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**February 2023 Weekly Speakers**

- February 3 – Voting rights from someone who knows them – Georgia State Senator Carden Summers
- February 10 – Community Update – Women in STEM
- February 17 – De-risking startup innovation for founders and investors – Kal Deutsch
- February 24 – LN4 Hand. Helping people live fuller lives. Candy Pierce

# Council moves forward with final approval of Housing Element in 4-1 vote

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Mayor Carl Anduri said it had been determined that the number of fire stations is sufficient to meet the city's current needs, although upgrades to improve seismic circumstances at two of the stations is warranted and planned.

Public comments included concern about ADU levels in the report being too low; a suggestion to upzone more city properties in the site inventory to reduce overall density; map and mathematical errors or internal inconsistencies in the site inventory; and land parcels owned by other entities included in the inventory that might cause HCD to refuse the city's draft Housing Element. One example provided by the speaker representing the Housing Action Coalition stated that an unsubstantiated projection in the draft in an area involving AT&T was lacking a specific finding that in eight years time, AT&T was likely to vacate a property. If HCD or a court finds this or other matters overstate the number of units possible and therefore violate the law, the entire report could be deemed out of compliance and refused, according to the speaker. Several people urged the council

not to rush to meet the Jan. 31 deadline.

Wolff began his replies by explaining the staff's recommendation to adopt the 6th Cycle Housing Element by Jan. 31. He said while some cities and towns may choose not to meet the deadline, staff advised that in light of significant, negative funding impacts caused by a delay, completing the adoption process within the HCD timeline is highly recommended. Mayor Anduri confirmed the council's intention to meet the deadline.

Discussion next centered on how aggressive the city is when it comes to numbers in the draft, such as the number of ADUs projected or the specific acreage for sites where parking will be used or lost to development. With the goal of receiving approval from HCD with the first pass submission, the council heavily favored taking adequate steps to include realistic/evidence-based numbers that keep the city within compliance for affordable housing and achieve adequate fair housing enforcement levels.

It was agreed that a larger buffer achieved by better meeting the affordable housing requirement of 15-30% was desirable. Extended discussion was aimed at in-

creasing the number of units designated for affordable housing. Those amendments will appear in the final draft.

Addressing specific concerns brought up during public comments, Council Member Wei-Tai Kwok asked that staff request a letter from AT&T expressing their support for possible development on the site mentioned. Several council requests were made for staff to confirm and correct all map, zoning, and mathematical errors or inconsistencies. Precise numbers for city-owned property, ADUs, and multiple other elements in the plan received updates or were further refined to improve or clarify the percentages achieved. Other issues relating to compliance with HCD-designated levels and guidelines and staff and consultant's recommendations constituted the rest of the by-now lengthy, five-hour review.

The council certified the EIR with amendments incorporated and, with the exception of Council Member Susan Candell, voted 4-1 to adopt the resolution to accept the updated 6th Cycle Housing Element plan.

The city's draft Housing Element Update can be found at [www.planlafayette.org](http://www.planlafayette.org).

Share your thoughts, insights and opinions with your community.  
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