



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** March 30, 2021

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Planning Division, Community Development Department

**SUBJECT:** 2020 General Plan Annual Progress Report

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council receive the 2020 General Plan Annual Progress Report.

**DISCUSSION:**

Recent amendments to State law (Senate Bill 1333) require the City to submit a General Plan Annual Progress Report to the State Office of Planning and Research and Housing and Community Development by April 1 of each year. The attached report provides an overview of the City's General Plan implementation in calendar year 2020 and compares it to State guidance and the General Plan's Vision of a Sustainable Santa Barbara.

The City previously reported on General Plan implementation through the annual General Plan Implementation and Adaptive Management Program Report, which included in-depth analysis of specific discussion topics such as growth management and greenhouse gas emissions; priority work item recommendations; a report on the implementation status of the 2011 General Plan Program Environmental Impact Report mitigation measures (Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program); and a report on the implementation status of the 2012 Climate Action Plan strategies.

This new General Plan Annual Progress Report (Report) replaces the General Plan Implementation and Adaptive Management Plan Report due to redundancy and, in compliance with state guidelines, includes broader reporting on calendar year actions that implement the entire General Plan. Implementation priorities and course corrections (formerly the "Adaptive Management" component of the report) will be discussed with the Planning Division workload as part of the Community Development Department budget, and with the Planning Commission as needed.

Specific topics in the Report include:

- Compliance with the State Office of Planning and Research's 2017 General Plan Guidelines
- Housing Element Annual Progress Report Summary
- 2020 General Plan Implementation Projects and Zoning Ordinance Amendments
- Coordination with Other Agencies
- 2011 General Plan Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program Status

The Report also provides certain housing information required by the state, including: the City's progress in meeting its share of regional housing needs (i.e., applications, entitlements, permits, and certificates of occupancy), certain rezonings, actions taken toward completion of Housing Element programs, and local efforts to remove governmental constraints to the development of housing.

At the April 13, 2021, City Council hearing, Planning staff, and Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) staff will report on housing production during the current Housing Element cycle and update City Council on the pending Regional Housing Needs Allocation distribution and methodology for the upcoming Housing Element cycle (covering 2023 to 2031).

**ATTACHMENT:** 2020 General Plan Annual Progress Report

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