

Prohousing Designation Program Application



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Prohousing Designation Program Application Package Instructions

The applicant is applying for a Prohousing Designation under the Prohousing Designation Program (“**Prohousing**” or “**Program**”), which is administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development (“**Department**”) pursuant to Government Code section 65589.9.

The Program creates incentives for Jurisdictions that are compliant with State Housing Element Law and that have enacted Prohousing Policies. These incentives will take the form of additional points or other preference in the scoring of applications for competitive housing and infrastructure programs. The administrators of each such program will determine the value and form of the preference.

In order to be considered for a Prohousing Designation, the applicant must accurately complete all sections of this application, including any relevant appendices. The Department reserves the right to request additional clarifying information from the applicant.

This application is subject to Government Code section 65589.9 and to the regulations (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 25, § 6600 et seq.) adopted by the Department in promulgation thereof (“**Regulations**”). All capitalized terms in this application shall have the meanings set forth in the Regulations.

All applicants must submit a complete, signed application package to the Department, in electronic format, in order to be considered for a Prohousing Designation. Please direct electronic copies of the completed application package to the following email address: ProhousingPolicies@hcd.ca.gov.

A complete application will include all items identified in the Application Checklist.

In relation to **Appendix 1**, the Formal Resolution for the Prohousing Designation Program, please use ~~striketrough~~ and underline if proposing any modifications to the text of the Resolution. Please be aware, any sustentative deviations from the Formal Resolution may result in an incomplete application and will likely be subject to additional internal review and potential delays.

Appendix 2, the Proposed Policy Completion Schedule, applies only if an application includes proposed policies.

Appendix 3, Self-Scoring Sheet and Sample Self-Scoring Sheet, includes a blank template to be completed by the applicant as part of the application, as well as a Sample Self-Scoring Sheet with an example of how this template may be completed.

Appendix 4 lists examples of Prohousing Policies with enhancement factors to aid applicants in understanding how enhancement factors may be applied.

Appendix 5 provides a sample template to assist applicants with confirming the treatment of homeless encampments within the jurisdiction is consistent with USICH's "7 Principles for Addressing Encampments."

Appendix 6 provides a checklist to confirm that a Diligent Public Participation Process was conducted.

Appendix 7 is where the applicant will include any additional information and supporting documentation for the application.

If you have questions regarding this application or the Program, or if you require technical assistance in preparing this application, please email ProhousingPolicies@hcd.ca.gov.

Application Checklist

	Yes	No
Application Information	☐	☐
Certification and Acknowledgement	☐	☐
The Legislative Information form is completed.	☐	☐
The Threshold Requirements Checklist is completed.	☐	☐
A duly adopted and certified Formal Resolution for the Prohousing Designation Program is included in the application package. (See Appendix 1 for the Formal Resolution for the Prohousing Designation Program form.)	☐	☐
If applicable, the Proposed Policy Completion Schedule is completed. (See Appendix 2 .)	☐	☐
The Self-Scoring Sheet is completed. (See Appendix 3 for the Self-Scoring Sheet and the Sample Self-Scoring Sheet.)	☐	☐
One-page summary describing consistency with the 7 Principles for Addressing Encampments is completed. (See Appendix 5 for a template to assist.)	☐	☐
The checklist confirming that a Diligent Public Participation process was conducted. (See Appendix 6 for the template.)	☐	☐
Additional information and supporting documentation (Applicant to provide as Appendix 7 .)	☐	☐

Application Information

Applicant (Jurisdiction):	Riverside County
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Total Self-Score (Based on Appendix 3):	

CERTIFICATION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

As authorized by the Formal Resolution for the Prohousing Designation Program (Resolution No. 2026-018), which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as if set forth in full, I hereby submit this full and complete application on behalf of the applicant.

I certify that all information and representations set forth in this application are true and correct.

I further certify that any proposed Prohousing Policy identified herein will be enacted within two (2) years of the date of this application submittal.

I acknowledge that this application constitutes a public record under the California Public Records Act (Gov. Code, § 6250 et seq.) and is therefore subject to public disclosure by the Department.

Signature: _____

Name and Title: _____

Date: _____

Legislative Information

District	Number	Legislators Name(s)
State Assembly District	58	Leticia Castillo
	36	Jeff Gonzalez
	60	Corey A. Jackson
	63	Natasha Johnson
	71	Kate Sanchez
	47	Greg Wallis
State Senate District	31	Sabrina Cervantes
	19	Rosilicie Oacha Bogh
	18	Steve Padilla
	32	Kelly Seyarto

Applicants can find their respective State Senate representatives at <https://www.senate.ca.gov/>, and their respective State Assembly representatives at <https://www.assembly.ca.gov/>

Threshold Requirements Checklist

The applicant meets the following threshold requirements in accordance with Section 6604 of the Regulations:

	Yes	No
The applicant is a Jurisdiction.	☒	☐
The applicant has adopted a Compliant Housing Element.	☒	☐
The applicant has submitted or will submit a legally sufficient Annual Progress Report prior to designation.	☒	☐
The applicant has completed or agrees to complete, on or before the relevant statutory deadlines, any rezone program or zoning that is necessary to remain in compliance with Government Code sections 65583, subdivision (c)(1), and 65584.09, subdivision (a), and with California Coastal Commission certification where appropriate.	☒	☐
The applicant is in compliance, at the time of the application, with applicable state housing law, including, but not limited to those included in Government Code section 65585, subdivision (j); laws relating to the imposition of school facilities fees or other requirements (Gov. Code, § 65995 et seq.); Least Cost Zoning Law (Gov. Code, § 65913.1); Permit Streamlining Act (Gov. Code, § 65920 et seq.); and provisions relating to timeliness of CEQA processing by local governments in Public Resources Code sections 21080.1, 21080.2, and 21151.5(a).	☒	☐
The applicant further acknowledges and confirms that its treatment of homeless encampments on public property complies with and will continue to comply with the constitutional rights of persons experiencing homelessness and that it has submitted a one-page summary to the Department demonstrating how the applicant has enacted best practices in their jurisdiction related to the treatment of unhoused individuals camping on public property, consistent with United States Interagency Council on Homelessness' "7 Principles for Addressing Encampments," (June 17, 2022 update), hereby incorporated by reference.	☒	☐
The applicant has duly adopted and certified, by the applicant's governing body, a Formal Resolution for the Prohousing Designation Program, which is hereby incorporated by reference. (A true and correct copy of the resolution is included in this application package.)	☒	☐

Scoring Criteria
Category 1: Favorable Zoning and Land Use

Category	Prohousing Policy Description	Points
1A	Sufficient sites, including rezoning, to accommodate 150 percent or greater of the current or draft RHNA, whichever is greater, by total and income category. These additional sites must be identified in the Jurisdiction's housing element adequate sites inventory, consistent with Government Code section 65583, subdivisions (a)(3) and (c)(1).	3
1B	Permitting missing middle housing uses (e.g., duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes) by right in existing low-density, single-family residential zones in a manner that exceeds the requirements of SB 9 (Chapter 162, Statutes of 2021, Gov. Code, §§ 65852.21, 66411.7).	3
1C	Sufficient sites, including rezoning, to accommodate 125 to 149 percent of the current or draft RHNA, whichever is greater, by total and income category. These points shall not be awarded if the applicant earns three points pursuant to Category (1)(A) above. These additional sites must be identified in the Jurisdiction's housing element adequate sites inventory, consistent with Government Code section 65583, subdivisions (a)(3) and (c)(1).	2
1D	Density bonus programs that allow additional density for additional affordability beyond minimum statutory requirements (Gov. Code, § 65915 et seq.).	2
1E	Increasing allowable density in low-density, single-family residential areas beyond the requirements of state Accessory Dwelling Unit Law, (Gov. Code, §§ 65852.2, 65852.22) (e.g., permitting more than one converted ADU; one detached, new construction ADU; and one JADU per single-family lot), and in a manner that exceeds the requirements of SB 9 (Chapter 192, Statutes of 2021, Gov. Code, §§ 65852.21, 66411.7). These policies shall be separate from any qualifying policies under Category (1)(B).	2
1F	Eliminating minimum parking requirements for residential development as authorized by Government Code section 65852.2; adopting vehicular parking ratios that are less than the relevant ratio thresholds at subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of Gov. Code section 65915, subdivision (p)(1); or adopting maximum parking requirements at or less than ratios pursuant to Gov. Code section 65915, subdivision (p).	2
1G	Zoning or incentives that are designed to increase affordable housing development in a range of types, including, but not limited to, large family units, Supportive Housing, housing for transition age foster youth, and deep affordability targeted for Extremely Low-Income Households in all parts of the Jurisdiction, with at least some of the zoning, other land use designation methods, or incentives being designed to increase affordable housing development in higher resource areas shown in the TCAC/HCD Opportunity Map, and with the Jurisdiction having confirmed that it considered and addressed potential environmental justice issues in adopting and implementing	2

	this policy, especially in areas with existing industrial and polluting uses.	
1H	Zoning or other land use designation methods to allow for residential or mixed uses in one or more non-residential zones (e.g., commercial, light industrial). Qualifying non-residential zones do not include open space or substantially similar zones.	1
1I	Modification of development standards and other applicable zoning provisions or land use designation methods to promote greater development intensity. Potential areas of focus include floor area ratio, height limits, minimum lot or unit sizes, setbacks, and allowable dwelling units per acre. These policies must be separate from any qualifying policies under Category (1)(B) above.	1
1J	Establishment of a Workforce Housing Opportunity Zone, as defined in Government Code section 65620, or a Housing Sustainability District, as defined in Government Code section 66200.	1
1K	Establishment of an inclusionary housing program requiring new developments to include housing affordable to and reserved for low- and very low-income households, consistent with the requirements of AB 1505 (Chapter 376, Statutes of 2017, Gov. Code, § 65850.01).	1
1L	Other zoning and land use actions not described in Categories (A)-(K) of this section that measurably support the Acceleration of Housing Production.	1

