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karen.naungayan@hcd.ca.gov**NEW DATA RELEASED BY CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INCREASE TRANSPARENCY OF HOW CITIES AND COUNTIES ARE MEETING THEIR HOUSING GOALS**

SACRAMENTO – The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has released new data that increase transparency of how cities and counties are performing against their housing goals.

Since 1969, California has required that all local governments (cities and counties) adequately plan to meet the housing needs of people at various income levels. Each region's housing need is determined every five to eight years through the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process. Once the need is determined, cities and counties must show they have zoned enough land for housing to accommodate families and individuals at various income levels. These plans, known as housing elements, must be submitted to HCD for review and approval. Jurisdictions must also submit Annual Progress Reports in which they show how much progress they have made toward their housing goals.

"Until now, there was no statewide, comprehensive resource showing the status of each jurisdiction's housing plan and progress toward meeting that plan," said HCD Director Ben Metcalf. "With the release of HCD's *Housing Element Open Data Project*, anyone can look up their city or county and find out if it has turned in its housing plan and whether that plan has been found compliant with state law. They can also find out whether their city or county is on track to meet the goals set out in those plans, and if not, how close or off-track they are."

- HCD's [Housing Element Implementation Tracker](#) shows detailed **status** of cities and counties' **housing plans** (housing elements). It also shows whether cities and counties have zoned enough land for housing, whether they have adequately planned for emergency shelters and housing with supportive services, and whether they have submitted their Annual Progress Reports.
- HCD's [5th Annual Progress Report Permit Summary](#) shows how well cities and counties **are progressing** toward meeting their **housing goals**. Every April, cities and counties must submit Annual Progress Reports for the prior year, showing whether they are on-track to meet their housing needs. Progress is measured by how many housing construction permits they have issued at various income levels.

"By making detailed data available in one place, we've created a more complete picture of how jurisdictions are not only *planning* for housing but, just as importantly, progressing toward *building* those homes," said Director Metcalf. "We look forward to continued partnerships with our cities and counties as they work to increase the amount of housing choices for Californians at *all* income levels."

Who to contact:

- If you're a local government employee and wish to provide updated data or have questions about the data in the Annual Progress Report, email APR@hcd.ca.gov.
- If you have questions about housing plans (housing elements) or California's 2017 Housing Package, email CAHP@hcd.ca.gov.

The California Department of Housing and Community Development is dedicated to the preservation and expansion of safe and affordable housing so more Californians have a place to call home. Our team works to ensure an adequate supply of housing for Californians and promotes the growth of strong communities through its leadership, policy and program development. For more information, please visit www.hcd.ca.gov and follow us on Twitter, @California_HCD and Facebook, @CaliforniaHCD.

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