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## **State Approves Montebello's Housing Element** City now in full compliance with California law

**Montebello, CA** – The City of Montebello is one of 88 municipalities in the County of Los Angeles required to attain a fully certified Housing Element. The approval of the Housing Element, granted by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), follows closely after the adoption of the proposed Housing Element approved by the Montebello City Council on June 22, 2022. HCD has certified Montebello's adopted Housing Element which is now in full compliance with State Housing Element Law (Article 10.6 of the Gov. Code).

“Montebello has crossed a major threshold to comply with state law and develop a comprehensive housing plan for current and future residents of our great City,” said Mayor Kimberly Ann Cobos-Cawthorne. “After being non-compliant for a few years, I am very happy to see this long-standing concern resolved thanks to tremendous staff effort and I look forward to the benefits it will have towards fulfilling our housing needs.”

The approved Housing Element identifies sites and program actions that will facilitate housing development at a variety of income levels throughout the City. This approved Housing Element will enable Montebello to consider and review innovative multifamily housing projects in anticipation of the planned Metro Gold Line Extension, creating opportunities for Transportation Oriented Communities.

“I am extremely proud of our planning and housing staff,” said Planning and Community Development Department Director Joseph Palombi. “Their countless hours of diligent analysis and hard work have corrected an issue that has existed for the past few years. I sincerely thank HCD for their support in getting us to this major milestone.”

With a compliant Housing Element secured, the City of Montebello is now eligible for a number of federal, state, and regional funding programs that consider Housing Element compliance a key criteria for eligibility or ranking. Increased funding opportunities will enable the City to ensure its housing program actions can assess and monitor the status of at-risk communities, encourage mixed-use development, streamline housing development, and help ensure plans are executed efficiently, effectively, and fairly.

*The City of Montebello was founded in 1920 and is located eight miles southeast of downtown Los Angeles. Its history dates back to the days of the Franciscan missionaries and today boasts a full array of services including police, fire and one of the region's largest public transportation systems, [Montebello Bus Lines](#). The city's multi-cultural resident population is approximately 65,000 covering a footprint of approximately four square miles. For more information visit [www.cityofmontebello.com](http://www.cityofmontebello.com) or follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).*

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