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The housing element shall consist of an identification and analysis of existing and	Section 2
projected housing needs and a statement of goals, policies, quantified objectives,	Section 3
financial resources, and scheduled programs for the preservation, improvement, and	Section 4
development of housing.	Appendix B
The housing element shall identify adequate sites for housing, including rental housing,	Section 2
factory-built housing, mobilehomes, and emergency shelters, and shall make adequate	Section 3
provision for the existing and projected needs of all economic segments of the	Section 4
community.	Appendix B
The element shall contain all of the following:	Noted.
(a) An assessment of housing needs and an inventory of resources and constraints	Section 2
relevant to the meeting of these needs. The assessment and inventory shall include all of	Section 3
the following:	
(a)(1) An analysis of population and employment trends and documentation of	Section 2.B
projections	
(a)(1) A quantification of the locality's existing and projected housing needs for all	Section 2.F
income levels, including extremely low income households, as defined in subdivision (b)	
of Section 50105 and Section 50106 of the Health and Safety Code. These existing and	
projected needs shall include the locality's share of the regional housing need in	
accordance with Section 65584. Local agencies shall calculate the subset of very low	
income households allotted under Section 65584 that qualify as extremely low income	
households. The local agency may either use available census data to calculate the	
percentage of very low income households that qualify as extremely low income	
households or presume that 50 percent of the very low income households qualify as	
extremely low income households. The number of extremely low income households and	
very low income households shall equal the jurisdiction's allocation of very low income	
households pursuant to Section 65584.	
(a)(2) An analysis and documentation of household characteristics, including level of	Section 2.C
payment compared to ability to pay,	Section 2.D
(a)(2) housing characteristics, including overcrowding, and	Section 2.C
	Section 2.D
(a)(2) housing stock condition.	Section 2.F

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(a)(3) An inventory of land suitable and available for residential development, including	Appendix B.A
vacant sites and sites having realistic and demonstrated potential for redevelopment	Appendix B.B
during the planning period to meet the locality's housing need for a designated income	Appendix B.C
level, and an analysis of the relationship of zoning and public facilities and services to	Appendix B.D
these sites, and an analysis of the relationship of the sites identified in the land inventory	
to the jurisdiction's duty to affirmatively further fair housing. Note: Please see Section	
65583.2 regarding the land inventory.	
[Note that AB 2339 (Chapter 654, Statutes of 2022) amended Section 65583(a)(4). It	Noted.
does not apply to ABAG-area housing elements unless the first draft of the housing	
element is submitted to ABAG after January 31, 2023 or a draft is submitted after	
April 1, 2023. Therefore the sections below include the statutory provisions of	
Section 65583(a)(4) effective in 2022. Jurisdictions adopting their housing element	
after January 1, 2023 should describe why AB 2339 is not applicable to them.]	
(a)(4)(A) The identification of a zone or zones where emergency shelters are allowed as	Section 3.A.2
a permitted use without a conditional use or other discretionary permit. The identified	Action H.4k
zone or zones shall include sufficient capacity to accommodate the need for emergency	
shelter identified in paragraph (7), except that each local government shall identify a	
zone or zones that can accommodate at least one year-round emergency shelter.	
(a)(4)(A) If the local government cannot identify a zone or zones with sufficient	Section 4 (Action H.4k)
capacity, the local government shall include a program to amend its zoning ordinance to	
meet the requirements of this paragraph within one year of the adoption of the housing	
element. The local government may identify additional zones where emergency shelters	
are permitted with a conditional use permit.	
(a)(4)(A) The local government shall also demonstrate that existing or proposed permit	Section 3.A.2
processing, development, and management standards are objective and encourage and	
facilitate the development of, or conversion to, emergency shelters.	
(a)(4)(A) Emergency shelters may only be subject to those development and	Section 3.A.2
management standards that apply to residential or commercial development within the	
same zone except that a local government may apply written, objective standards that	
include all of the following:	
(i) The maximum number of beds or persons permitted to be served nightly by the	
facility.	

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(ii) Sufficient parking to accommodate all staff working in the emergency shelter,	-
provided that the standards do not require more parking for emergency shelters than	
other residential or commercial uses within the same zone.	
(iii) The size and location of exterior and interior onsite waiting and client intake areas.	
(iv) The provision of onsite management.	
(v) The proximity to other emergency shelters, provided that emergency shelters are not	
required to be more than 300 feet apart.	
(vi) The length of stay.	
(vii) Lighting.	
(viii) Security during hours that the emergency shelter is in operation.	
(a)(4)(B) The permit processing, development, and management standards applied under	Section 3.A.2
this paragraph shall not be deemed to be discretionary acts within the meaning of the	
California Environmental Quality Act (Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of	
the Public Resources Code).	
(a)(4)(C) A local government that can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the department	Section 3.A.2
the existence of one or more emergency shelters either within its jurisdiction or pursuant	
to a multijurisdictional agreement that can accommodate that jurisdiction's need for	
emergency shelter identified in paragraph (7) may comply with the zoning requirements	
of subparagraph (A) by identifying a zone or zones where new emergency shelters are	
allowed with a conditional use permit.	
(a)(4)(D) A local government with an existing ordinance or ordinances that comply with	Section 3.A.2
this paragraph shall not be required to take additional action to identify zones for	
emergency shelters. The housing element must only describe how existing ordinances,	
policies, and standards are consistent with the requirements of this paragraph.	
(a)(5) An analysis of potential and actual governmental constraints upon the	Section 3.A
maintenance, improvement, or development of housing for all income levels, including	Section 3.D
the types of housing identified in paragraph (1) of subdivision (c), and [Note: The types	
of housing identified in Section 65583(c)(1) include multifamily rental housing,	
factory-built housing, mobilehomes, housing for agricultural employees, supportive	
housing, single-room occupancy units, emergency shelters, and transitional	
housing.]	
(a)(5) for persons with disabilities as identified in the analysis pursuant to paragraph (7),	Section 3.A.2

