO THE HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE

**THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2014  
1:00 P.M.\* (SEE NOTE BELOW)  
CITY HALL – 735 ANACAPA STREET  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**Planning Commission Public Hearing:** The Planning Commission will consider initiation of a General Plan Amendment to update the Housing Element of the City's General Plan in accordance with State Housing Element law.

Housing Elements are required to be updated at least every five years with mandatory review and certification by the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). The Housing Element Update will address the City's 2015-2023 planning period, and will be prepared in compliance with State law, including analysis of existing and projected community housing needs and identification of goals, policies and quantified objectives to meet those needs.

This update is required due to legislative changes associated with the adoption of the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) and a new 8-year planning period. Because the City's Housing Element was recently certified in 2012, substantial policy changes are not proposed. It is primarily an update of housing information as required by State law.

**Public Involvement:** You are invited to attend this hearing. Written comments are welcome and will be entered into the public record. Written information should be submitted prior to the meeting at the Planning Division Office, 630 Garden St; by mail attention Planning Commission Secretary, P.O. Box 1990, Santa Barbara, CA 93102-1990; or by email at [PCSecretary@SantaBarbaraCA.gov](mailto:PCSecretary@SantaBarbaraCA.gov), and received no later than 4:30 P.M. on the Monday before the Planning Commission hearing. Please submit 12 copies of any written materials over 2 pages. Written comments are accepted at and up to the time of the hearing; however, the Planning Commission may not have time to consider materials submitted after the Monday deadline.

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT:** In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to gain access to, comment at, or participate in this meeting, please contact the City Administrator's Office at (805) 564-5305. If possible, notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements in most cases.

\* **NOTE:** On Thursday, May 1, 2014, an Agenda with all items to be heard on Thursday, May 8, 2014, will be available at 630 Garden Street. Copies of all documents relating to agenda items will also be available for review at 630 Garden St. and posted online at <http://www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/PC> on Thursday, May 1, 2014. Please note that online Staff Reports may not include some exhibits. Agenda items are subject to change. It is recommended that applicants and interested parties plan to arrive for the meeting at 1:00 p.m. However, for longer agendas, all parties are encouraged to monitor Channel 18 and when the item prior to the application of interest begins come to the Commission hearing. Continuances will not be granted unless there are exceptional circumstances.

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