

CITY OF COMPTON

2021-2029 Housing Element Update

City of Compton Community Development Department

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1. Introduction

A. BACKGROUND

The housing element is one the required elements of the General Plan. State Housing Element law, enacted in 1969, mandates that local governments adequately plan to meet the existing and projected housing needs of all segments of the population. It requires that the Element be consistent with all parts of the general plan and be closely related to the Land Use Element, which specifies land within the jurisdiction that can be utilized for housing development. The law acknowledges that, in order for the private market to adequately address housing needs and demands, local governments must adopt plans and regulatory systems, which support housing developments. As a result, the successful growth of a community rests largely upon the implementation of local general plans, and in particular, the Housing Element.

The Housing Element has a planning period of 8 years. It is programmatic in focus and is required to meet specific requirements set by State law. The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is charged with the responsibility of reviewing the Housing Element for compliance with State law.

The Housing Element of the Compton General Plan addresses the housing needs of the City. The primary focus of the Housing Element is to encourage the provision of suitable housing for City residents and to protect the vitality of existing residential neighborhoods. The goals and policies of the Compton Housing Element address two main issues: the promotion of new housing development, and the maintenance and improvement of existing housing units. Through its housing programs, the City will improve the quality of existing housing and encourage the production of new housing types to meet residents' needs.

The Housing Element looks into the housing problems of the City and seeks to provide solutions to improve future housing conditions. The Housing Element has been designed to address key housing issues in the City. These issues include the need to rehabilitate the existing housing stock, development of new housing to relieve overcrowding, and the maintenance of affordable housing for low-income households, special needs households and overpaying households. This Element is being updated as part of the State-mandated Housing Element update for the sixth cycle (October 15, 2021 through October 15, 2029).

To identify the housing needs of the City, a Community Profile has been developed. The Community Profile discusses the housing needs of Compton through the characteristics of the population, households, and housing in the City, population and employment growth trends, and an analysis of groups that may have special housing needs. The Profile also discusses the City's housing stock, land available for residential development, and facilities that support existing residential communities. By matching its resources with housing needs, the City will be able to identify households or groups that do not have adequate housing. The affordability of the housing stock in relation to household income, the capacity of the City to accommodate future residents, and other housing concerns are also recognized.

The Housing Element also includes discussions of governmental, economic and physical constraints to the development of housing and opportunities for energy conservation further expand on the factors that affect housing costs and production. Resources for meeting the housing needs are also discussed.

The goals and policies of the Housing Element have been developed to address the needs identified in the Community Profile. The City recognizes that it is responsible for the accommodation of future household growth in the region and the development of affordable housing. It also knows that there are many problems in Compton that have to be addressed. As such, substandard housing units need to be rehabilitated and improved along with the development of new housing. The City is continuously seeking to meet the housing needs of its residents and to accommodate its share of regional housing. This will accomplish both state and local housing goals.

The Housing Element fulfills the requirements of the State Planning and Zoning Law and the regulations of Section 65580-65589.5 of the California Government Code. State law is very specific on the content of the Housing Element and makes it clear that the provision of affordable housing is the responsibility of all local governments. It expects the City to have its fair share in the development of regional housing needs and to contribute to the attainment of State housing goals.

Frequency of Review and Update

The process of updating Housing Elements is triggered by HCD through the “regional housing needs” process. The Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process is a State mandate on planning for housing, whereby each jurisdiction in the State is given “fair share” of local housing needs according to income distribution. The current Housing Element will serve the projection period of June 30, 2021 through October 15, 2029 and the planning period beginning October 15, 2021 to October 15, 2029. This is an eight-year period to coincide with the RHNA process.

Housing Element Contents

The Housing Element is required by State law to include:

- An assessment of existing housing needs—with an analysis of housing affordability, conditions, special needs and affordable units at-risk of converting to market-rate—as well as projected needs as laid out in the RHNA;
- A detailed sites inventory and analysis that evaluates the jurisdiction’s ability to accommodate its RHNA;
- An analysis of constraints on housing in the jurisdiction
- Housing programs that identify adequate sites to accommodate the City’s share of the regional housing need; assisting in the development of housing for very low and low income households; removing or mitigating governmental constraints to affordable housing; conserving and improving the existing affordable housing stock; promoting equal housing opportunity; and preserving the at-risk units identified; and
- Quantified objectives that estimate the maximum number of units, by income level, to be constructed, rehabilitated and conserved over the planning period of the element.