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	Section 3.D.1
(a)(5) including land use controls,	Section 3.A.2
(a)(5) building codes and their enforcement,	Section 3.A.2
(a)(5) site improvements,	Section 3.A.2
(a)(5) fees and other exactions required of developers,	Section 3.A.2
(a)(5) local processing and permit procedures,	Section 3.A.2
(a)(5) and any locally adopted ordinances that directly impact the cost and supply of	Section 3.A.2
residential development.	
(a)(5) The analysis shall also demonstrate local efforts to remove governmental	Section 3.A.2
constraints that hinder the locality from meeting its share of the regional housing need in	
accordance with Section 65584	
(a)(5) and from meeting the need for housing for persons with disabilities, supportive	Section 3.A.2
housing, transitional housing, and emergency shelters identified pursuant to paragraph	
(7).	
(a)(6) An analysis of potential and actual nongovernmental constraints upon the	Section 3.A.1
maintenance, improvement, or development of housing for all income levels, including	
the availability of financing,	
(a)(6) the price of land,	Section 3.A.1
(a)(6) the cost of construction,	Section 3.A.1
(a)(6) the requests to develop housing at densities below those anticipated in the analysis	Section B.B.2
required by subdivision (c) of Section 65583.2,	
(a)(6) and the length of time between receiving approval for a housing development and	Section 3.A.3
submittal of an application for building permits for that housing development that hinder	
the construction of a locality's share of the regional housing need in accordance with	
Section 65584.	
(a)(6) The analysis shall also demonstrate local efforts to remove nongovernmental	Section 3.A.1
constraints that create a gap between the locality's planning for the development of	
housing for all income levels and the construction of that housing.	
(a)(7) An analysis of any special housing needs, such as those of the	Section 3.D.1
(a)(7) elderly;	Section 3.D.1
(a)(7) persons with disabilities, including a developmental disability, as defined in	Section 3.D.1
Section 4512 of the Welfare and Institutions Code;	

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(a)(7) large families;	Section 3.D.1
(a)(7) farmworkers;	Section 3.D.1
(a)(7) families with female heads of households;	Section 3.D.1
(a)(7) and families and persons in need of emergency shelter.	Section 3.D.1
(a)(7) The need for emergency shelter shall be assessed based on the capacity necessary	Section 3.A.2
to accommodate the most recent homeless point-in-time count conducted before the start	
of the planning period, the need for emergency shelter based on number of beds available	
on a year-round and seasonal basis, the number of shelter beds that go unused on an	
average monthly basis within a one-year period, and the percentage of those in	
emergency shelters that move to permanent housing solutions.	
(a)(7) The need for emergency shelter may be reduced by the number of supportive	Section 3.A.2
housing units that are identified in an adopted 10-year plan to end chronic homelessness	
and that are either vacant or for which funding has been identified to allow construction	
during the planning period.	
(a)(7) An analysis of special housing needs by a city or county may include an analysis	N/A
of the need for frequent user coordinated care housing services.	
(a)(8) An analysis of opportunities for energy conservation with respect to residential	Section 3.C
development. Cities and counties are encouraged to include weatherization and energy	
efficiency improvements as part of publicly subsidized housing rehabilitation projects.	
This may include energy efficiency measures that encompass the building envelope, its	
heating and cooling systems, and its electrical system.	
(a)(9) An analysis of existing assisted housing developments that are eligible to change	Section 3.D.1
from low-income housing uses during the next 10 years due to termination of subsidy	
contracts, mortgage prepayment, or expiration of restrictions on use. "Assisted housing	
developments," for the purpose of this section, shall mean multifamily rental housing	
that receives governmental assistance under federal programs listed in subdivision (a) of	
Section 65863.10, state and local multifamily revenue bond programs, local	
redevelopment programs, the federal Community Development Block Grant Program, or	
local in-lieu fees. "Assisted housing developments" shall also include multifamily rental	
units that were developed pursuant to a local inclusionary housing program or used to	
qualify for a density bonus pursuant to Section 65915.	

