



**City of Oroville 2022 Housing Element Update  
Community Meeting #2: Housing Goals & Programs  
Breakout Group Notes  
November 17, 2021**

1. What have you seen and experienced regarding the cost of housing in Oroville? Do you think any groups in particular are disproportionately impacted by housing cost burden?
  - Live/rent in Oroville and work in Chico. Oroville used to be very affordable but is quickly becoming less affordable. Many available rentals are substandard.
  - North Valley Housing Trust (NVHT) recent outreach event: severely cost burdened, especially single moms whose homes had recently sold saw illegal rent increases/despite rent gouging ordinance which was instituted after the 2018 Camp Fire (renters in apartment buildings). Need for rental assistance.
  
2. Can you describe any areas of Oroville that have fewer resources and opportunities such as education, infrastructure, jobs, parks etc.? How about areas of the City that have more opportunities?
  - South Oroville is resource poor - lacking sidewalks, not located near greenspaces, grocery stores, other resources.
  
3. How have the Camp and Bear Fires impacted housing availability and/or affordability in Oroville?
  - Home prices skyrocketed after the Camp Fire, and steadily increased.
  
4. What types of housing are in the greatest need in Oroville?
  - a. Affordable apartments
  - b. Large units for larger households
  - c. Affordable owner-occupied homes
  - d. Studios, SROs and Tiny Homes for people experiencing homelessness and at-risk of homelessness
  - e. Market-rate homes
  - Need for tiny homes for homelessness/harm reduction approach.
  - Need for homes for moderate income earners.

5. Considering the findings and input during the Needs Assessment phase of this update, what would you like to see the City prioritize for actions in the Housing Element?
  - a. Promoting and facilitating the construction of Accessory Dwelling Units
  - b. Facilitating the production of multi-family rental units. Affordable/low-income? Market-rate? Both?
  - c. Work collaboratively with affordable housing developers by providing guidance on sites and partnering on funding applications
  - d. Focus on housing for seniors, those with disabilities, those experiencing homelessness, sometimes called Special Needs Housing
  - e. Affordable homes for first-time homebuyers
  - f. Remove potential zoning constraints to the development of all types of housing in order to accommodate the spectrum of housing needs
    - ADUs - affordable to high-income homeowners or high rents. Need for low-income family ADU program.
    - Multifamily rental - affordable housing is high priority, but need to fulfill needs of single mother households that need 3 bedrooms.
    - Guidance/partnering - could be helpful, difficult to get smaller projects started.
    - Zoning constraints - not the issue. Funding for long term operations. Lack of large lots in areas with resources/city centers.
  
6. Is there a need to provide rehabilitation assistance for older homes? Are there particular neighborhoods where this need is the greatest?
  - South Oroville, seniors/substandard homes.
  
7. Are there are other actions or programs you would like to see the City prioritize?
  - Control private property/owner rental prices
  - Rental registry program/tools for rent gouging
  - Control the impact of Airbnbs/vacation rentals on neighborhoods
  - Homesharing programs
  - Consider access to recreation, schools, physically accessible, grocery stores, and exposure to indoor air pollution/second-hand smoke in new developments. Involvement of public health officials in development.
  
8. Are you aware of the various energy assistance and weatherization programs available in Oroville and Butte County? Would it be helpful for the City to provide information and promote these programs?
  - Aware, need for intentional outreach.