Scoring Criteria
Category 2: Acceleration of Housing Production Timeframes

Category	Prohousing Policy Description	Points
2A	Establishment of ministerial approval processes for multiple housing types, including, for example, single-family, multifamily and mixed-use housing.	3
2B	Acceleration of Housing Production through the establishment of streamlined, program-level CEQA analysis and certification of general plans, community plans, specific plans with accompanying Environmental Impact Reports (EIR), and related documents.	2
2C	Documented practice of streamlining housing development at the project level, such as by enabling a by-right approval process or by utilizing statutory and categorical exemptions as authorized by applicable law, (e.g., Pub. Resources Code, §§ 21155.1, 21155.4, 21159.24, 21159.25; Gov. Code, § 65457; Cal Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15303, 15332; Pub. Resources Code, §§ 21094.5, 21099, 21155.2, 21159.28).	2
2D	Establishment of permitting processes that take less than four months to complete. Policies under this category must address all approvals necessary to issue building permits.	2
2E	Absence or elimination of public hearings for projects consistent with zoning and the general plan.	2
2F	Priority permit processing or reduced plan check times for homes affordable to Lower-Income Households.	2
2G	Establishment of consolidated or streamlined permit processes that minimize the levels of review and approval required for projects, and that are consistent with zoning regulations and the general plan.	1
2H	Absence, elimination, or replacement of subjective development and design standards with objective development and design standards that simplify zoning clearance and improve approval certainty and timing.	1
2I	Establishment of one-stop-shop permitting processes or a single point of contact where entitlements are coordinated across city approval functions (e.g., planning, public works, building) from entitlement application to certificate of occupancy.	1
2J	Priority permit processing or reduced plan check times for ADUs/JADUs or multifamily housing.	1
2K	Establishment of a standardized application form for all entitlement applications.	1
2L	Documented practice of publicly posting status updates on project permit approvals on the internet.	1
2M	Limitation on the total number of hearings for any project to three or fewer. Applicants that accrue points pursuant to category (2)(E) are not eligible for points under this category.	1
2N	Other policies not described in Categories (2)(A)-(M) of this section that quantifiably decrease production timeframes or promote the streamlining of approval processes.	1

Scoring Criteria
Category 3: Reduction of Construction and Development Costs

Category	Prohousing Policy Description	Points
3A	Waiver or significant reduction of development impact fees for residential development with units affordable to Lower-Income Households. This provision does not include fees associated with the provision of housing affordable to Lower-Income Households (e.g., inclusionary in lieu fees, affordable housing impact fees, and commercial linkage fees).	3
3B	Adoption of policies that result in less restrictive requirements than Government Code sections 65852.2 and 65852.22 to reduce barriers for property owners to create ADUs/JADUs. Examples of qualifying policies include, but are not limited to, development standards improvements, permit processing improvements, dedicated ADU/JADU staff, technical assistance programs, and pre-approved ADU/JADU design packages.	2
3C	Adoption of other fee reduction strategies separate from Category (3)(A), including fee deferrals and reduced fees for housing for persons with special needs. This provision does not include fees associated with the provision of housing affordable to Lower-Income Households (e.g., inclusionary in lieu fees, affordable impact fees and commercial linkage fees).	1
3D	Accelerating innovative housing production through innovative housing types (e.g., manufactured homes, recreational vehicles, park models, community ownership, and other forms of social housing) that reduce development costs.	1
3E	Measures that reduce costs for transportation-related infrastructure or programs that encourage active modes of transportation or other alternatives to automobiles. Qualifying policies include, but are not limited to, publicly funded programs to expand sidewalks or protect bike/micro-mobility lanes, creation of on-street parking for bikes, transit-related improvements, or establishment of carshare programs.	1
3F	Adoption of universal design ordinances pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 17959.	1
3G	Establishment of pre-approved or prototype plans for missing middle housing types (e.g., duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes) in low-density, single-family residential areas.	1
3H	Adoption of ordinances that reduce barriers, beyond existing law, for the development of housing affordable to Lower-Income Households.	1
3I	Other policies not described in Categories (3)(A)-(H) of this section that quantifiably reduce construction or development costs.	1

Scoring Criteria
Category 4: Providing Financial Subsidies

Category	Prohousing Policy Description	Points
4A	Establishment of a housing fund or contribution of funds towards affordable housing through proceeds from approved ballot measures.	2
4B	Establishment of local housing trust funds or collaboration on a regional housing trust fund, which include the Jurisdiction's own funding contributions. The Jurisdiction must contribute to the local or regional housing trust fund regularly and significantly. For the purposes of this Category, "regularly" shall be defined as at least annually, and "significant" contributions shall be determined based on the impact the contributions have in accelerating the production of affordable housing.	2
4C	Demonstration of regular use or planned regular use of funding (e.g., federal, state, or local) for preserving assisted units at-risk of conversion to market rate uses and conversion of market rate uses to units with affordability restrictions (e.g., acquisition/rehabilitation). For the purposes of this category, "regular use" can be demonstrated through the number of units preserved annually by utilizing this funding source.	2
4D	Provide grants or low-interest loans for ADU/JADU construction affordable to Lower- and Moderate-Income Households.	2
4E	A comprehensive program that complies with the Surplus Land Act (Gov. Code, § 54220 et seq.) and that makes publicly owned land available for affordable housing, or for multifamily housing projects with the highest feasible percentage of units affordable to Lower Income Households. A qualifying program may utilize mechanisms such as land donations, land sales with significant write-downs, or below-market land leases.	2
4F	Establishment of an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District or similar local financing tool that, to the extent feasible, directly supports housing developments in an area where at least 20 percent of the residences will be affordable to Lower-Income Households.	2
4G	Prioritization of local general funds to accelerate the production of housing affordable to Lower-Income Households.	2
4H	Directed residual redevelopment funds to accelerate the production of affordable housing.	1
4I	Development and regular (at least biennial) use of a housing subsidy pool, local or regional trust fund, or other similar funding source sufficient to facilitate and support the development of housing affordable to Lower-Income Households.	1

4J	Prioritization of local general funds for affordable housing. This point shall not be awarded if the applicant earns two points pursuant to Category (4)(G).	1
4K	Providing operating subsidies for permanent Supportive Housing.	1
4L	Providing subsidies for housing affordable to Extremely Low-Income Households.	1
4M	Other policies not described in Categories (4)(A)-(L) of this section that quantifiably promote, develop, or leverage financial resources for housing affordable to Lower-Income Households.	1

Scoring Criteria Enhancement Factors

The Department shall utilize enhancement factors to increase the point scores of Prohousing Policies. An individual Prohousing Policy may not use more than one enhancement factor. Each Prohousing Policy will receive extra points for enhancement factors in accordance with the chart below.

Category	Prohousing Policy Description	Points
1	The policy represents one element of a unified, multi-faceted strategy to promote multiple planning objectives, such as efficient land use, access to public transportation, housing affordable to Lower-Income Households, climate change solutions, and/or hazard mitigation.	2
2	Policies that promote development consistent with the state planning priorities pursuant to Government Code section 65041.1.	1
3	Policies that diversify planning and target community and economic development investments (housing and non-housing) toward place-based strategies for community revitalization and equitable quality of life in lower opportunity areas. Such areas include, but are not limited to, Low Resource and High Segregation & Poverty areas designated in the most recently updated TCAC/HCD Opportunity Maps, and disadvantaged communities pursuant to Health and Safety Code sections 39711 and 39715 (California Senate Bill 535 (2012)).	1
4	Policies that go beyond state law requirements in reducing displacement of Lower-Income Households and conserving existing housing stock that is affordable to Lower-Income Households.	1
5	Rezoning and other policies that support intensification of residential development in Location Efficient Communities.	1
6	Rezoning and other policies that result in a net gain of housing capacity while concurrently mitigating development impacts on or from Environmentally Sensitive or Hazardous Areas.	1
7	Zoning policies, including inclusionary housing policies, that increase housing choices and affordability, particularly for Lower-Income Households, in High Resource and Highest Resource areas, as designated in the most recently updated TCAC/HCD Opportunity Maps.	1
8	Other policies that involve meaningful actions towards Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing outside of those required pursuant to Government Code sections 65583, subdivision (c)(10), and 8899.50, including, but not limited to, outreach campaigns, updated zoning codes, and expanded access to financing support.	1

Self-Scoring Sheet Instructions

The Department shall validate applicants' scores based on the extent to which each identified Prohousing Policy contributes to the Acceleration of Housing Production. The Department shall assess applicants' Prohousing Policies in accordance with statutory requirements and the Regulations.

