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**Date:** September 8, 2022  
**To:** General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) members  
**From:** General Plan Update Team  
**Subject:** September GPAC Meeting

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We look forward to the GPAC meeting next Thursday, September 15. This memo is intended to help you prepare for that meeting. The meeting will include staff updates, a discussion of the Public Draft Housing Element, and an opportunity for Working Groups to provide updates and for the GPAC to further discuss Working Group materials presented at the August GPAC meeting.

## Public Draft Housing Element

Since March, the Housing Element of the General Plan has been a mainstay of GPAC agendas. In March, the GPU Team provided an overview of Housing Elements, some related preliminary analysis, and housing-related community input already received, and the GPAC discussed housing goals, sites, policies, and programs. In April, you reviewed community input from the Housing Element Workshop, which focused on heights and housing programs. In June, while the Administrative Draft of the Housing Element was being prepared, you previewed and provided feedback on the sites inventory and proposed programs. Since March, members of the GPAC's Housing Working Group have also met several times with the GPU Team.

Incorporating input from the community, the GPAC, the Planning Commission, and City Council, the Public Draft Housing Element was released for public comment on August 29. Community members are encouraged to review the Housing Element and provide specific feedback in this website, which incorporates an online survey to gather feedback:

<https://www.planpetaluma.org/housingelementdraft>. The Housing Element will also be discussed during the September 13 Planning Commission meeting, the September 20 Community Open House, and the October 3 City Council meeting. A revised draft will then be prepared for the required 90-day review by the State Department of Housing and Community Development.

In its advisory role, it is also important for the GPAC to provide feedback on the Public Draft Housing Element. Please refer to this page for the materials:

<https://www.planpetaluma.org/housingelementdraft>. We welcome GPAC input provided during the GPAC meeting as well as through the online survey. If you would like to review a concise overview of Housing Elements, a recap of the community-driven development of Petaluma's 6<sup>th</sup>-cycle Housing Element, and a summary of changes in the draft Housing Element since June, please refer to the attached Planning Commission staff report.

## Working Group Presentations

During the August GPAC meeting, it was great to hear Working Groups share updates and recommendations. As a reminder, the Working Group recommendations are posted on the website under GPAC Meeting Materials (<https://www.planpetaluma.org/gpac-meetings>). During next week's meeting, we invite Working Groups to share updates since the August meeting, including any new or refined recommendations. We're also allowing time for the GPAC to bring up any responses that arose after last meeting's presentations and discuss interconnections

and tensions among various recommendations. All of this GPAC input and discussion will inform the ongoing work on draft GP policy frameworks.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact Christina Paul ([cpaul@cityofpetaluma.org](mailto:cpaul@cityofpetaluma.org)). Thank you!

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Summary notes from the August 18, 2022 GPAC meeting

Attachment B: Housing Element Staff Report for the September 13, 2022 Planning Commission meeting