



# Costa Mesa Housing Element

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# **City of Costa Mesa**

## **Housing Element**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### PURPOSE

The Housing Element plans for future housing opportunities within the City of Costa Mesa while also addressing housing needs within the community. This is the 6th cycle of the Housing Element and is for the planning period from 2021 to 2029.

### HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The City of Costa Mesa followed certain “guiding principles” in developing its approach and strategy for accommodating future housing growth. These guiding principles assist with implementation of the housing goals, policies and programs and will aid overall decision making. The guiding principles are rooted in community engagement and local knowledge and input into the planning process. The guiding principles are as follows:

*The City will plan for future housing primarily along major commercial, industrial, and mixed use corridors within Costa Mesa that are compatible with growth, while preserving established residential neighborhoods.*

*Each neighborhood, community, and district within Costa Mesa has its own unique characteristics and needs. Future housing growth will build upon Costa Mesa’s history and complement the diversity and unique characteristics that already exist within each area.*

*The City will plan for a diverse range of housing forms, types, and densities to address the housing needs of an inclusive and diverse community and provide housing opportunities that meet the needs of all residents, including low-income households, seniors, multi-generational families, larger households and special needs groups.*



## “HOW TO” GUIDE TO THE HOUSING ELEMENT

The City of Costa Mesa’s Housing Element contains a lot of information relating to housing. The guide below is designed to help users navigate to the section of the document that contains the relevant information for each user’s needs.

> Demographic information relating to housing, population, and family trends can be found in **Section 2 (Community Profile)**.

> **Section 3 (Constraints, Resources, and Fair Housing)** contains an overview of the City of Costa Mesa’s 6th Cycle Candidate Sites Inventory and strategy. A more detailed analysis, including maps and a list of candidate housing sites by Assessor Parcel Number (APN) can be found in **Appendix B (Sites Analysis)**.

> A discussion of potential housing constraints, including governmental, non-governmental, and other constraints, is located in **Section 3**.

> The City’s Action Plan to address and facilitate housing growth is located in **Section 4 (Housing Plan)**.

> A full summary of the City’s community engagement efforts relating to the Housing Element Update, including meeting summaries and public comments received, is in **Appendix C (Summary of Community Engagement)**.

> Common housing terms and acronyms used within the document are described in **Appendix D (Glossary of Terms)**.