The Department shall further assess applicants' Prohousing Policies using the following four scoring categories: Favorable Zoning and Land Use, Acceleration of Housing Production Timeframes, Reduction of Construction and Development Costs, and Providing Financial Subsidies. Applicants shall demonstrate that they have enacted or proposed at least one policy that significantly contributes to the Acceleration of Housing Production in each of the four categories. A Prohousing Designation requires a total score of 30 points or more across all four categories.

Instructions

Please utilize one row of the Self-Scoring Sheet for each Prohousing Policy.

- **Category Number:** Select the relevant category number from the relevant Scoring Criteria list in this application. Where appropriate, applicants may utilize a category number more than once.
- **Concise Written Description of Prohousing Policy:** Set forth a brief description of the enacted or proposed Prohousing Policy.
- **Enacted or Proposed:** Identify the Prohousing Policy as enacted or proposed. For proposed Prohousing Policies, please complete **Appendix 2: Proposed Policy Completion Schedule**.
- **Documentation Type:** For enacted Prohousing Policies, identify the relevant documentary evidence (e.g., resolution, zoning code provisions). For proposed Prohousing Policies, identify the documentation which shows that implementation of the policy is pending.
- **Web Links/Electronic Copies:** Insert the Web link(s) to the relevant documentation or indicate that electronic copies of the documentation have been attached to this application as **Appendix 7**.
- **Points:** Enter the appropriate number of points using the relevant Scoring Criteria list in this application.
- **Enhancement Category Number (optional):** If utilizing an enhancement factor for a particular Prohousing Policy, enter the appropriate category number using the relevant Scoring Criteria list in this application.
- **Enhancement Points (optional):** If utilizing an enhancement factor for a particular Prohousing Policy, enter the point(s) for that Prohousing Policy.
- **Total Points:** Add the enhancement point(s) to the Prohousing Policy's general point score.

Appendix 1: Formal Resolution for the Prohousing Designation Program

Formal Resolution for the PROHOUSING Designation Program

RESOLUTION NO. [INSERT RESOLUTION NUMBER]

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF [INSERT THE NAME OF THE CITY OR COUNTY] AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO AND PARTICIPATION IN THE PROHOUSING DESIGNATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Government Code section 65589.9 established the Prohousing Designation Program (“Program”), which creates incentives for jurisdictions that are compliant with state housing element requirements and that have enacted Prohousing local policies; and

WHEREAS, such jurisdictions will be designated Prohousing, and, as such, will receive additional points or other preference during the scoring of their competitive Applications for specified housing and infrastructure funding; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (“Department”) has adopted regulations (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 25, § 6600 et seq.) to implement the Program (“**Program Regulations**”), as authorized by Government Code section 65589.9, subdivision (d); and

WHEREAS, the **[INSERT THE NAME OF THE CITY OR COUNTY]** (“Applicant”) desires to submit an Application for a Prohousing Designation (“Application”).

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT:

1. Applicant is hereby authorized and directed to submit an Application to the Department.
2. Applicant acknowledges and confirms that it is currently in compliance with applicable state housing law.
3. Applicant acknowledges and confirms that it will continue to comply with applicable housing laws and to refrain from enacting laws, developing policies, or taking other local governmental actions that may or do inhibit or constrain housing production. Examples of such local laws, policies, and actions include moratoriums on development; local voter approval requirements related to housing production; downzoning; and unduly restrictive or onerous zoning regulations, development standards, or permit procedures. Applicant further acknowledges and confirms that the Prohousing Policies in its Application comply with its duty to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing pursuant to Government Code sections 8899.50 and 65583. Applicant further acknowledges and confirms that its general plan is in alignment with an adopted sustainable communities strategy pursuant to Public Resources Code sections 21155-21155.4. Applicant further acknowledges and confirms that its policies for the treatment of homeless encampments on public property comply do and will continue to comply with the Constitution and that it has enacted best practices in its jurisdiction

that are consistent with the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness' "7 Principles for Addressing Encampments" (June 17, 2022, update).

4. If the Application is approved, Applicant is hereby authorized and directed to enter into, execute, and deliver all documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to participate in the Program, and all amendments thereto (the "Program Documents").
5. Applicant acknowledges and agrees that it shall be subject to the Application, the terms and conditions specified in the Program Documents, the Program Regulations, and any and all other applicable law.

6. **[INSERT THE TITLE OF THE APPLICANT'S AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY]** is authorized to execute and deliver the Application and the Program Documents on behalf of the Applicant for participation in the Program.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this day of _____, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: [Insert #] NOES: [Insert #] ABSENT: [Insert #] ABSTAIN: [Insert #]

The undersigned, [INSERT NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNATORY] of Applicant, does hereby attest and certify that the foregoing is a true and full copy of a resolution of the Applicant's governing body adopted at a duly convened meeting on the date above-mentioned, and that the resolution has not been altered, amended, or repealed.

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

NAME:

TITLE:

Appendix 2: Proposed Policy Completion Schedule

Category Number	Concise Written Description of Proposed Policy	Key Milestones and Milestone Dates	Anticipated Completion Date	Notes
1C	Update the Housing Element Adequate Sites Inventory to identify sufficient sites to accommodate 125 to 149 percent of the RHNA by total and income category, including identification of additional residential and mixed-use sites and rezoning, where necessary. As part of the inventory update, evaluate additional housing capacity created through adopted and ongoing Community Plan and General Plan Amendment efforts, where appropriate, along with other residential and mixed-use opportunities.	Fall 2026: Review remaining RHNA and Adequate Sites Inventory capacity by income category; identify additional capacity needed. Winter 2026/27: Identify additional residential and mixed-use sites and determine necessary Housing Element, General Plan, and zoning amendments. Spring 2027: Prepare amendments and complete applicable environmental review, including use of available CEQA exemptions where applicable. Summer 2027: Complete public review and outreach; Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors consideration.	Summer 2027	The inventory update will also support the County's ongoing compliance with Government Code section 65863 (No Net Loss) as Housing Element sites develop at different affordability levels than anticipated. Where rezoning is required to implement the Housing Element, the County will evaluate available CEQA exemptions to streamline implementation. Public outreach will include information on the existing sites inventory, identified capacity needs, proposed additional sites, and opportunities for public input.
1D	Develop a local Affordable Housing Incentive Program that provides additional density and development incentives for projects that provide affordability beyond the minimum requirements of State Density Bonus Law.	Fall 2026 – Spring 2027: Evaluate enhanced density bonus options, affordability thresholds, development incentives, and program feasibility. Spring – Fall 2027: Conduct developer, affordable housing provider, and community outreach; prepare program recommendations. Winter – Spring 2028: Prepare amendments to Ordinance No. 348.	Summer 2028	Develop the program as part of the County's broader affordable housing strategy. Amend Ordinance No. 348, Section 18.54 (Density Bonus), to provide additional density for projects that exceed State affordability requirements. Evaluate additional incentives, including concessions, development standard flexibility, expedited processing, parking reductions, and fee reductions or deferrals, where feasible. Coordinate the program with the proposed Inclusionary Housing Program so projects that provide affordability beyond applicable requirements may qualify for additional

		Spring – Summer 2028: Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors consideration.		local incentives. Prepare applicant guidance, fact sheets, FAQs, and public outreach materials.
1E	Update Ordinance No. 348 to expand housing opportunities in single-family and rural residential areas through Additional Residential Accommodations, including locally established housing types that provide residential options beyond State ADU and SB 9 requirements.	July 8, 2026: Planning Commission recommendation. September 1, 2026: Board of Supervisors consideration. Fall 2026: Ordinance implementation and updated ARA application/workbook materials.	Fall 2026	Implements Housing Element Programs H-9 (Accessory Dwelling Units) and H-10 (Innovative Housing Options). The ordinance retains County-specific housing options, including Second Units and Ranchets; allows up to four Ranchet units on qualifying Eastern Coachella Valley properties; increases maximum ADU and Second Unit sizes; incorporates SB 9; and establishes ministerial review procedures for Additional Residential Accommodations.
1F	Develop residential parking reduction guidelines to expand the use of existing parking flexibility under Ordinance No. 348 and provide objective criteria for reducing parking requirements for housing projects, consistent with applicable State housing laws.	Fall 2026: Review existing residential parking standards and State parking requirements and identify opportunities for additional reductions. Winter 2026/27: Prepare draft residential parking reduction guidelines and proposed amendments to Ordinance No. 348, as needed. Spring 2027: Public and stakeholder outreach. Summer 2027: Finalize guidelines and any necessary Ordinance No. 348 amendments.	Summer 2027	Build on the existing Special Review of Parking provisions in Ordinance No. 348, Section 18.12(h), by establishing objective criteria for residential parking reductions and removing the requirement to demonstrate “unusual conditions,” as appropriate. The guidelines will identify parking reductions available under State law, including Density Bonus Law, ADU law, and applicable transit-related parking requirements. Include the parking provisions as part of a broader Ordinance No. 348 Housing Element implementation update addressing reasonable accommodation, mobilehome park regulations, residential care facilities, and other identified housing constraints. Prepare applicant guidance and outreach materials describing available parking reductions and the review process.
1H	Evaluate and amend appropriate non-residential zones to allow residential, mixed-use, and adaptive reuse opportunities, including the conversion of underutilized commercial buildings to housing.	Winter–Summer 2027: Identify appropriate non-residential zones and evaluate opportunities for residential, mixed-use, and adaptive reuse.	Summer 2028	Evaluate opportunities to allow residential, mixed-use, and adaptive reuse in appropriate commercial and other non-residential zones, building on adopted and ongoing Community Plan efforts. Identify locations where residential uses can be

