



Community Development Department

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
PLANNING COMMISSION

7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 4, 2014
El Cerrito City Hall
Council Chambers
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

This Meeting Place Is Wheelchair Accessible

Roll Call - Chair: Andrea Lucas; Commissioners: Carla Hansen, Michael Iswalt, Bill Kuhlman, Lisa Motoyama and Tim Pine.

1. Comments from the Public

Baker Lyon of Resources for Community Development addressed the Commission regarding the Ohlone Gardens project.

2. Commissioner Communication/Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Commissioner Iswalt disclosed that his spouse submitted a comment letter regarding the Housing Element.

3. Study Session - Draft 2015-2023 Housing Element Update

Applicant: City of El Cerrito, Community Development Department

Location: Citywide

Request: A Planning Commission study session of the Draft 2015-2023 Housing Element.

Housing Program Manager, Hilde Myall presented the staff report and answered questions from the Commission.

The following members of the public addressed the Commission:

BJ Thorsnes, 608 Everett St

Woody Karp, Eden Housing

Anne Hersch, 5611 MacDonald Ave

Tom Panas, 7345 Fairmount Ave

Nick Arzio, 10026 San Pablo Ave

Jeffrey Levin, 1504 Lexington Ave, East Bay Housing Organizations

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Howdy Goudey, 635 Elm St
Baker Lyon, Resources for Community Development
Nick Galloro, 646 Lexington Ave

The Commission gave staff input on the Draft Housing Element. The Commission suggested that City staff evaluate the possibility of changing the parking requirement for accessory living units and of implementing voluntary residential design guidelines.

Motion to recommend that the City Council authorize submittal of the Draft Housing Element to the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for State-level review as required per Government Code Section 65300: Kuhlman, 2nd: Pine.

Vote:

Ayes: Hansen, Iswalt, Kuhlman, Lucas, Motoyama, Pine

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. Staff Communications

Staff announced that the Planning Commission will present their annual work plan to the City Council on February 3. Staff updated the Commission regarding changes on the City Council and upcoming agenda items.

5. Adjournment

9:38 p.m.