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(a)(9)(A) The analysis shall include a listing of each development by project name and	Section 3.D.1
address, the type of governmental assistance received, the earliest possible date of	
change from low-income use, and the total number of elderly and nonelderly units that	
could be lost from the locality's low-income housing stock in each year during the 10-	
year period. For purposes of state and federally funded projects, the analysis required by	
this subparagraph need only contain information available on a statewide basis.	
(a)(9)(B) The analysis shall estimate the total cost of producing new rental housing that	Section 3.D.1
is comparable in size and rent levels, to replace the units that could change from low-	
income use, and an estimated cost of preserving the assisted housing developments. This	
cost analysis for replacement housing may be done aggregately for each five-year period	
and does not have to contain a project-by-project cost estimate.	
(a)(9)(C) The analysis shall identify public and private nonprofit corporations known to	Section 3.D.1
the local government that have legal and managerial capacity to acquire and manage	
these housing developments.	
(a)(9)(D) The analysis shall identify and consider the use of all federal, state, and local	Section 3.D.1
financing and subsidy programs that can be used to preserve, for lower income	
households, the assisted housing developments, identified in this paragraph, including,	
but not limited to, federal Community Development Block Grant Program funds, tax	
increment funds received by a redevelopment agency of the community, and	
administrative fees received by a housing authority operating within the community. In	
considering the use of these financing and subsidy programs, the analysis shall identify	
the amounts of funds under each available program that have not been legally obligated	
for other purposes and that could be available for use in preserving assisted housing	
developments.	
(b) (1) A statement of the community's goals, quantified objectives, and policies relative	Section 4
to affirmatively furthering fair housing and to the maintenance, preservation,	Section 3.D.1
improvement, and development of housing.	
(2) It is recognized that the total housing needs identified pursuant to subdivision (a) may	Recognized
exceed available resources and the community's ability to satisfy this need within the	Appendix B
content of the general plan requirements outlined in Article 5 (commencing with Section	
65300). Under these circumstances, the quantified objectives need not be identical to the	
total housing needs. The quantified objectives shall establish the maximum number of	

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housing units by income category, including extremely low income, that can be	
constructed, rehabilitated, and conserved over a five-year time period.	
(c) A program that sets forth a schedule of actions during the planning period, each with	Section 4
a timeline for implementation, that may recognize that certain programs are ongoing,	
such that there will be beneficial impacts of the programs within the planning period, that	
the local government is undertaking or intends to undertake to implement the policies	
and achieve the goals and objectives of the housing element	
(c) through the administration of land use and development controls,	Section 4
(c) the provision of regulatory concessions and incentives,	Section 4
(c) the utilization of appropriate federal and state financing and subsidy programs when	Section 4
available,	
(c) and the utilization of moneys in a low- and moderate-income housing fund of an	Section 4
agency if the locality has established a redevelopment project area pursuant to the	
Community Redevelopment Law (Division 24 (commencing with Section 33000) of the	
Health and Safety Code).	
In order to make adequate provision for the housing needs of all economic segments of	Noted.
the community, the program shall do all of the following:	
(c)(1) Identify actions that will be taken to make sites available during the planning	Section 4
period with appropriate zoning and development standards and with services and	Appendix B
facilities to accommodate that portion of the city's or county's share of the regional	
housing need for each income level that could not be accommodated on sites identified in	
the inventory completed pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) without rezoning,	
and to comply with the requirements of Section 65584.09.	
(c)(1) Sites shall be identified as needed to affirmatively further fair housing	Section 4
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(c)(1) and to facilitate and encourage the development of a variety of types of housing	Section 4
for all income levels, including multifamily rental housing,	Section 3.A.2
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(c)(1) factory-built housing,	Section 3.A.2
(c)(1) mobilehomes,	Section 3.A.2

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(c)(1) housing for agricultural employees,	Section 3.A.2
	Section 4 (Action H.11)
(c)(1) supportive housing,	Section 3.A.2
	Section 4 (Action H.41)
(c)(1) single-room occupancy units,	Section 3.A.2
	Section 4 (Action H.4.j)
(c)(1) emergency shelters,	Section 3.A.2
	Section 4 (Action H.4.k)
(c)(1) and transitional housing.	Section 3.A.2
(c)(1)(A) Where the inventory of sites, pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (a), does	No rezones proposed
not identify adequate sites to accommodate the need for groups of all household income	
levels pursuant to Section 65584, rezoning of those sites, including adoption of minimum	
density and development standards, for jurisdictions with an eight-year housing element	
planning period pursuant to Section 65588, shall be completed no later than three years	
after either the date the housing element is adopted pursuant to subdivision (f) of Section	
65585 or the date that is 90 days after receipt of comments from the department pursuant	
to subdivision (b) of Section 65585, whichever is earlier, unless the deadline is extended	
pursuant to subdivision (f). Notwithstanding the foregoing, for a local government that	
fails to adopt a housing element that the department has found to be in substantial	
compliance with this article within 120 days of the statutory deadline in Section 65588	
for adoption of the housing element, rezoning of those sites, including adoption of	
minimum density and development standards, shall be completed no later than one year	
from the statutory deadline in Section 65588 for adoption of the housing element.	
(c)(1)(B) Where the inventory of sites, pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (a), does	Appendix B
not identify adequate sites to accommodate the need for groups of all household income	
levels pursuant to Section 65584, the program shall identify sites that can be developed	
for housing within the planning period pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 65583.2.	
The identification of sites shall include all components specified in Section 65583.2.	
Note: Please see Section 65583.2 regarding the land inventory and conformance with	
subdivision (h).	G .: 4 (A .: 1141)
(c)(1)(C) Where the inventory of sites pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) does	Section 4 (Action H.11)
not identify adequate sites to accommodate the need for farmworker housing, the	Appendix B