B. RELATIONSHIP TO THE GENERAL PLAN

Consistency with General Plan and Policies

The Housing Element of the General Plan is one component of the City's overall long-range planning strategy. The California Government Code requires that the General Plan contain an integrated, consistent set of goals and policies. The Housing Element is, therefore, affected by policies contained in other elements of the General Plan.

The Housing Element has been designed to address key housing issues in the City. These issues include the need to rehabilitate the existing housing stock, the development of new housing to relieve overcrowding and the maintenance of affordable housing for low-income households, special needs households and overpaying households.

The current Compton General Plan was adopted in 1991 and established a long-range plan. The plan includes the following elements: Land Use, Housing, Circulation, Noise, Conservation/Open Space/Parks, Public Safety, Public Facilities, Urban Design and Economic Development. The City is in the process of comprehensively updating the General Plan. This Housing Element is consistent with both the current 1991 General Plan and proposed Land Use Policy for the General Plan update. The sites inventory identified to meet the RHNA reflects the proposed changes to the Land Use Element. As individual elements of the General Plan are updated in the future, the City will review and revise all elements for internal consistency.

C. INFORMATION SOURCES

The information presented in the Housing Element is gathered from a variety of sources. The primary source of information used in the compilation of demographic, housing, and socio-economic information for Compton includes data collected by the U.S. Bureau of the Census American Community Survey (ACS). A number of other sources were also consulted for the preparation of this analysis, with the key sources being the State Department of Finance (DOF), and the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). SCAG is

mandated under State law to prepare population, housing, and employment projections that are to be used in the development of the region's Growth Management Plan. These projections were used in the determination of the City's regional housing needs assessment (RHNA). Various other sources (both private and public) were also used. Wherever possible, data from the City and County were used to facilitate an understanding of local needs and conditions.

D. PUBLIC OUTREACH

The Housing Element is being prepared as part of the General Plan update. A robust community engagement and outreach program was implemented to solicit input from the community. A summary of this process is bound under separate cover.

E. PUBLIC AND HCD REVIEWS

State law requires every updated Housing Element be submitted to California's HCD to ensure compliance with the State's minimum requirements. This "certification" process is unique among the General Plan elements. The Compton Housing Element is required to undergo the following reviews:

- 30-day public review of the Draft Housing Element prior to submittal to HCD for review
- 90-day HCD review of the Draft Housing Element
- Any subsequent submittal of the Draft Housing Element for HCD review requires a 7-day public review and a 60-day HCD review
- 60-day HCD review of the Adopted Housing Element

F. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

In preparation of the 2045 General Plan Update, the City completed a comprehensive Engagement and Outreach Approach study. A detailed summary of the engagement activities is provided along with the Housing Element. The City solicited input from City leaders and stakeholders (City Council, General Plan Working Groups, and Stakeholder/Focus Groups) and organizations (local agencies, nonprofits, service groups, etc.). In addition to working groups, the City implemented additional engagement activities including pop-up and mobile workshops, surveys, and digital engagement. Through these outreach activities, the City has identified the following key discussion themes related to housing:

- More affordable housing options for younger adults and families, first-time homebuyers, and transitional housing
- Consider housing programs to assist residents
- Focus new housing along Compton major corridors
- Many existing apartments in Compton are run-down or have gang issues
- Compton needs better jobs, healthy food options, & community services and should better maintain streets, parks, and community facilities
- Vacant Buildings along Corridors have opportunities for more housing
- Consistent community engagement across many platforms and approaches
- Need to adequately address homelessness
- Need for diverse housing options (affordable housing rentals, the conversion of motels into affordable housing, and the construction of duplexes, mixed-use developments, and accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in backyards.