		Summer–Fall 2027: Evaluate infrastructure, compatibility, development constraints, and objective development standards. Winter–Spring 2028: Prepare zoning options and draft Ordinance No. 348 amendments. Spring–Summer 2028: Conduct public and stakeholder outreach and refine proposed amendments. Summer 2028: Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors consideration.		supported by existing or planned infrastructure and are compatible with surrounding uses. Develop objective standards and targeted amendments to Ordinance No. 348 for selected zones. Promote applicable State laws that provide ministerial or streamlined housing approval pathways in commercial and non-residential areas and prepare applicant guidance describing available options. Coordinate with available State and federal adaptive reuse programs, including applicable RESIDE Act provisions, and prepare public outreach materials.
1I	Expanded the Highest Density Residential (HHDR) density range to allow residential development at densities of 14 to 60 dwelling units per acre, increasing housing capacity and providing greater flexibility for higher-density residential development.	Enacted	Completed	The expanded HHDR density range provides greater flexibility for multifamily housing and allows development at densities up to 60 dwelling units per acre. Update and publish the SMF Workbook to reflect the expanded density range, include maps identifying MU and HHDR areas, and provide guidance on the applicable ministerial review process. Incorporate the maps and SMF information into Housing Element and Prohousing outreach materials to improve public and applicant awareness of available housing development opportunities.
1K	Develop an Inclusionary Housing Program requiring applicable residential development to provide housing affordable to low- and very low-income households, with incentives and alternative compliance options to support housing production and project feasibility.	Fall 2026 – Spring 2027: Evaluate program options, development feasibility, applicability, exemptions, incentives, and alternative compliance methods. Spring – Fall 2027: Developer, affordable housing provider,	Summer 2028	Develop an Inclusionary Housing Program that balances affordable housing production with development feasibility. Evaluate affordability requirements, project-size thresholds, incentives, alternative compliance options, and appropriate exemptions. Coordinate with the Enhanced Density Bonus/Affordable Housing Incentive Program so inclusionary requirements and available

		community, and stakeholder outreach. Winter – Spring 2028: Prepare program and draft ordinance. Spring – Summer 2028: Public review and Planning Commission consideration. Summer 2028: Board of Supervisors consideration.		incentives work together to support housing production. Prepare applicant guidance and public outreach materials explaining the proposed program, available incentives, and compliance options.
2A	Provide County-established ministerial review processes for a range of housing types, including qualifying multifamily development through the Streamlined Ministerial Framework (SMF), Additional Residential Accommodations, and qualifying Agricultural Employee Housing.	Existing: Streamlined Ministerial Framework implemented for qualifying multifamily housing. September 2026: Board consideration of updated Additional Residential Accommodations ordinance. Fall 2026: Update and publish SMF and ARA workbooks, applications, and applicant guidance. 2027: Ongoing implementation, monitoring, and updates to reflect changes in State housing law.	Fall 2026	The County uses ministerial review processes to facilitate a range of housing types, including qualifying multifamily housing, ADUs and other Additional Residential Accommodations, and Agricultural Employee Housing. Update and publish the SMF and ARA workbooks and application materials to provide current eligibility requirements, development standards, processing procedures, and maps identifying MU and HHDR areas. Maintain applicant guidance for Agricultural Employee Housing and promote available ministerial housing pathways through the Housing Element and Prohousing webpages.
2B	Use program-level environmental review for community plans, General Plan amendments, rezoning programs, and other area planning efforts to facilitate subsequent housing development and reduce duplicative project-level environmental review.	2026: Continue implementation of the adopted Highway 74 and Lakeland Village Community Plans and associated environmental review. Spring 2027: Complete the Cabazon and Winchester General Plan Amendment/Community Plan efforts and associated environmental review. Summer 2027: Prepare guidance identifying available CEQA streamlining	Summer 2027	Build on completed and ongoing Community Plan efforts, including Highway 74, Lakeland Village, Winchester, and Cabazon, and their associated program-level environmental review. Identify opportunities for subsequent housing development to use prior environmental analysis, tiering, CEQA Guidelines Section 15183, and applicable statutory or categorical exemptions. Where comprehensive rezoning is not immediately feasible, provide guidance on applicable State housing laws, including Housing Accountability Act provisions that may

		pathways for subsequent housing development within Community Plan areas.		allow qualifying housing development to proceed without project-specific rezoning. Prepare applicant guidance and public outreach materials identifying available housing and environmental streamlining pathways.
2C	Document and promote the County's use of applicable statutory and categorical CEQA exemptions and other project-level environmental streamlining provisions for qualifying housing development.	Fall 2026 – Winter 2026: Document existing project-level housing streamlining practices and applicable ministerial, statutory, and categorical CEQA pathways. Winter 2026: Prepare and publish applicant guidance identifying available housing approval and CEQA streamlining pathways.	Winter 2026	Document existing County practices for applying statutory and categorical CEQA exemptions to qualifying housing projects. Prepare applicant guidance identifying available project-level CEQA streamlining provisions and incorporate the information into Housing Element and Prohousing outreach materials.
2E	Update Ordinances No. 348 and No. 460 to eliminate unnecessary public hearings and expand administrative or ministerial review for qualifying housing developments, subdivisions, and related approvals that meet applicable objective standards.	Fall 2026 – Spring 2027: Complete review of Ordinances No. 348 and No. 460 to identify housing, subdivision, and Extension of Time procedures that can be streamlined or processed without a public hearing. Spring – Fall 2027: Prepare proposed ordinance amendments and objective administrative review criteria; conduct stakeholder and public outreach. Winter – Spring 2028: Complete draft amendments and public review. Spring – Summer 2028: Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors consideration.	Summer 2028	Review Ordinances No. 348 and No. 460 to reduce discretionary review and public hearing requirements for housing and residential subdivisions that can be reviewed using objective standards. Ordinance No. 348 updates will include review of residential care facilities and other housing uses currently subject to discretionary approval. Ordinance No. 460 updates will streamline ministerial subdivisions, evaluate removal of unnecessary hearing requirements for tentative tract maps, and simplify Extension of Time procedures where administrative review is appropriate. Prepare updated application materials and public guidance explaining administrative and ministerial approval pathways.
2F	Provide a coordinated development review process for housing projects that consolidates departmental review, identifies	Fall 2026 – Spring 2027: Review existing housing development review	Spring 2028	Build on the County's existing development review and interdepartmental coordination processes to establish a

	applicable approval requirements early in the process, and reduces duplicative or sequential review.	procedures and identify opportunities to consolidate departmental review and eliminate duplicative processing steps. Spring – Fall 2027: Develop streamlined review procedures, roles, and applicant guidance in coordination with reviewing departments. Winter – Spring 2028: Implement updated procedures and application materials and provide staff and applicant guidance.		clearer and more coordinated review pathway for housing projects. Identify required departmental reviews early in the process, consolidate comments and processing steps where feasible, and reduce unnecessary sequential review. Coordinate with the SMF, Additional Residential Accommodation, Agricultural Employee Housing, and subdivision streamlining efforts. Prepare applicant guidance identifying review steps, responsible departments, processing pathways, and available State and County housing streamlining provisions.
2H	design standards for residential and mixed-use development to provide clear, predictable requirements and reduce reliance on subjective review criteria.	Fall 2026: Complete working draft and conduct stakeholder and community outreach. Winter 2026: Refine standards based on public and stakeholder input and prepare adoption materials. Spring 2027: Complete adoption of Objective Design Standards.	Spring 2027	A working draft of the Objective Design Standards is substantially complete. Conduct stakeholder and community outreach in Fall/Winter 2026 and refine the standards based on input received. The standards will provide clear and predictable requirements for residential and mixed-use development and reduce reliance on subjective review criteria. Following adoption, prepare applicant guidance and outreach materials illustrating how the standards apply to different housing types and development contexts.
2K	Maintain and update standardized application forms for land use entitlement applications to provide consistent submittal requirements and improve development review efficiency.	Summer-Fall 2026: Review existing entitlement application forms and identify updates needed to reflect current housing laws, review procedures, and application requirements. Winter 2026: Complete and publish updated standardized entitlement application forms and applicant instructions.	Winter 2026	Update the County's existing standardized entitlement application forms to reflect current housing laws, ministerial and streamlined review pathways, and application requirements. Coordinate the updated forms with the PLUS online permitting system and provide clear applicant instructions to improve consistency and reduce incomplete or unnecessary submittal requirements.