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program shall provide for sufficient sites to meet the need with zoning that permits	
farmworker housing use by right, including density and development standards that	
could accommodate and facilitate the feasibility of the development of farmworker	
housing for low- and very low income households.	
(c)(2) Assist in the development of adequate housing to meet the needs of extremely low,	Section 4
very low, low-, and moderate-income households.	
(c)(3) Address and, where appropriate and legally possible, remove governmental and	Section 4
nongovernmental constraints to the maintenance, improvement, and development of	
housing, including housing for all income levels	
(c)(3) and housing for persons with disabilities. The program shall remove constraints to,	Section 4
and provide reasonable accommodations for housing designed for, intended for	
occupancy by, or with supportive services for, persons with disabilities.	
(c)(3) Transitional housing and supportive housing shall be considered a residential use	Section 4
of property and shall be subject only to those restrictions that apply to other residential	
dwellings of the same type in the same zone.	
(c)(3)Supportive housing, as defined in Section 65650, shall be a use by right in all zones	Section 4
where multifamily and mixed uses are permitted, as provided in Article 11 (commencing	
with Section 65650).	
(c)(4) Conserve and improve the condition of the existing affordable housing stock,	Section 4
which may include addressing ways to mitigate the loss of dwelling units demolished by	
public or private action.	
(c)(5) Promote and affirmatively further fair housing opportunities and promote housing	Section 4
throughout the community or communities for all persons regardless of race, religion,	
sex, marital status, ancestry, national origin, color, familial status, or disability, and other	
characteristics protected by the California Fair Employment and Housing Act (Part 2.8	
(commencing with Section 12900) of Division 3 of Title 2), Section 65008, and any	
other state and federal fair housing and planning law.	
(c)(6) Preserve for lower income households the assisted housing developments	Section 4
identified pursuant to paragraph (9) of subdivision (a).	
(c)(6) The program for preservation of the assisted housing developments shall utilize, to	Section 4
the extent necessary, all available federal, state, and local financing and subsidy	

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programs identified in paragraph (9) of subdivision (a), except where a community has	
other urgent needs for which alternative funding sources are not available.	
(c)(6) The program may include strategies that involve local regulation and technical	Section 4
assistance.	
(c)(7) Develop a plan that incentivizes and promotes the creation of accessory dwelling	Section 4
units that can be offered at affordable rent, as defined in Section 50053 of the Health and	
Safety Code, for very low, low-, or moderate-income households. For purposes of this	
paragraph, "accessory dwelling units" has the same meaning as "accessory dwelling	
unit" as defined in paragraph (4) of subdivision (i) of Section 65852.2.\	
(c)(8) Include an identification of the agencies and officials responsible for the	Section 4
implementation of the various actions and the means by which consistency will be	
achieved with other general plan elements and community goals.	
(c)(9) Include a diligent effort by the local government to achieve public participation of	Section 4
all economic segments of the community in the development of the housing element, and	
the program shall describe this effort.	
(c)(10)(A) Affirmatively further fair housing in accordance with Chapter 15	Section 3.D
(commencing with Section 8899.50) of Division 1 of Title 2. The program shall include	Section 4
an assessment of fair housing in the jurisdiction that shall include all of the following	
components:	
(c)(10)(A)(i) A summary of fair housing issues in the jurisdiction	Section 3.D
	Section 4
(c)(10)(A)(i) and an assessment of the jurisdiction's fair housing enforcement and fair	Section 3.D.1
housing outreach capacity.	
(c)(10)(A)(ii) An analysis of available federal, state, and local data and knowledge to	Section 3.D.1
identify integration and segregation patterns and trends,	
(c)(10)(A)(ii)racially or ethnically concentrated areas of poverty and affluence,	Section 3.D.1
(c)(10)(A)(ii) disparities in access to opportunity,	Section 3.D.1
(c)(10)(A)(ii) and disproportionate housing needs,	Section 3.D.1
(c)(10)(A)(ii) including displacement risk.	Section 3.D.1
(c)(10)(A)(ii) The analysis shall identify and examine such patterns, trends, areas,	Section 3.D.1
disparities, and needs, both within the jurisdiction.	

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(c)(10)(A)(ii) and comparing the jurisdiction to the region in which it is located, based on race and other characteristics protected by the California Fair Employment and Housing Act (Part 2.8 (commencing with Section 12900) of Division 3 of Title 2) and Section 65008.	Section 3.D.1
(c)(10)(A)(iii) An assessment of the contributing factors, including the local and regional historical origins	Section 3.D.2 Section 3.D.1 Section 4
(c)(10)(A)(iii) and current policies and practices, for the fair housing issues identified under clauses (i) and (ii).	Section 3.D.2 Section 3.D.1 Section 4 Appendix A
(c)(10)(A)(iv) An identification of the jurisdiction's fair housing priorities and goals, giving highest priority to those factors identified in clause (iii) that limit or deny fair housing choice or access to opportunity, or negatively impact fair housing or civil rights compliance,	Section 4
(c)(10)(A)(iv) and identifying the metrics and milestones for determining what fair housing results will be achieved.	Section 4
(c)(10)(A)(v) Strategies and actions to implement those priorities and goals, which may include, but are not limited to, enhancing mobility strategies	Section 4
(c)(10)(A)(v) and encouraging development of new affordable housing in areas of opportunity,	Section 4
(c)(10)(A)(v) as well as place-based strategies to encourage community revitalization, including preservation of existing affordable housing,	Section 4
(c)(10)(A)(v) and protecting existing residents from displacement. (c)(10)(B) A jurisdiction that completes or revises an assessment of fair housing pursuant	Section 4 Section 4
to Subpart A (commencing with Section 5.150) of Part 5 of Subtitle A of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as published in Volume 80 of the Federal Register, Number 136, page 42272, dated July 16, 2015, or an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice in accordance with the requirements of Section 91.225 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations in effect before August 17, 2015, may incorporate relevant portions of that assessment or revised assessment of fair housing or analysis or revised analysis of impediments to fair housing into its housing element.	Section 4