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To adequately address these public comments and concerns, the City will implement the following housing programs detailed in this Housing Element:

- Program 1: Adequate Sites for RHNA – The City has identified sites, both vacant and rezone, to accommodate its RHNA of 1,004 housing units. In addition to the identification of these sites, the City will encourage and facilitate the development of affordable housing through various incentives (i.e., administrative processing, density bonus, etc.).
- Program 2: Accessory Dwelling Units – Compton will implement incentives to encourage ADU production.
- The City will assist renters, homeowners, first-time homebuyers, families, and special needs households through the Housing Choice Voucher Program (Program 3), Family Self-Sufficiency Program (Program 4), First-Time Homebuyers Program (Program 5), and Extremely Low Income and Special Needs Households program (Program 7).
- Program 6: Residential Rehabilitation Program – The City will assist low-income, owner-occupied households in need of assistance with repairs.
- Zoning Code Amendments (Program 9) will help facilitate a variety of housing types including emergency shelters, single-room occupancy units, transitional and supportive housing, and ADUs.
- The City's Fair Housing Program (Program 12) and Homelessness Plan (Program 13) will increase outreach efforts and facilitate actions to adequately serve the population experiencing homelessness.
- Program 14: Neighborhood Improvements will use CDBG funds, when available, to improve public facilities and infrastructure to benefit lower income residents.

The Draft Housing Element was available for a 30-day public review that began on December 18, 2023 and ended on January 19, 2024. During the 30-day public review period, the City received two written emailed public comments. One email thanks the City for updating the Housing Element and making it available for review. The second email contains primarily requests for data clarifications. In response to this email, the Housing Element was revised to reflect data inquiries. The data requested was included as available and when relevant to the Housing Element. Other comments in this email focus on the City's past decisions on specific projects, which are outside the scope of this Housing Element.

2. Community Profile

A. POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

The type and amount of housing needed in a community is largely determined by population growth and various demographic variables. Factors as population size, age, race, and occupation can be used to analyze the effectiveness of existing housing policies and provide a general direction and focus for future housing initiatives. Population Characteristics include population growth trends in the city, age characteristics, and ethnicity.

Population Growth

According to 2020 Decennial Census estimates, Compton's population as of 2020 was 98,447, an increase of 1,992 persons or 2.1% in the population since 2010. Table 2-1 documents the city's population and housing unit growth over the past 40 years.

Population growth in Compton has slowed in recent years. The city's population grew by approximately 3% from 1990-2000 and 2000-2010 but slowed to 2% between 2010 and 2020. Housing unit growth has typically been slower than population growth. Most of the population growth in past decades was absorbed by existing households. However, a total of 538 units were added to the housing stock between 2010 and 2020, an increase of 2.2%. According to Department of Finance (DOF) estimates, Compton's average household size has generally remained constant in recent years.¹ The average household size in 2000 was 4.16 compared to 4.17 in 2020. Compton's average household size is significantly larger than the 2.96 average in Los Angeles County as of 2020.

Table 2-1: Population and Housing Unit Growth (1980–2020)				
Year	Population	Population Percentage Change	Housing Units	Housing Percentage Change
1980	81,230		22,447	
1990	90,500	11.4%	23,239	3.5%
2000	93,493	3.3%	23,780	2.3%
2010	96,455	3.2%	24,201	1.8%
2020	98,447	2.1%	24,739	2.2%

Source: Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Local Profiles Dataset (US Census Bureau, 1980, 1990, 2000, 2010, and 2020 Census), 2021.

Between 2000 and 2020, the population in Compton increased by 5.3%, more than the adjacent jurisdictions of Carson (+2.7%), Long Beach (+2.3%), Lynwood (+2.2%), and Paramount (+0.5%) (Table 2-2). Population growth during this period in the city is comparable to the growth in Gardena (+5.2%). The City of Los Angeles had the highest growth rate during this period compared to other jurisdictions neighboring Compton. All cities except for Los Angeles, including Compton, had lower growth rates compared to Los Angeles County.

¹ SCAG Local Profiles Dataset (California Department of Finance (DOF) 2000-2020), 2021.

Table 2-2: Regional Population Trends (2000-2020)

Jurisdiction	2000	2010	2020	Percent Change (2000-2020)
Carson	89,730	91,714	92,121	2.7%
Compton	93,493	96,455	98,447	5.3%
Gardena	57,746	58,829	60,732	5.2%
Long Beach	461,522	462,257	472,052	2.3%
Los Angeles (city)	3,694,742	3,792,621	3,975,234	7.6%
Lynwood	69,845	69,772	71,399	2.2%
Paramount	55,266	54,098	55,566	0.5%
Los Angeles County	9,519,330	9,818,605	10,135,614	6.5%

Source: SCAG Local Profiles Dataset (US Census Bureau 2000, 2010, and 2020 Census), 2021.

