



## AGENDA SUMMARY EUREKA CITY COUNCIL

**TITLE:** Prohousing Designation Program Application

**DEPARTMENT:** Development Services – Planning

**PREPARED BY:** Lisa Savage, Senior Planner

**PRESENTED FOR:**            Action         Information only             Discussion

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Eureka authorizing application to and participation in the Prohousing Designation Program.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

                  No Fiscal Impact             Included in Budget             Additional Appropriation

### **COUNCIL GOALS/STRATEGIC VISION**

- 2019-27 Housing Element: Assist in the development of adequate and affordable housing; Promote housing opportunities for all persons

### **DISCUSSION**

California Government Code section 65589.9 established the Prohousing Designation Program, which enables the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to designate local jurisdictions as “prohousing” when they are compliant with state housing element requirements and have enacted local policies supportive of housing development. Local jurisdictions with the Prohousing Designation receive additional points or other preference during the scoring of HCD’s competitive applications for specified housing and infrastructure funding programs, such as the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Grant Program. The City is working with Linc Housing to submit a second AHSC grant application for the Myrtle and Sunny, 8<sup>th</sup> and G, and 6<sup>th</sup> and M housing sites, and having the prohousing designation will increase the award points possible for this and other future applications.

California Code of Regulations section 6606 includes a list of qualifying prohousing policies, each worth between 1 and 3 points, across four categories: favorable zoning and land use, acceleration of housing production timeframes, reduction of construction and development costs, and provision of financial subsidies. A minimum of thirty (30) points are required to qualify for the Prohousing Designation, with at least one (1) point

required in each of the four categories. To gain points for each prohousing policy, the City must submit documentary evidence it has either enacted the policy, or will enact the policy within two (2) years of the date of application. The application Staff is prepared to submit contains thirty-eight (38) points. All but three of the City policies are already enacted.

During the next zoning code update, in June 2023, the time staff is allocated to approve permits for ADUs/JADUs will be reduced from 60 days to 45 days (2I). Also, by June of 2023, staff will create a brochure which promotes innovative housing types, such as manufactured homes, and tiny houses on wheels (3D). Finally, the Housing Department will create a low interest revolving loan fund for ADUs/JADUs by January 2024 (4B).

At this time, Council is being asked to adopt a Resolution approving the City's participation in the Prohousing Designation Program, and submittal of the Prohousing Application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

As a note: the category numbers in Appendix 3 of Attachment 2 refer to the Project Proposal table beginning on page 17 of Attachment 2.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the City Council adopt a Resolution authorizing application to and participation in the Prohousing Designation Program.

### **SUGGESTED MOTION:**

**“I move the City Council adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Eureka authorizing application to and participation in the Prohousing Designation Program”**

### **REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:**

- City Attorney
- City Clerk/Information Technology
- Community Services
- Development Services
- Finance
- Fire
- Human Resources
- Police
- Public Works