2L	Provide online access to project permit status information through the County's PLUS system and expand public access through a project status dashboard.	Existing: PLUS provides online project permit information and application status. Fall–Winter 2026: Complete development of the public-facing project status dashboard and identify information to be displayed. Spring 2027: Launch the dashboard and publish applicant and public guidance.	Spring 2027	Build on the County's existing PLUS online permitting system, which provides access to project and permit status information. Develop and publish a public-facing dashboard to provide clearer access to project status, processing milestones, and other available permit information. Incorporate links and guidance into the Planning Department, Housing Element, and Prohousing webpages.
3A	Provide development impact fee exemptions for qualifying low-income housing through the County Development Impact Fee and Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee programs.	Existing	Completed	The County provides development impact fee exemptions for qualifying low-income housing through Ordinance No. 659 (County DIF), Ordinance No. 824 (Western Riverside County TUMF), and Ordinance No. 673 (Coachella Valley TUMF). Eligibility is subject to applicable affordability documentation and long-term affordability requirements. The TUMF programs require qualifying rental and ownership housing to remain affordable for specified periods, with recorded affordability restrictions required under the Coachella Valley TUMF program. Promote available fee exemptions and eligibility requirements through Housing Element, Prohousing, and affordable housing applicant guidance and outreach materials.
3B	Expand ADU development opportunities beyond minimum State requirements through more flexible development standards, dedicated staff support, technical assistance, and clear applicant guidance.	Fall 2026: Complete adoption of the Additional Residential Accommodations Ordinance update and continue dedicated staff support for ADU/JADU review. Fall–Winter 2026: Update and publish the ARA application, Informational Workbook, and technical	Winter 2027	The County's ARA Ordinance expands ADU development opportunities beyond minimum State requirements by allowing attached and detached ADUs up to 1,600 square feet on qualifying single-family properties. The County provides dedicated staff support for ADU review and technical assistance. Update and publish the ARA Informational Workbook and application materials to provide clear eligibility requirements, development standards,

		guidance to reflect current State law and locally expanded ADU standards. Winter 2027: Complete applicant and community outreach and publish updated ADU/JADU resources.		processing information, and guidance on locally available ADU options. Promote ADU and JADU resources through Housing Element and Prohousing outreach materials.
3D	Facilitate innovative and lower-cost housing types through clear development standards and streamlined review, including manufactured homes, tiny homes, container-based homes, and locally established alternative housing types. Update regulations to improve clarity, implementation, and review procedures and reduce barriers to innovative housing production.	Fall–Winter 2026: Review existing zoning, development, and permitting requirements for innovative housing types and identify potential barriers or needed clarifications. Spring 2027: Identify recommended administrative or ordinance updates, if needed, and prepare applicant guidance. Summer–Fall 2027: Complete applicable updates and publish guidance and outreach materials.	Fall 2027	Review existing Planning, Building and Safety, Environmental Health, Fire, and other applicable County fees to identify opportunities for fee reductions or deferrals that facilitate housing production, including housing for persons with special needs. Coordinate with applicable departments to evaluate fiscal impacts and establish eligibility criteria. Prepare applicant guidance identifying available fee reductions, exemptions, and deferral programs.
3E	Implement adopted trail, bicycle, pedestrian, and multimodal transportation networks through development review to improve connectivity and expand alternatives to automobile travel.	Ongoing	Ongoing	The County accommodates a range of innovative and alternative housing types, including manufactured homes, tiny homes, container-based residential construction, and locally established housing types such as Ranchet and Multiple Owner Group (MOG) Units. The Additional Residential Accommodations Ordinance was reorganized to improve clarity and implementation, consolidate applicable development standards, and streamline review procedures for alternative housing types. The update also removes outdated mobilehome-specific standards so manufactured homes on permanent foundations are regulated in the same manner as conventional one-family dwellings. The County also recently

				updated its Agricultural Employee Housing regulations to clarify and facilitate qualifying employee housing consistent with State law. Continue to evaluate zoning, development, and permitting requirements for innovative housing types to identify opportunities for additional flexibility or streamlining and prepare applicant guidance and outreach materials.
4B	Continue to support and help fund the local housing trust fund, We Lift Catalyst.	Annual funding	Ongoing	The County of Riverside is collaborating with a regional housing trust. The We Lift Catalyst Fund meets the definition of a Housing Trust Fund under the State's Local Housing Trust Fund program. As the We Lift Catalyst Fund is a public private partnership, and is funded through on-going revenue. The Catalyst Fund was originally designed to serve affordable housing projects in the Coachella Valley, but with the County's investment the fund expanded to serve the entire County. The County serves as the Chair of Lift to Rise's Housing Collaborative Action Network, and serves on the Catalyst Funds Community Advisory Board. The Catalyst Fund leverages capital contribution from private and public sources, as well as from community development financial institutions, to provide low-interest, flexible loans to community prioritized affordable housing projects. Loan repayments come back to the fund where they are redeployed for new projects, maximizing investment impact and accelerating the development of projects facing gaps. Since its launch in 2021, the We Lift Catalyst Fund has committed more than \$44 million to spark more than 1,500 affordable housing units, including multi-family rentals, single-family homeownership, and Polanco parks. The County has made consistent investments

				of \$2 million in 2022, \$1 million in 2025, and \$1.5 million in 2026. In addition, the County of Riverside advocated with Lift to Rise to secure a \$15 million investment from the State of California, and serves as the passthrough agency between the State of California and Lift to Rise.
4C	Continue to apply for and redistribute State and Federal Funding.	Annual funding	Ongoing	Pursue Federal, State, and local funding for low- and moderate-income housing by applying for State and Federal monies for direct support of lower-income housing construction and rehabilitation, specifically for development of housing affordable to extremely low-income households. Housing Enhancement Program – The Home Enhancement Program (HEP) is designed to help income qualified homeowners fix or repair exterior problems to their homes such as minor roofing, broken/missing windows, exterior paint, etc. The grant may be used to eliminate health and safety issues, making the home more energy efficient, and undertake eligible exterior improvements Mobilehome Park Rehabilitation and Resident Ownership Program (MORE) – The County of Riverside applied and was successfully awarded \$5,000,000. The funding secured is allowing the County to offer a mobile home rehabilitation program for residents. County shall work with nonprofit owners and residents of mobile home parks to apply for funding from the State of California’s MORE program. As NOFAs are released, to convert mobilehome parks to ownership units or put in the control of a resident organization, nonprofit housing sponsor, or local public entity. Use this funding on mobilehome parks in concentrated areas of poverty as well as in areas of

				opportunity to provide affordable ownership opportunities for housing mobility. CalHOME - The County of Riverside applied and was successfully awarded \$3,307,500. This funding will be used to provided needed downpayment assistance to qualifying households throughout the County of Riverside. Joe Serna Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant - The County of Riverside was awarded \$1,653,750 under this program. The funding will be used to provide downpayment assistance to eligible farmworker households. Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) - The County of Riverside secured a \$4,018,788 Project Development Grant under the TCC program. The grant is used to plan for solar readiness, weatherization, expanded active transportation program, and a climate resiliency center. Homekey - The County of Riverside and/or its Housing Authority has applied and secured awards for 5 Homekey projects. In total the County secured more than \$76 million in Homekey funding to produce more than 320 units of affordable housing. Of those units 107 units were developed in unincorporated Riverside County
4E	Implement a comprehensive Surplus Land Act program to identify and make suitable County-owned surplus property available for affordable housing and multifamily housing with the highest feasible level of affordability.	Ongoing: Identify and process applicable County-owned surplus property consistent with the Surplus Land Act and provide required notices to affordable housing	Ongoing	The County implements the Surplus Land Act for applicable County-owned property and provides required notices and opportunities for affordable housing development as part of the disposition process. Continue coordination among applicable County departments to identify suitable surplus property and opportunities

		developers and other eligible entities. Fall 2026 – Spring 2027: Document the County's Surplus Land Act procedures and affordable housing disposition opportunities for inclusion in Housing Element and Prohousing outreach materials.		to support affordable and multifamily housing. Promote available surplus land opportunities and applicable disposition procedures through Housing Element and Prohousing outreach materials.
4F	Implement EIFDs	Annual progress in implementation, program details are available upon request.	Ongoing	Eastern Coachella Valley EIFD calls for \$34 million for housing.
4K	Continue to apply for and redistribute State and Federal Funding.	Annual funding	Ongoing	The County of Riverside has worked to expand the number of Permanent Supportive Housing Units throughout the County. Project-Based Vouchers is an indirect form of operating subsidies for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects awarded with No Place Like Home. Since 2021 1,535 permanent supportive housing units were created in conjunction with Project Based Housing Vouchers.
4L	Continue to apply for and redistribute State and Federal Funding.	Annual funding	Ongoing	The County of Riverside has provided both direct subsidy in terms of capital and in terms of Project Based Rental Assistance. Specifically, the County provided \$6.25 million for the creation of Mountain View Estates Phase III. This Homekey project has 107 units at rents at 30% of the County AMI. Additionally, the County of Riverside recently has contributed 20 Project Based Housing Choice Vouchers to Oasis Villas Phase III in Oasis. This in addition to the \$7 million the County contributed to the creation of these 80 affordable housing units. The County contributed \$5 million to the redevelopment of St. Anthony's Mobile