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) forecasts growth for the cities and six counties within its region. In 2020, SCAG adopted its Final Connect SoCal Demographics and Growth Forecast and accompanying population, household, and employment projections for years 2016-2045. SCAG forecasts for the City of Compton are shown in Table 2-3. Total population within the City is forecast to increase from 100,000 in 2016 to 103,100 in 2045, an increase of 3,100 or 3.1%. Total households in Compton are forecast to increase from 23,500 in 2016 to 24,600 in 2045, which represents an increase of 1,100 households or 4.7%.² Employment is projected to see the most growth, increasing by 1,600 jobs or 5.6% during this period.

Table 2-3: SCAG Population, Household, & Employment Growth Forecast (2016-2045)

Forecast	2016	2045	Growth (2016-2045)	Percent Growth (2016-2045)
Population	100,000	103,100	3,100	3.1%
Households	23,500	24,600	1,100	4.7%
Employment	28,600	30,200	1,600	5.6%

Note: Jurisdictional-level figures are rounded to the nearest 100.

Source: SCAG Connect SoCal Demographics and Growth Forecast, 2020.

Population by Age

The age structure of a population is an important factor in evaluating housing needs and projecting the direction of future housing development. Different lifestyles, family types and sizes, income levels and housing preferences are associated with specific age groups. For instance, young adults tend to reside alone or in small households of unrelated persons and prefer condominiums and other small housing units. The need for detached single-family housing is prevalent among middle aged households, and increased household sizes necessitate larger housing units. Additional requirements such as proximity to schools and recreational facilities, job centers, and entertainment venues are important factors in assessing the needs of adult households, especially in households with children.

Compton residents are younger than the average age in Los Angeles County and nationwide. The median age in Compton is 31.8 years, higher than the median of 26.4 in 2010 but lower than the 2020 Los Angeles County median of 36.7 and California median of 36.7. Only 9.6% of Compton residents are over the age of 65 compared to 13.6% in the county and 14.3% in the State.

The age profile in the city is summarized in Table 2-4. Since the 2006-2010 ACS, the city's share of elderly adults has increased from 6.9% to 9.6%. Similarly, the share of children under five has decreased from 9.8% to 7.7% during the same period. This trend is similar throughout the county and state.

² This local growth rate is unrelated to the Regional Housing Needs Allocation, which is projected statewide and allocated to the region. Local growth rate is based on actual City trends. Furthermore, RHNA is only a planning goal.

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Populations aged 35 and older are more likely to own their homes in Compton. This trend is consistent Statewide. Amongst homeowners, 8.8% are aged 15 to 34, 57.3% are aged 35 to 59, and 33.9% are aged 60 and older. For renters, 17.2% of households are aged 15 to 34, 47.6% are aged 35 to 59, and 14% are aged 60 or older. In other words, 66.1% of householders aged 15 to 34 are renters compared to only 45.4% of householders aged 35 to 44 and 29.2% of householders aged 60 or older.

According to 2016-2020 ACS estimates, the average family size in Compton is 4.39, whereas the average household size is 3.98. The average household size of 3.98 based on the 2016-2020 ACS (averaging over five years) is comparable to the DOF estimate of 4.17 for 2020. Based on these estimates from two data sources, the average household size in Compton is approximately four persons per household. The average family and household size in Compton is significantly higher than the county (3.63 and 2.96, respectively). Over half of Compton households have one or more children under the age of 18, compared to only 32.4% countywide. Overall, the average age of Compton residents is increasing, but the city's population is dominated by residents younger than 65.

Table 2-4: Population by Age (2010, 2020)

Variable	2010		2020	
	No.	Percentage	No.	Percentage
Total Population	95,761	--	95,804	--
Under 5 years	9,397	9.8%	7,343	7.7%
5 to 19 years	28,403	29.7%	23,384	24.4%
20 to 64 years	51,384	53.7%	55,904	58.4%
65 years and over	6,577	6.9%	9,173	9.6%
Median Age	26.4	--	31.8	--

Sources: 2006-2010 and 2016-2020 American Community Survey (ACS) (5-Year Estimates), Table DP05.

