

March 6, 2009

Ms. Lynn L. Jacobs  
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**SUBJECT: HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE**

Dear Ms. Jacobs:

The City of San José is pleased to submit its draft Housing Element Update for the 2007-2014 planning period for your review and comments. During this 60-day review period, City staff will engage in a second round of outreach (the first round occurred prior to and during the drafting of the report) to solicit public comments on this draft. At the conclusion of the 60-day period, City staff will review the comments from HCD and the public, and develop a final draft that incorporates consideration of this input. City staff intends to submit the final draft for Council approval on June 16, 2009. Upon approval, staff will submit the final draft to HCD for certification.

The City of San José's Housing Element is integrated with the other Elements in the San José 2020 General Plan, which is the City's comprehensive long-term plan. The General Plan is an internally consistent and compatible statement of policy for the physical development of San José, and represents the City's assessment of the amount, type, and phasing of development needed to achieve the City's social, economic, and environmental goals. As such, the San José 2020 General Plan meets the minimum requirements and intent of the California Government Code while accommodating local conditions and circumstances. The General Plan contains a statement of the City's development policies, a Land Use/Transportation Diagram, text that sets forth objectives, principles, standards, and plan proposals, and includes each of the elements mandated by Government Code Section 65302, including the Housing Element.

This comprehensive organization is designed to meet the needs of public officials, developers, neighborhood organizations, and members of the community.

Given the integrated format of the Housing Element with the other Elements in the San José 2020 General Plan, City staff has organized the enclosed Housing Element documents into three sections in order to assist with your review:

**Section 1 Key Excerpts from the San José 2020 General Plan text, including proposed amendments**

This section contains the residential land use goals and policies that facilitate housing production, and the programs that assist in the construction and rehabilitation of affordable housing in San José. The proposed changes clarify and update the City's policy framework for housing, and they are intended to be considered for adoption as part of the Housing Element Update. Also included in this section are the housing programs and implementation action items for the 2007-2014 Housing Element planning period.

**Section 2 Revised Draft Housing Appendix to the San José 2020 General Plan**

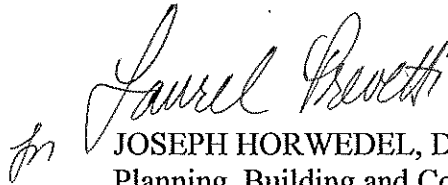
This section contains Appendix C of the San José 2020 General Plan, which consists of the updated technical analysis required for the Housing Element. The Appendix is part of the General Plan and a major component of the Housing Element.

**Section 3 Adequate Sites Inventory and Maps**

The third section is a list of planned housing sites in the General Plan and maps that identify the location of these sites within San José.

We would like to thank HCD for the tremendous technical support provided during this round of the Housing Element Update process. Paul McDougall has been particularly helpful in assisting City staff with the report preparation. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff during the Housing Element certification process. Please do not hesitate to contact myself or Laurel Prevetti (408-535-7901) with comments or questions.

Sincerely,



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Planning, Building and Code Enforcement

**Attachments:**

Draft 2007-2014 Housing Element Update  
Adequate Sites Inventory maps  
HCD Housing Element Review Worksheet  
San Jose 2020 General Plan