				Home Park. The County contributed \$5 million to the redevelopment of St. Anthony's Mobile Home Park. This 92 space mobile home park will have all units set aside for residents at or below 30% AMI. Under the County's Oasis Home Ownership Opportunity Program (OHOP) 80 ELI households were assisted to date. This is in addition to the 2,498 of Project Based Vouchers and \$48,796,722 million of dollars the County of Riverside has contributed to projects in incorporated cities since 2021.
4M	Establish a commercial and warehouse development linkage fee to generate a dedicated local funding source for the production and preservation of housing affordable to Lower-Income Households.	Fall 2026 – Spring 2027: Evaluate program structure and initiate nexus and feasibility analysis. Spring – Fall 2027: Develop fee options, eligible uses, and program parameters; conduct stakeholder and community outreach. Winter–Spring 2028: Prepare proposed linkage fee program and implementing documents. Spring–Summer 2028: Complete public review and Board of Supervisors consideration.	Summer 2028	Evaluate establishment of a commercial and warehouse development linkage fee to generate a dedicated local funding source for affordable housing. Complete the necessary nexus and feasibility analysis to evaluate the relationship between applicable non-residential development, workforce housing needs, and the proposed fee. Establish eligible uses of fee revenues to support the production and preservation of housing affordable to Lower-Income Households. Conduct stakeholder and community outreach as part of program development and prepare implementation and applicant guidance following adoption.

Appendix 3: Self-Scoring Sheet and Sample Self-Scoring Sheet

Self-Scoring Sheet

Category Number	Concise Written Description of Prohousing Policy	Enacted or Proposed	Documentation Type (e.g., resolution, zoning code)	Insert Web Links to Documents <u>or</u> Indicate that Electronic Copies are Attached as Appendix 7	Points	Enhancement Category Number	Enhancement Points	Total Points
1C	Update the Housing Element Adequate Sites Inventory to identify sufficient sites to accommodate 125 to 149 percent of the RHNA by total and income category, including identification of additional residential and mixed-use sites and rezoning, where necessary. As part of the inventory update, evaluate additional housing capacity created through adopted and ongoing Community Plan and General Plan Amendment efforts, where appropriate, along with other residential and mixed-use opportunities.	Proposed	Housing Element and Sites Inventory Update	Adequate Sites Inventory Webpage	2			2

1D	Density bonus programs that allow additional density for additional affordability beyond minimum statutory requirements (Gov. Code, § 65915 et seq.).	Proposed	Zoning Code Amendment / Affordable Housing Incentive Program	SECTION 18.54. DENSITY BONUS	2			2
1E	Increasing allowable density in low-density, single-family residential areas beyond the requirements of state Accessory Dwelling Unit Law, (Gov. Code, §§ 65852.2, 65852.22) (e.g., permitting more than one converted ADU; one detached, new construction ADU; and one JADU per single-family lot), and in a manner that exceeds the requirements of SB 9 (Chapter 192, Statutes of 2021, Gov. Code, §§ 65852.21, 66411.7). These policies shall be separate from any qualifying policies under Category (1)(B).	Proposed	Zoning Code Amendment (Ordinance No.348.5056)	Additional Residential Accommodations (ARAs) Webpage	2			2

1F	Eliminating minimum parking requirements for residential development as authorized by Government Code section 65852.2; adopting vehicular parking ratios that are less than the relevant ratio thresholds at subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of Gov. Code section bond subdivision (p)(1); or adopting maximum parking requirements at or less than ratios pursuant to Gov. Code section 65915, subdivision (p).	Proposed	Zoning Code Amendment, Administrative Guidelines	Ordinance No. 348, §18.12(h), Special Review of Parking 6th Cycle Housing Element – H-7: Land Use (zoning) Ordinance Amendments - Parking Standards (Page 19)	2			2
1H	Zoning or other land use designation methods to allow for residential or mixed uses in one or more non-residential zones (e.g., commercial, light industrial). Qualifying non-residential zones do not include open space or substantially similar zones.	Proposed	Ordinance No. 348 Zoning Code Amendment, Adaptive Reuse Guidelines	A webpage will be created that highlights applicable state law	1			1

1I	Modification of development standards and other applicable zoning provisions or land use designation methods to promote greater development intensity. Potential areas of focus include floor area ratio, height limits, minimum lot or unit sizes, setbacks, and allowable dwelling units per acre. These policies must be separate from any qualifying policies under Category (1)(B) above.	Completed	GPA Staff Report, SMF Workbook	A workbook for our Special Multiple Family Development is in process and will be made accessible. Land Use Element 6th Cycle Housing Element – H-1: Sites to Accommodate the RHNA Allocation (Page 14) General Plan Amendment Hearing and Staff for multiple items including Housing Element needs for the Land Use Element	1			1
1K	Establishment of an inclusionary housing program requiring new developments to include housing affordable to and reserved for low- and very low-income households, consistent with the requirements of AB 1505 (Chapter 376, Statutes of 2017, Gov. Code, § 65850.01).	Proposed	Ordinance No. 348 Zoning Code Amendment, Inclusionary Housing Ordinance per Housing Element Program H-12	6th Cycle Housing Element - H-12: Inclusionary Housing Requirements (Linkage fees) - Planning Commission Workshop (04/23/25) Board of Supervisors (BOS) FY 26/27 Budget Hearing: Day 1 (06/08/26) Day 2 (06/09/26)	1			1

2A	Establishment of ministerial approval processes for multiple housing types, including, for example, single-family, multifamily and mixed-use housing.	Enacted	Administrative Procedure / Zoning Ordinance / Implementation Workbook	Special Multiple Family (SMF) Development Review - Application: Supplemental Information Form A workbook for our Special Multiple Family Development is in process and will be made accessible. Ord. 348 - Agricultural Employee Housing Ordinance Webpage Ord. 348 - Additional Residential Accommodations (ARAs) Ordinance Update Webpage A workbook for our Additional Residential Accommodations is in process and will be made accessible.	3			3
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2B	Acceleration of Housing Production through the establishment of streamlined, program-level CEQA analysis and certification of general plans, community plans, specific plans with accompanying Environmental Impact Reports (EIR), and related documents.	Proposed	Community Plan / General Plan Amendment / Program Environmental Impact Report / Implementation Guidance	Cabazon Community Plan Webpage Highway 74 Community Plan Webpage Mead Valley Community Plan Webpage Lakeland Community Plan Webpage	2			2
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2C	Documented practice of streamlining housing development at the project level, such as by enabling a by-right approval process or by utilizing statutory and categorical exemptions as authorized by applicable law, (e.g., Pub. Resources Code, §§ 21155.1, 21155.4, 21159.24, 21159.25; Gov. Code, § 65457; Cal Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15303, 15332; Pub. Resources Code, §§ 21094.5, 21099, 21155.2, 21159.28).	Proposed	Administrative Practice / Ministerial Housing Procedures / CEQA Guidelines	A workbook for our Special Multiple Family Development is in process and will be made accessible. Additional Residential Accommodations (ARAs) Ordinance A workbook for our Additional Residential Accommodations is in process and will be made accessible. Ord. 348 - Agricultural Employee Housing Ordinance Agricultural Employee Housing Eligibility & Completeness Checklist and Certification Form RivCo Planning CEQA Notices Webpage	2			2
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2E	Absence or elimination of public hearings for projects consistent with zoning and the general plan.	Proposed	Zoning Ordinance Amendment / Subdivision Ordinance Amendment / Administrative Procedures	Ord. 348 - Land Use Ord. 460 - Regulating the Division of Land	2			2

2F	Priority permit processing or reduced plan check times for homes affordable to Lower-Income Households.	Proposed	Administrative Procedures / Housing Development Review Guidelines	A workbook for our Special Multiple Family Development is in process and will be made accessible. Additional Residential Accommodation Application is in process and will be made available. A workbook for our Additional Residential Accommodations is in process and will be made accessible. Agricultural Employee Housing Eligibility & Completeness Checklist and Certification Form	2			2
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2H	Absence, elimination, or replacement of subjective development and design standards with objective development and design standards that simplify zoning clearance and improve approval certainty and timing.	Proposed	Objective Design Standards	TBD	1			1
2K	Establishment of a standardized application form for all entitlement applications.	Proposed	Standardized Land Use Application / Application Instructions	RivCo Planning Development Applications RivCo Building & Safety Application Forms	1			1
2L	Documented practice of publicly posting status updates on project permit approvals on the internet.	Enacted	Online Permitting System / Public Project Status Dashboard	RivCo Public Land Use System (PLUS) Online We are in process of creating a public project dashboard.	1			1

