



[Welcoming Neighbors Home](#) **Housing Element Review Resource List**

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Resource List for City Housing Element Review

These documents generally found on city's website.

- Housing Element, past and present (Kennedy Commission may have)
- RHNA, past and present (Kennedy Commission may have)
- City General Plan
- Policies: Inclusionary Housing, In-Lieu, other housing policies & programs
- Planning documents and Developer agreements
- Consultant agreements
- California State Housing & Community Development (HCD) letters to City (Kennedy Commission may have these)

For history or context of decisions look at:

- City Council agendas/minutes
- Planning Commissions agendas/minutes
- Orange County Register, archives
- Public comments

For demographic information related to city, SCAG has pre-certified data files for 6th Cycle:

http://scag.ca.gov/programs/Pages/Housing-Elements-2020.aspx?utm_medium=email

Information & Training Resources

How the H--- Did we Get Here? Affordable Housing in OC

Maya Dunne, Mary Ann Gaido and Cesar Covarrubias

Presented on Feb 8th at a Housing is a Human Right Orange County meeting

YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/SEL4WdSr8W8>

YIMBY Action Resources

- "What is a Housing Element? [Primer is available as a PDF here.](#)

- Housing Element Training Webinar Video Recording: "[How to be a Housing Element Hero](#)" can be [viewed here](#). (This is a basic intro level video. You'll need to put in your name and email address.)
- YIMBY Training: [Giving Great Public Comment in the Era of COVID-19](#)

Campaign for Fair Housing Elements: <https://fairhousingelements.org>

This multi-organization website has a resource library.

- Coming soon will be a guide to help advocates evaluate 6th Cycle Housing Element Drafts.
- It includes a good introductory piece: *RHNA & Housing Elements, Explained*: <https://yimbyaction.org/rhna/>

Kennedy Commission Resources:

- Kennedy Commission's Best Practices Tool Kit (Housing Element policies that will help produce affordable housing) is [available as a PDF here](#).
- Link to Kennedy Commission Trainings: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLnx8Mazc2JbtuXh27ewy188NEEtXVMc0n>

Contact Cesar Covarrubias, Executive Director (cesarc@KennedyCommission.org 949-250-0909) or Mildred Perez, Project Manager (mildredp@KennedyCommission.org) at the Kennedy Commission to ask for links to recordings, slides and handout material for the following training they provided. They are also available to consult with advocates on housing element updates.

August 14, 2020 - *Housing Element Law and Advocacy Training*

August 28, 2020 – OC Housing Element Workshop - Hosted by the Kennedy Commission - Oriented to advocates and less technical.

September 9, 2020 - *Housing Element and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Training*

Sept 30, 2020 – *Housing Element Litigation Training*

Feb 18, 2021 - *Best Practices for Affordable Housing Development*

March 4, 2021 - *Understanding Affordable Housing Sites in the Housing Element*

March 18, 2021 – *Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing*

California State Housing and Community Development Housing Element webpages:

- <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/housing-element/index.shtml>
- <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/building-blocks/index.shtml>
- Training Webinar by HCD on Site Inventory: [Housing Element Site Inventory in the 6th Cycle Guidebook and Form 20Jul24 mp4](#)

Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Resources:

- **SCAG 6th Cycle Final RNHA Allocations**
<https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/6th-cycle-rhna-final-allocation-plan.pdf?1616462966>

- **SCAG 6th Cycle Housing Element Update Information - including pre-certified data for cities :**
http://scag.ca.gov/programs/Pages/Housing-Elements-2020.aspx?utm_medium=email
- **SCAG – Southern California Assoc of Governments site database:**
https://maps.scag.ca.gov/helpr/?page=page_0

Filters include:

- vacant parcels of land that are of the appropriate size,
- commercial parcels with infill potential,
- public lands are,
- High opportunity areas – i.e. near jobs, shopping and/or transit
- And other filters.

Directions for its use: https://maps.scag.ca.gov/helpr/SCAG_HELPR_AboutTool_v10.pdf

Other Resources on Programs, Policies, Ordinances that Promote Affordable Housing:

Association of Bay Area Governments – Sample Ordinances:

<http://housing.abag.ca.gov/policysearch>

Best Practices in Inclusionary Housing:

https://www.lgc.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/inclusionary-factsheet_v2.pdf

Designing Affordability: Innovative Strategies for Meeting the Affordability Gap Between Low Income Subsidy and the Market in High Cost Areas (from HCD'S website):

<https://www.hcd.ca.gov/policy-research/plans-reports/docs/designingaffordability2015.pdf>

California Housing Law Resources

CA 2019 Housing Laws and Affordable Housing

<https://pdf.hklaw.com/pdfrenderer.svc/v1/abcpdf11/GetRenderedPdfByUrl/Californias%202019%20Housing%20Laws%20What%20You%20Need%20to%20Kno.pdf?url=http%3a%2f%2fwww.hklaw.com%2fen%2finsights%2fpublications%2f2018%2f10%2fcalifornias-2019-housing-laws-what-you-need-to-kno%3fpdf%3d1>

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- For additional publications and trainings on housing element law, please visit: <http://www.pilpca.org/publications-trainings/>