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(c)(10)(C) The requirements of this paragraph shall apply to housing elements due to be	Section 4
revised pursuant to Section 65588 on or after January 1, 2021.	
(d)(1) A local government may satisfy all or part of its requirement to identify a zone or	N/A
zones suitable for the development of emergency shelters pursuant to paragraph (4) of	
subdivision (a) by adopting and implementing a multijurisdictional agreement, with a	
maximum of two other adjacent communities, that requires the participating jurisdictions	
to develop at least one year-round emergency shelter within two years of the beginning	
of the planning period.	
(d)(2) The agreement shall allocate a portion of the new shelter capacity to each	N/A
jurisdiction as credit toward its emergency shelter need, and each jurisdiction shall	
describe how the capacity was allocated as part of its housing element.	
(d)(3) Each member jurisdiction of a multijurisdictional agreement shall describe in its	N/A
housing element all of the following:	
(d)(3)(A) How the joint facility will meet the jurisdiction's emergency shelter need.	N/A
(d)(3)(B) The jurisdiction's contribution to the facility for both the development and	
ongoing operation and management of the facility.	
(d)(3)(C) The amount and source of the funding that the jurisdiction contributes to the	
facility.	
(d)(4) The aggregate capacity claimed by the participating jurisdictions in their housing	N/A
elements shall not exceed the actual capacity of the shelter.	
(e) Except as otherwise provided in this article, amendments to this article that alter the	Noted.
required content of a housing element shall apply to both of the following: [Note that	
this provision is applicable to AB 2339 (Chapter 654, Statutes of 2022), which	
amended Section 65583(a)(4). Jurisdictions adopting their housing element after	
January 1, 2023 should describe why this amendment is not applicable to them.]	
(1) A housing element or housing element amendment prepared pursuant to subdivision	Noted.
(e) of Section 65588 or Section 65584.02, when a city, county, or city and county	
submits a draft to the department for review pursuant to Section 65585 more than 90	
days after the effective date of the amendment to this section.	
(2) Any housing element or housing element amendment prepared pursuant to	Noted.
subdivision (e) of Section 65588 or Section 65584.02, when the city, county, or city and	

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county fails to submit the first draft to the department before the due date specified in	
Section 65588 or 65584.02.	
Section 65583.1(a)	
(a) The Department of Housing and Community Development, in evaluating a proposed	Appendix B
or adopted housing element for substantial compliance with this article, may also	
allow a city or county to identify sites for accessory dwelling units based on the number	
of accessory dwelling units developed in the prior housing element planning period	
whether or not the units are permitted by right, the need for these units in the community,	
the resources or incentives available for their development, and any other relevant	
factors, as determined by the department.	
(b) Sites that contain permanent housing units located on a military base undergoing	Not applicable
closure or conversion as a result of action pursuant to the Defense Authorization	
Amendments and Base Closure and Realignment Act (Public Law 100-526), the Defense	
Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-510), or any subsequent act	
requiring the closure or conversion of a military base may be identified as an adequate	
site if the housing element demonstrates that the housing units will be available for	
occupancy by households within the planning period of the element. No sites containing	
housing units scheduled or planned for demolition or conversion to nonresidential uses	
shall qualify as an adequate site.	
Note: If communities are using the provisions of Section 65583.1(c), which allow	Noted
RHNA credit for conversion of non-affordable to affordable housing and for	
preservation of existing affordable housing at risk of loss, the applicable provisions	
need to be added to this table.	
Section 65583.2	
(a) A city's or county's inventory of land suitable for residential development pursuant to	Appendix B
paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 65583 shall be used to identify sites	
throughout the community, consistent with paragraph (10) of subdivision (c) of Section	
65583,	
(a) that can be developed for housing within the planning period and that are sufficient to	Appendix B.F
provide for the jurisdiction's share of the regional housing need for all income levels	
pursuant to Section 65584. As used in this section, "land suitable for residential	

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development" includes all of the following sites that meet the standards set forth in	
subdivisions (c) and (g):	
(a)(1) Vacant sites zoned for residential use.	Appendix B.B.3
(a)(2) Vacant sites zoned for nonresidential use that allows residential development.	Appendix B.B.3
(a)(3) Residentially zoned sites that are capable of being developed at a higher density,	Appendix B.B.3
including sites owned or leased by a city, county, or city and county	
(a)(4) Sites zoned for nonresidential use that can be redeveloped for residential use, and	Appendix B.B.3
for which the housing element includes a program to rezone the site, as necessary,	
rezoned for, to permit residential use, including sites owned or leased by a city, county,	
or city and county.	
(b) The inventory of land shall include all of the following:	Appendix B
(b)(1) A listing of properties by assessor parcel number.	Appendix B.F
(b)(2) The size of each property listed pursuant to paragraph (1), and the general plan	Appendix B.F
designation and zoning of each property.	
(b)(3) For nonvacant sites, a description of the existing use of each property.	Appendix B.F
(b)(3) If a site subject to this paragraph is owned by the city or county, the description	Appendix B
shall also include whether there are any plans to dispose of the property during the	
planning period and how the city or county will comply with Article 8 (commencing	
with Section 54220) of Chapter 5 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5.	
(b)(4) A general description of any environmental constraints to the development of	Section 3.A.4
housing within the jurisdiction, the documentation for which has been made available to	Appendix B
the jurisdiction. This information need not be identified on a site-specific basis.	
(b)(5)(A) A description of existing or planned water, sewer, and other dry utilities	Appendix B.A.1
supply, including the availability and access to distribution facilities.	
(b)(5)(B) Parcels included in the inventory must have sufficient water, sewer, and dry	Appendix B.A.1
utilities supply available and accessible to support housing development or be included	
in an existing general plan program or other mandatory program or plan, including a	
program or plan of a public or private entity providing water or sewer service, to secure	
sufficient water, sewer, and dry utilities supply to support housing development. This	
paragraph does not impose any additional duty on the city or county to construct,	
finance, or otherwise provide water, sewer, or dry utilities to parcels included in the	
inventory.	