3A	Waiver or significant reduction of development impact fees for residential development with units affordable to Lower-Income Households. This provision does not include fees associated with the provision of housing affordable to Lower-Income Households (e.g., inclusionary in lieu fees, affordable housing impact fees, and commercial linkage fees).	Completed	Development Impact Fee Ordinances / Transportation Mitigation Fee Ordinances	Ordinance No. 659 (Amended 659.14) – Establishing a Development Impact Fee Program Ordinance No. 824 (Amended 824.20) – Western Riverside County Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee Program Ordinance 673 (Amended 673.9) – Establishing a Coachella Valley Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee Program	3			3
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3B	Adoption of policies that result in less restrictive requirements than Government Code sections 65852.2 and 65852.22 to reduce barriers for property owners to create ADUs/JADUs. Examples of qualifying policies include, but are not limited to, development standards improvements, permit processing improvements, dedicated ADU/JADU staff, technical assistance programs, and pre-approved ADU/JADU design packages.	Proposed	Zoning Ordinance Amendment / ARA Informational Workbook / Application and Technical Guidance	Ord. 348 - Additional Residential Accommodations (ARAs) Ordinance Update Webpage	2			2
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3D	Accelerating innovative housing production through innovative housing types (e.g., manufactured homes, recreational vehicles, park models, community ownership, and other forms of social housing) that reduce development costs.	Proposed	Zoning Ordinance / Building Standards / Applicant Guidance	Ord. 348 ARTICLE XIXo HOUSING ALTERNATIVES – Tiny Home/Residential Shipping Container Additional Residential Accommodations (ARA) Ordinance – Planning Commission Staff Report (07/08/26) The proposed will be heard by the Board of Supervisors on 09/01/26.	1			1
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3E	Measures that reduce costs for transportation-related infrastructure or programs that encourage active modes of transportation or other alternatives to automobiles. Qualifying policies include, but are not limited to, publicly funded programs to expand sidewalks or protect bike/micro-mobility lanes, creation of on-street parking for bikes, transit-related improvements, or establishment of carshare programs.	Proposed	General Plan / Circulation Element / Adopted Multimodal Plans / Network Maps	General Plan Circulation Element Highway 74 Multimodal Plan Eastern Coachella Valley Multimodal Plan	1			1
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4B	Establishment of local housing trust funds or collaboration on a regional housing trust fund, which include the Jurisdiction's own funding contributions. The Jurisdiction must contribute to the local or regional housing trust fund regularly and significantly. For the purposes of this Category, "regularly" shall be defined as at least annually, and "significant" contributions shall be determined based on the impact the contributions have in accelerating the production of affordable housing.	Enacted	Ordinance	Subrecipient agreement with Lyft to Rise for the Catalyst Fund	2			2
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4C	Demonstration of regular use or planned regular use of funding (e.g., federal, state, or local) for preserving assisted units <u>at-risk of conversion</u> to market rate uses and conversion of market rate uses to units with affordability restrictions (e.g., acquisition/rehabilitation). For the purposes of this category, “regular use” can be demonstrated through the <u>number of units preserved annually</u> by utilizing this funding source.	Enacted	Ordinance	Funding application can be found at https://rivcohws.org/	2			2
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4E	A comprehensive program that complies with the Surplus Land Act (Gov. Code, § 54220 et seq.) and that makes publicly owned land available for affordable housing, or for multifamily housing projects with the highest feasible percentage of units affordable to Lower Income Households. A qualifying program may utilize mechanisms such as land donations, land sales with significant write-downs, or below-market land leases.	Enacted	Ordinance	RivCo Surplus Properties	2			2
4F, Enhancement Factor 1	Establishment of an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District or similar local financing tool that, to the extent feasible, directly supports housing developments in an area where at least 20 percent of the residences will be affordable to Lower-Income Households.	Enacted	Ordinance	Eastern Coachella Valley EIFD ECV EIFD Informational Meeting Presentation (08/03/23)	2		2	2

4K	Providing operating subsidies for permanent Supportive Housing.	Enacted	Additionally, Riverside County Continuum of Care has also provided funding to support the NPLH and Homekey Projects through state funding	The County has provided Section 8 project based vouchers on PSH projects to support operations. RUHS on several NPLH and Homekey projects is the onsite service provider on those PSH projects.	1			1
4L	Providing subsidies for housing affordable to Extremely Low-Income Households.	Enacted	Ordinance	Funding application can be found at https://rivcohws.org/	1			1
4M	Other policies not described in Categories (4)(A)-(L) of this section that quantifiably promote, develop, or leverage financial resources for housing affordable to Lower-Income Households.	Enacted	Ordinance	6th Cycle Housing Element - H-12: Inclusionary Housing Requirements (Linkage fees) - Planning Commission Workshop (04/23/25)	1			1
TOTAL	41						2	43

Sample Self-Scoring Sheet

Note: This is a Sample Self-Scoring Sheet; an actual submission may include more specificity when an applicant completes the “Concise Written Description of Prohousing Policy.”

Category Number	Concise Written Description of Prohousing Policy	Enacted or Proposed	Documentation Type (e.g., resolution, zoning code)	Insert Web Links to Documents <u>or</u> Indicate that Electronic Copies are Attached as Appendix 7	Points	Enhancement Category Number	Enhancement Points	Total Points
1B	Permitted missing middle housing uses by allowing duplexes and triplexes by right in existing low-density, single-family residential zones beyond what is required by SB 9.	E	Zoning code	Electronic copy attached	3	6	1	4
1C	Sufficient sites to accommodate 131 percent of the current RHNA with rezoning by total or income category.	P	Resolution	Electronic copy attached	2	1	2	4
1D	Density bonus program exceeds statutory requirements by 12 percent.	E	Zoning code	Electronic copy attached	2			2
1F	Eliminated parking requirements for residential development as authorized by Government Code section 65852.2.	E	Zoning code	Electronic copy attached	2			2
1G	Zoning that that is designed to increase affordable housing for a range of types and for extremely low-income households.	E	Zoning code	Electronic copy attached	1	1	2	3
1H	Modified development standards/other applicable zoning provisions to allow for	E	Zoning code	Electronic copy attached	1	1	2	3

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	residential uses in non-residential zones (light industrial).							
1L	Other zoning and land use actions that measurably support the Acceleration of Housing Production.	P	Resolution	Electronic copy attached	1			1
2B	Streamlined program-level CEQA analysis and certification of general plans, community plans, specific plans with accompanying Environmental Impact Reports (EIR), and related documents.	E	Zoning code	Electronic copy attached	2			2
2G	Consolidated permit processes that minimize the levels of review and approval required for projects.	E	Zoning code	Electronic copy attached	1			1
2I	Established a one-stop-shop permitting process.	P	Resolution	Electronic copy attached	1	1	2	3
2N	Other actions that quantifiably decrease production timeframes.	E	Zoning code	Electronic copy attached	1			1
3A	Waiver of residential development impact fees.	E	Zoning code	Electronic copy attached	3			3
3B	Adopted policies that result in less restrictive	P	Resolution	Electronic copy attached	2	1	2	4

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	requirements than Government Code sections 65852.2 and 65852.22.							
3E	Measures that reduce costs for transportation-related infrastructure.	E	Zoning code	Electronic copy attached	1			1
3I	Other actions that quantifiably reduce construction or development costs.	E	Zoning code	Electronic copy attached	1			1
4A	Local housing trust funds.	E	Zoning code	Electronic copy attached	2			2
4C	Regular use of funding for preserving assisted units at-risk of conversion to market-rate uses.	E	Zoning code	Electronic copy attached	2	2	1	3
4E	Establishes a program that complies with the Surplus Land Act and offers below-market land leases for affordable housing.	E	Zoning code		2			2
4G	Prioritization of local general funds for affordable housing.	E	Zoning code		2			2
4M	Other actions that leverage financial resources for housing.	E	Zoning code		1			1
TOTAL					33		12	45

Appendix 4: Examples of Prohousing Policies with Enhancement Factors

If a Prohousing Policy incorporates any of the enhancement factors specified in the Scoring Criteria Enhancement Factors chart, it will receive extra points as indicated therein. Examples of such qualifying Prohousing Policies include the following:

Category 1: Favorable Zoning and Land Use

- Rezoning sufficient sites to accommodate 150 percent or greater of the Regional Housing Needs Allocation by total or income category, including sites in Location Efficient Communities.
- Rezoning sufficient sites to accommodate 150 percent or greater of the Regional Housing Needs Allocation by total or income category, including sites in High Resource and Highest Resource areas (as designated in the most recently updated TCAC/HCD Opportunity Maps).
- Rezoning to accommodate 125 to 149 percent of the Regional Housing Needs Allocation in downtown commercial corridors or other infill locations.
- Expanding density bonus programs to exceed statutory requirements by 10 percent or more in Location Efficient Communities.
- Reducing or eliminating parking requirements for residential development as authorized by Government Code section 65852.2 in Location Efficient Communities.
- Increasing allowable density in low-density, single-family residential areas beyond the requirements of state Accessory Dwelling Unit Law in High Resource and Highest Resource areas (as designated in the most recently updated TCAC/HCD Opportunity Maps).
- Modification of development standards and other applicable zoning provisions to promote greater development intensity in downtown commercial corridors or other infill locations.
- Coupling rezoning actions with policies that go beyond state law requirements in reducing displacement of lower-income households and conserving existing housing stock that is affordable to lower-income households.

