



## General Plan Advisory Committee (AD HOC)

# AGENDA

## Housing and Safety Elements Update

February 4, 2021 - 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order N-29-20, issued by Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020, the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) will be conducted through Zoom. Please be advised that pursuant to the Executive Order, and to ensure the health and safety of the public by limiting human contact that could spread the COVID-19 virus, Committee Members will be participating telephonically and will not be physically present in any City Facility. In accordance with Executive Order N-25-20, remote public participation can be done by:

1. Submitting an email to [vlopez@lahabracal.gov](mailto:vlopez@lahabracal.gov) by no later than 5:30 p.m. on Thursday February 4, 2021.
2. Participating via Zoom during the meeting by dialing 1-669-900-9128 and entering **Meeting ID: 848 5820 7746 and Passcode: 661928**. Please note, you will enter the meeting muted, but if you want to comment during the public comment portions of the agenda, use the "raise hand" option or if dialing in by phone press \*9, at the appropriate time indicated by the Chair during the meeting, and your call will be selected from the meeting cue. Before you Press \*9, turn off other electronic devices and turn down background noise at your location to avoid interference with your call.

Your patience is appreciated as the City adjusts to new ways of conducting business during the COVID-19 pandemic.

1. Call to Order/ Chair Carrie Surich
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes of November 19, 2020

#### 4. Public Comments

This is the time for the public to address any item of Committee business NOT appearing on this Agenda. Speakers are asked to limit their comments to three (3) minutes each. The total time period for public comment is 30 minutes.

#### 5. Consideration items

Any member of the audience may request to address the Committee on any Consideration Item. Public comment shall be limited to three (3) minutes per individual, with a total time limit of 30 minutes per Consideration Item, unless otherwise modified by the Chair. Speaking time may not be granted and/or loaned to another individual for purposes of extending available speaking time, and comments must be kept brief, non-repetitive, and professional in nature.

##### a) Housing Needs Assessment

Presentation by PlaceWorks, Mr. Woodie Tescher  
Committee Member's Question and Answers  
Public Comment

##### b) Future Meeting Schedule

#### 6. Member's Comments

#### 7. Adjournment

February 1, 2021

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To be submitted for the public comments portion of the 4 February 2021 meeting.

To the La Habra City Council and the General Plan Advisory Committee:

[The La Habra General Plan](#) is a long-term document focused on the future of Our Caring Community expressing sound public policy for how we use the city's land. A crucial component is the Housing Element which addresses how our city accommodates future housing sites, including affordable and inclusive housing approaches.

I ask that the City of La Habra move toward addressing and locating areas of the city that significantly support the development of denser affordable housing with an all-of-the-above approach, including inclusionary housing practices above the state-required Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) units to meet La Habra's needs.

To deny inclusionary zoning is to deny the existence of historical discriminatory housing practices in La Habra and in Orange County. The City of La Habra must promote higher density zoning and mixed-use development to give La Habrans places to work and live in the same place. Concentrated and comprehensive efforts in complying with state housing laws while providing senior and veteran affordable housing would also give younger La Habrans affordable options of living near our small businesses without having to congest neighborhoods with commutes outside the city. A solution would be upzoning areas to a mixed-use status which would fulfill multiple City goals and reduce tensions in accepting development projects. Additional policies added to the General Plan must include reducing on-site parking requirements to necessitate transit use and inhibit automobile dependency. This would allow the city to identify housing units that target all income levels without alienating residents' current community needs.

I am proud that our city meets state housing goals [and is projected to do](#) so but La Habra can do better for young renters and neighbors interested in investing long-term in a home in La Habra. There are many stories I have listened to and friends who cannot afford to live in our city or cannot locate available housing who would love to live in La Habra. As a lifelong La Habran, I look forward to seeing inclusive policies that go ahead-of-the-curve on addressing our city's housing crisis built into our General Plan to

bring those residents back. There are many issues unaddressed if we maintain existing housing policies with an aging La Habran population that is paying less into our General Fund. Comprehensive housing solutions are not zero-sum and is not bad public policy.

I appreciate the work of the General Plan Action Committee in addressing these concerns and creating open forums to democratize this process. I want to thank the City of La Habra for working through COVID-19 and our current economic and public health crises in addressing the future long-term goals in housing, public safety, and infrastructure planning issues through this difficult time.

Thank you.