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(b)(6) Sites identified as available for housing for above moderate-income households in	Appendix B.A.1
areas not served by public sewer systems. This information need not be identified on a	
site-specific basis.	
(b)(7) A map that shows the location of the sites included in the inventory, such as the	Appendix B.F
land use map from the jurisdiction's general plan, for reference purposes only.	
(c) Based on the information provided in subdivision (b), a city or county shall determine	Appendix B.B
whether each site in the inventory can accommodate the development of some portion of	Appendix B.C
its share of the regional housing need by income level during the planning period, as	Appendix B.F
determined pursuant to Section 65584. The inventory shall specify for each site the	
number of units that can realistically be accommodated on that site and whether the site	
is adequate to accommodate lower income housing, moderate-income housing, or above	
moderate-income housing.	
(c) A nonvacant site identified pursuant to paragraph (3) or (4) of subdivision (a) in a	Section 4
prior housing element and a vacant site that has been included in two or more	Action H.2o
consecutive planning periods that was not approved to develop a portion of the locality's	
housing need shall not be deemed adequate to accommodate a portion of the housing	
need for lower income households that must be accommodated in the current housing	
element planning period unless the site is zoned at residential densities consistent with	
paragraph (3) of this subdivision and the site is subject to a program in the housing	
element requiring rezoning within three years of the beginning of the planning period to	
allow residential use by right for housing developments in which at least 20 percent of	
the units are affordable to lower income households. An unincorporated area in a	
nonmetropolitan county pursuant to clause (ii) of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) shall	
not be subject to the requirements of this subdivision to allow residential use by right.	
(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, for a local government that fails to adopt a housing	Noted.
element that the department has found to be in substantial compliance with state law	
within 120 days of the statutory deadline in Section 65588 for adoption of the housing	
element, rezoning pursuant to this subdivision shall be completed no later than one year	
from the statutory deadline in Section 65588 for adoption of the housing element.	A 1' D. D.
(c) The analysis shall determine whether the inventory can provide for a variety of types	Appendix B.B
of housing, including multifamily rental housing,	Section 3.A.2

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(c) factory-built housing, mobilehomes,	Section 3.A.2
(c) housing for agricultural employees, supportive housing,	Section 3.A.2
	Section 4 (Action H.11 and Action H.41)
(c) single-room occupancy units,	Section 3.A.2
	Section 4 (Action H.4.j)
(c) emergency shelters, and	Section 3.A.2
	Section 4 (Action H.4.k)
(c) transitional housing	Section 3.A.2
(c) and whether the inventory affirmatively furthers fair housing.	Section 3.D
	Section 3.A.2
	Section 4
(c) The city or county shall determine the number of housing units that can be	Appendix B
accommodated on each site as follows:	
(c)(1) If local law or regulations require the development of a site at a minimum density,	Appendix B.B.2
the department shall accept the planning agency's calculation of the total housing unit	Appendix B.C.2
capacity on that site based on the established minimum density. If the city or county does	
not adopt a law or regulation requiring the development of a site at a minimum density,	
then it shall demonstrate how the number of units determined for that site pursuant to this	
subdivision will be accommodated.	
(c)(2) The number of units calculated pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be adjusted as	Appendix B.B.2
necessary, based on the land use controls and site improvements requirement identified	Appendix B.C.2
in paragraph (5) of subdivision (a) of Section 65583,	Section 3.A.2
(c)(2) the realistic development capacity for the site,	Appendix B.B.2
	Appendix B.C.2
(c)(2) typical densities of existing or approved residential developments at a similar	Appendix B.B
affordability level in that jurisdiction,	
(c)(2) and on the current or planned availability and accessibility of sufficient water,	Appendix B.A.1
sewer, and dry utilities.	A I' D D 2
(c)(2)(A) A site smaller than half an acre shall not be deemed adequate to accommodate	Appendix B.B.3
lower income housing need unless the locality can demonstrate that sites of equivalent	
size were successfully developed during the prior planning period for an equivalent	
number of lower income housing units as projected for the site or unless the locality	