Category 2: Acceleration of Housing Production Timeframes

- Ministerial approval processes for multifamily housing in High Resource and Highest Resource areas (as designated in the most recently updated TCAC/HCD Opportunity Maps).
- Streamlined, program-level CEQA analysis and certification of specific plans in Location Efficient Communities.
- Documented practice of streamlining housing development at the project level in downtown commercial corridors and other infill locations.
- Expedited permit processing for housing affordable to lower-income households in High Resource and Highest Resource areas (as designated in the most recently updated TCAC/HCD Opportunity Maps).

Category 3: Reduction of Construction and Development Costs

- Fee waivers for affordable housing in High Resource and Highest Resource areas (as designated in the most recently updated TCAC/HCD Opportunity Maps).
- Fee waivers or reductions for higher density housing in downtown commercial corridors or other infill locations.
- Measures that reduce costs and leverage financial resources for transportation-related infrastructure or programs in Low Resource and High Segregation & Poverty areas (as designated in the most recently updated TCAC/HCD Opportunity Maps).
- Adoption of universal design ordinances to increase housing choices and affordability for persons with disabilities in High Resource and Highest Resource areas (as designated in the most recently updated TCAC/HCD Opportunity Maps).
- Permitting innovative housing types, such as manufactured homes, recreational vehicles or park models, in High Resource and Highest Resource areas (as designated in the most recently updated TCAC/HCD Opportunity Maps).

Category 4: Providing Financial Subsidies

- Targeting local housing trust funds to acquisition or rehabilitation of existing affordable units, or to affordable units at risk of converting to market rate uses, in Low Resource and High Segregation & Poverty areas (as designated in the most recently updated TCAC/HCD Opportunity Maps).
- Marketing grants and other financial products for ADUs/JADUs in High Resource and Highest Resource areas (as designated in the most recently updated TCAC/HCD Opportunity Maps).
- Utilizing publicly owned land for affordable housing in High Resource and Highest Resource areas (as designated in the most recently updated TCAC/HCD Opportunity Maps).
- Establishment of an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District or similar local financing tool in a Low Resource or High Segregation & Poverty area (as designated in the most recently updated TCAC/HCD Opportunity Maps).
- Directing residual redevelopment funds or general funds to conservation or preservation of affordable housing in areas at high risk of displacement.

Appendix 5: Homeless Encampment Template

[Subchapter 6.6 Prohousing Designation Program](#) requires applicants to confirm that its treatment of encampments on public property complies with and will continue to comply with the constitutional rights of persons experiencing homelessness. An application must include a one-page summary demonstrating how the applicant has enacted best practices in their jurisdiction related to the treatment of unhoused individuals camping on public property, consistent with the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness' "7 Principles for Addressing Encampments (June 17, 2022). The following template and certification are included to help jurisdictions meet this threshold.

- **Principle 1: Establish a Cross-Agency, Multi-Sector Response to Encampments –** Describe how system partners (name partners) work together to prioritize health and safety both for residents and unsheltered individuals. (350 characters max)

Riverside County collaborates with the Continuum of Care, Housing Authority, DPSS, Public Health, Behavioral Health, community-based organizations, Parks, and cities to coordinate outreach, health services, and housing strategies that prioritize safety, health, and improved outcomes for individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

- **Principle 2: Engage Encampment Residents to Develop Solutions –** Describe street outreach efforts to engage with encampment residents to find alternative shelter, housing, and service options using the housing first approach before an existing encampment is closed. (350 characters max)

The County partners with internal departments, cities, and community-based organizations to operate countywide street outreach teams that conduct mobile, trauma-informed engagement. These teams build trust and connect encampment residents to shelter, housing, and supportive services prior to any encampment closure.

- **Principle 3: Conduct Comprehensive and Coordinated Outreach –** Describe multidisciplinary connection strategies and linkages to resources and permanent housing solutions that is customized to individual needs. If applicable, describe how the jurisdiction uses the coordinated entry system to connect individuals to resources and permanent housing. (350 characters max)

Residents receive individualized assessments, coordinated referrals, and targeted resource connections. Weekly case conferencing ensures timely access to shelter, permanent housing, behavioral health services, healthcare, and street-based medical and care through contracted community-based providers.

- **Principle 4: Address Basic Needs and Provide Storage –** Describe efforts to meet basic needs, health, safety, and access to storage (timeframes) for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness while creating clear pathways to permanent housing. (350 characters max)

Riverside County partners with Healthcare in Action to provide street-based medical services to individuals living in encampments, addressing immediate health needs and

improving access to ongoing care. In addition, residents entering interim housing are offered secure storage options through the Parks and Open Space Department, allowing them to safeguard personal belongings while stabilizing and transitioning toward permanent housing.

- **Principle 5: Ensure Access to Shelter or Housing Options** – Describe how low barrier resources to housing and supportive services are communicated to encampment residents. Include how strategies involve alternative measures to criminalization, focusing on service engagement and harm reduction. (350 characters max)

Riverside County provides low-barrier access to interim housing, rental assistance, and supportive services designed to reduce obstacles to entry and promote housing stability. Services are delivered using trauma-informed and person-centered approaches, ensuring individuals have clear pathways to shelter and permanent housing.

- **Principle 6: Develop Pathways to Permanent Housing and Supports** – Describe Housing First strategies emphasizing low barriers, a harm-reduction model, and services to support people obtaining permanent housing more efficiently. Identify efforts to align federal, state, and local funding/programs to provide clear pathways to permanent housing. (350 characters max)

Using trauma-informed approaches, the County and Continuum of Care have established and streamlined clear pathways to permanent housing through a coordinated, systemwide response. By aligning outreach, coordinated entry, housing navigation, and supportive services, the County has expanded access to permanent housing options ensuring individuals are efficiently connected to appropriate housing with the supportive services needed for long-term stability.

- **Principle 7: Create a Plan for What Will Happen to Encampment Sites After Closure** – Describe plans for former encampment spaces (long-term solutions to prevent encampments from reoccurring). Include efforts to emphasize safety, accessibility, and inclusivity that improve infrastructure. Example: Communities can include curb cuts to increase mobility access and enhanced lighting to encourage safety. (350 characters max)

Following encampment closures, the County implements a coordinated plan to monitor former encampment sites and prevent re-encampment. Long-term strategies focus on improving safety, accessibility, and overall site conditions through infrastructure enhancements such as improved lighting, mobility and accessibility improvements, landscaping, and routine maintenance. These efforts support inclusive public spaces while reducing the likelihood of encampments reoccurring.

Certification and Authorization:

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Appendix 6: Public Participation Checklist

Pursuant to Sections 6601, 6602, and 6605, applicants are required to demonstrate how they have engaged in a “Diligent Public Participation Process.”

Please complete this checklist, and sign, to confirm that the applicant has complied with this requirement. Attach and reference any comments you received during the process.

Regulation Text	Explanation	Yes	No
Outreach through a variety of methods and languages to ensure access to the public process and provide opportunities for public input.	Applicant should use methods such as newspaper ads, email, social media, fliers, etc., to inform the public that an application has been drafted and posted for public comment. Language access should reflect languages spoken in your local community and should be available in multiple languages in print media or upon request for digital media.	☐	☐
Specific effort to engage all segments of the community, including individuals or representatives of lower-income and special needs households, for-profit and non-profit developers, and special needs service providers.	Individuals and organizations representing lower-income and special needs households, for-profit and non-profit developers, and special needs service providers should be engaged, informed of, and offered an opportunity to comment on the application. Outreach lists utilized for Housing Element compliance would suffice.	☐	☐
Availability of the draft document to the public, including notification to interested parties and all segments of the community, for thirty (30) calendar days and subsequent versions for seven (7) calendar days.	Applicants should post the application in print and digital forms, collect comments, and incorporate those comments into the application if necessary. Making the application available to the public could be satisfied by posting the application online and/or announcements through other mediums (e.g., local newspapers) so long as these forums include diverse segments of the community, including individuals or representatives of lower-income and special needs households, for-profit and non-profit developers, and special needs service providers.	☐	☐
Public hearings and informative meetings.	For the purposes of satisfying this requirement, a City Council or Board of Supervisors meeting informing the public of the jurisdiction's intent to submit a Prohousing Designation Program application, in addition to any subsequent meetings necessary to make revisions in response to public comment, will satisfy this requirement.	☐	☐

Consideration of comments, including incorporation of comments into a jurisdiction's application and Prohousing Policies as appropriate.	Provide all comments received with a description of how the comment was incorporated into the application. If the comment is not appropriate for incorporation, please describe why.	☐	☐
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Certification and Authorization:

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Date

Appendix 7: Additional Information and Supporting Documentation