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provides other evidence to the department that the site is adequate to accommodate lower	
income housing.	
(c)(2)(B) A site larger than 10 acres shall not be deemed adequate to accommodate lower	Appendix B.B.3
income housing need unless the locality can demonstrate that sites of equivalent size	
were successfully developed during the prior planning period for an equivalent number	
of lower income housing units as projected for the site or unless the locality provides	
other evidence to the department that the site can be developed as lower income housing.	
(c)(2)(B) For purposes of this subparagraph, "site" means that portion of a parcel or	Noted.
parcels designated to accommodate lower income housing needs pursuant to this	
subdivision.	
(c)(2)(C) A site may be presumed to be realistic for development to accommodate lower	Appendix B.A
income housing need if, at the time of the adoption of the housing element, a	
development affordable to lower income households has been proposed and approved for	
development on the site.	
(c)(3) For the number of units calculated to accommodate its share of the regional	Appendix B
housing need for lower income households pursuant to paragraph (2), a city or county	
shall do either of the following:	
(c)(3)(A) Provide an analysis demonstrating how the adopted densities accommodate this	Appendix B.B.2
need. The analysis shall include, but is not limited to, factors such as market demand,	Appendix B.C.2
financial feasibility, or information based on development project experience within a	
zone or zones that provide housing for lower income households.	A I' D D
(c)(3)(B) The following densities shall be deemed appropriate to accommodate housing	Appendix B.B
for lower income households:	
(i) For an incorporated city within a nonmetropolitan county and for a nonmetropolitan	
county that has a micropolitan area: sites allowing at least 15 units per acre.	
(ii) For an unincorporated area in a nonmetropolitan county not included in clause (i):	
sites allowing at least 10 units per acre.	
(iii) For a suburban jurisdiction: sites allowing at least 20 units per acre.	
(iv) For a jurisdiction in a metropolitan county: sites allowing at least 30 units per acre. (4)(A) For a metropolitan jurisdiction:	Appendix B.B
(4)(A) For a metropolitan jurisdiction.	Appelluix D.D

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(4)(A)(i) At least 25 percent of the jurisdiction's share of the regional housing need for	Appendix B.B
moderate-income housing shall be allocated to sites with zoning that allows at least 4	
units of housing, but not more than 100 units per acre of housing.	
(4)(A)(ii) At least 25 percent of the jurisdiction's share of the regional housing need for	Appendix B.B
above moderate-income housing shall be allocated to sites with zoning that allows at	
least 4 units of housing.	
(B) The allocation of moderate-income and above moderate-income housing to sites	Appendix B.C
pursuant to this paragraph shall not be a basis for the jurisdiction to do either of the	
following:	
(i) Deny a project that does not comply with the allocation.	
(ii) Impose a price minimum, price maximum, price control, or any other exaction or	
condition of approval in lieu thereof. This clause does not prohibit a jurisdiction from	
imposing any price minimum, price maximum, price control, exaction, or condition in	
lieu thereof, pursuant to any other law.	
(iii) The provisions of this subparagraph do not constitute a change in, but are	
declaratory of, existing law with regard to the allocation of sites pursuant to this section.	
(C) This paragraph does not apply to an unincorporated area.	Noted.
(D) For purposes of this paragraph:	Noted.
(i) "Housing development project" has the same meaning as defined in paragraph (2) of	Noted.
subdivision (h) of Section 65589.5.	
(ii) "Unit of housing" does not include an accessory dwelling unit or junior accessory	Noted.
dwelling unit that could be approved pursuant to Section 65852.2 or Section 65852.22 or	
through a local ordinance or other provision implementing either of those sections. This	
paragraph shall not limit the ability of a local government to count the actual production	
of accessory dwelling units or junior accessory dwelling units in an annual progress	
report submitted pursuant to Section 65400 or other progress report as determined by the	
department.	
(E) Nothing in this subdivision shall preclude the subdivision of a parcel, provided that	Noted.
the subdivision is subject to the Subdivision Map Act (Division 2 (commencing with	
Section 66410)) or any other applicable law authorizing the subdivision of land.	
(d) For purposes of this section, a metropolitan county, nonmetropolitan county, and	Noted.
nonmetropolitan county with a micropolitan area shall be as determined by the United	

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States Census Bureau. A nonmetropolitan county with a micropolitan area includes the	
following counties: Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino, Nevada, Tehama, and	
Tuolumne and other counties as may be determined by the United States Census Bureau	
to be nonmetropolitan counties with micropolitan areas in the future.	
(e) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), a jurisdiction shall be considered suburban if	Noted.
the jurisdiction does not meet the requirements of clauses (i) and (ii) of subparagraph (B)	
of paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) and is located in a Metropolitan Statistical Area	
(MSA) of less than 2,000,000 in population, unless that jurisdiction's population is	
greater than 100,000, in which case it shall be considered metropolitan. A county, not	
including the City and County of San Francisco, shall be considered suburban unless the	
county is in an MSA of 2,000,000 or greater in population in which case the county shall	
be considered metropolitan.	
(2)(A)(i) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), if a county that is in the San Francisco-	Noted.
Oakland-Fremont California MSA has a population of less than 400,000, that county	
shall be considered suburban. If this county includes an incorporated city that has a	
population of less than 100,000, this city shall also be considered suburban. This	
paragraph shall apply to a housing element revision cycle, as described in subparagraph	
(A) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (e) of Section 65588, that is in effect from July 1,	
2014, to December 31, 2028, inclusive.	
(2)(A)(ii) A county subject to this subparagraph shall utilize the sum existing in the	Noted.
county's housing trust fund as of June 30, 2013, for the development and preservation of	
housing affordable to low- and very low income households.	
(2)(B) A jurisdiction that is classified as suburban pursuant to this paragraph shall report	Noted.
to the Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development, the Senate	
Committee on Housing, and the Department of Housing and Community Development	
regarding its progress in developing low- and very low income housing consistent with	
the requirements of Section 65400. The report shall be provided three times: once, on or	
before December 31, 2019, which report shall address the initial four years of the	
housing element cycle, a second time, on or before December 31, 2023, which report	
shall address the subsequent four years of the housing element cycle, and a third time, on	
or before December 31, 2027, which report shall address the subsequent four years of the	

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housing element cycle and the cycle as a whole. The reports shall be provided consistent	
with the requirements of Section 9795.	
(f) A jurisdiction shall be considered metropolitan if the jurisdiction does not meet the	Noted.
requirements for "suburban area" above and is located in an MSA of 2,000,000 or greater	
in population, unless that jurisdiction's population is less than 25,000 in which case it	Appendix B.B.3
shall be considered suburban.	Appendix B.F
(g)(1) For sites described in paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) [non-vacant sites], the city	
or county shall specify the additional development potential for each site within the	
planning period and shall provide an explanation of the methodology used to determine	
the development potential.	
(g)(1) The methodology shall consider factors including the extent to which existing uses	Appendix B.B.3
may constitute an impediment to additional residential development,	Appendix B.F
(g)(1) the city's or county's past experience with converting existing uses to higher	Appendix B.B.3
density residential development,	Appendix B.F
(g)(1) the current market demand for the existing use,	Appendix B.B.3
	Appendix B.F
(g)(1) an analysis of any existing leases or other contracts that would perpetuate the	Appendix B.B.3
existing use or prevent redevelopment of the site for additional residential development,	Appendix B.F
(g)(1) development trends,	Appendix B.B.3
	Appendix B.F
(g)(1) market conditions,	Appendix B.B.3
	Appendix B.F
(g)(1) and regulatory or other incentives or standards to encourage additional residential	Appendix B.B.3
development on these sites.	Appendix B.F
(g)(2) In addition to the analysis required in paragraph (1), when a city or county is	Noted. Not applicable.
relying on nonvacant sites described in paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) to accommodate	
50 percent or more of its housing need for lower income households, the methodology	
used to determine additional development potential shall demonstrate that the existing	
use identified pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) does not constitute an	
impediment to additional residential development during the period covered by the	
housing element. An existing use shall be presumed to impede additional residential	

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development, absent findings based on substantial evidence that the use is likely to be	
discontinued during the planning period.	
(g)(3) Notwithstanding any other law, and in addition to the requirements in paragraphs	Appendix B.B.3
(1) and (2), sites that currently have residential uses, or within the past five years have	
had residential uses that have been vacated or demolished, that are or were subject to a	
recorded covenant, ordinance, or law that restricts rents to levels affordable to persons	
and families of low or very low income, subject to any other form of rent or price control	
through a public entity's valid exercise of its police power, or occupied by low or very	
low income households, shall be subject to a policy requiring the replacement of all those	
units affordable to the same or lower income level as a condition of any development on	
the site. Replacement requirements shall be consistent with those set forth in paragraph	
(3) of subdivision (c) of Section 65915.	
(h) The program required by subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of	Noted.
Section 65583 shall accommodate 100 percent of the need for housing for very low and	
low-income households allocated pursuant to Section 65584 for which site capacity has	
not been identified in the inventory of sites pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (a)	
on sites that shall be zoned to permit owner-occupied and rental multifamily residential	
use by right for developments in which at least 20 percent of the units are affordable to	
lower income households during the planning period.	4 1 2 2 2
(h) These sites shall be zoned with minimum density and development standards that	Appendix B.B
permit at least	4 " D D
(h) 16 units per site at a density of at least 16 units per acre in jurisdictions described in	Appendix B.B
clause (i) of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (c),	A I' D D
(h) shall be at least 20 units per acre in jurisdictions described in clauses (iii) and (iv) of	Appendix B.B
subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (c)	4 " D D
(h) and shall meet the standards set forth in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (5) of	Appendix B.B
subdivision (b).	A I' D D
(h) At least 50 percent of the very low and low-income housing need shall be	Appendix B.B
accommodated on sites designated for residential use and for which nonresidential uses	
or mixed uses are not permitted, except that a city or county may accommodate all of the	
very low and low-income housing need on sites designated for mixed uses if those sites	

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allow 100 percent residential use and require that residential use occupy 50 percent of the	
total floor area of a mixed-use project.	
(i) For purposes of this section and Section 65583, the phrase "use by right" shall mean	Noted.
that the local government's review of the owner-occupied or multifamily residential use	
may not require a conditional use permit, planned unit development permit, or other	
discretionary local government review or approval that would constitute a "project" for	
purposes of Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources	
Code. Any subdivision of the sites shall be subject to all laws, including, but not limited	
to, the local government ordinance implementing the Subdivision Map Act.	
(i) A local ordinance may provide that "use by right" does not exempt the use from	Noted.
design review. However, that design review shall not constitute a "project" for purposes	
of Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code.	
(i) Use by right for all rental multifamily residential housing shall be provided in	Noted.
accordance with subdivision (f) of Section 65589.5.	
(j) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, within one-half mile of a	Noted.
Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit station, housing density requirements in place on June	
30, 2014, shall apply.	