Race and Ethnicity

The racial and ethnic composition of a population affects housing needs based on the unique household characteristics of different groups, and household size in particular. The US Census collects information on the race and ethnicity of the population in the United States. The Census identifies five racial categories: White, Black or African American, Asian, American Indian and Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander. The Census also includes population estimates for persons of "some other race" and persons of two or more races. One ethnic category, Hispanic or Latino, is defined by the US Census Bureau as a person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

Table 2-5 compares the racial and ethnic characteristics for the city in 2010 and 2020. The Hispanic/Latino and Black/African American populations are the largest populations in the City, representing 69.3% and 27% of the population, respectively. All other racial groups represent one percent or less of the city population. The Hispanic/Latino population has increased since 2020, while the population of Black/African Americans has decreased. This population shift has implications for the type of housing needed, as different racial and ethnic groups tend to have different housing preferences and needs.

The ongoing demographic shift from majority African American to majority Latino residents is important in defining housing needs in Compton. For a variety of reasons, Latinos typically have larger household sizes compared to other racial or ethnic groups. Recent Hispanic or Latino immigrants also tend to have lower incomes than residents who have lived in the United States for a longer period. Additionally, in Compton, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, and non-Hispanic White householders have the highest ownership rates of 72.6%, 72.3%, and 70.3%, respectively, according to the 2016-2020 ACS. Black/African American householders (63.6%), Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander householders (0%), householders of some other race (52.9%), householders of two or more races (45.5%), and Hispanic/Latino householders (50.3%) have lower ownership rates in comparison.

Table 2-5: Population by Race and Ethnicity (2010, 2020)

Race/Ethnicity	2010		2020	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Hispanic or Latino	60,914	63.6%	66,428	69.3%
Non-Hispanic or Latino	34,847	36.4%	29,376	30.7%
White	581	0.6%	832	0.9%
Black/African American	31,480	32.9%	25,903	27.0%
American Indian and Alaska Native	103	0.1%	75	0.1%
Asian	225	0.2%	977	1.0%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	726	0.8%	129	0.1%
Some other race alone	198	0.2%	570	0.6%
Two or more races	1,534	1.6%	890	0.9%

Sources: 2006-2010 and 2016-2020 ACS (5-Year Estimates), Table B03002.

B. HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS

Household characteristics provide useful information for understanding the growth dynamics and changing housing needs in the community. The Census Bureau defines a household as all persons living in a housing unit, which may range from a family related by marriage and birth to a single person living alone to unrelated individuals living together. Persons living in retirement or convalescent homes, dormitories, or other group living situations are not considered households.

Household Composition and Growth

Compton is a family-oriented community with a much larger proportion of family households (82.4%) than the county (66.4%). As presented in Table 2-6, 46.3% of Compton households are married-couple families, 25.4% are single female-headed families, and 10.7% are single male-headed families. Families are defined as people residing in the same house related through blood or marriage. Only 14% of Compton households are persons living alone, compared to 25.8% of households in Los Angeles County. The proportion of families citywide has generally remained constant between 2010 and 2020.

As mentioned above, Compton's average household size is 3.98 as of 2020, slightly lower than 4.06 during the 2006-2010 ACS. The average household size in Compton remains higher than the average in the county (2.96). The concentration of families is consistent with the larger household size in Compton and suggests a need for larger homes.

Table 2-6: Household Types – Compton and Los Angeles County (2010, 2020)

Households	2010				2020			
	Compton		Los Angeles Co.		Compton		Los Angeles Co.	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Families	19,297	82.3%	2,170,227	67.4%	19,699	82.4%	2,211,342	66.4%
Married-Couple	10,591	45.2%	1,465,486	45.5%	11,078	46.3%	1,493,670	44.8%
Male Householder*	2,236	9.5%	213,313	6.6%	2,558	10.7%	227,880	6.8%
Female Householder*	6,470	27.6%	491,428	15.3%	6,063	25.4%	489,792	14.7%
Non-Families	4,145	17.7%	1,047,662	32.6%	4,216	17.6%	1,121,162	33.6%
Living Alone	3,432	14.6%	822,415	25.6%	3,348	14.0%	858,810	25.8%
Total	23,442	100.0%	3,217,889	100.0%	23,915	100.0%	3,332,504	100.0%

* No spouse present.

Note: Population of single person non-family households calculated based on percentage provided by ACS.

Source: 2006-2010 and 2016-2020 ACS (5-Year Estimates), Table S1101.

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Housing Tenure

Tenure refers to whether a household owns or rents a home. Ample homeownership and rental opportunities allow people of all incomes and household sizes to choose the type of housing and location best suited to their needs and preferences. Vacancy rates, in combination with housing tenure, also affect the prices and rents charged for housing.

In the City of Compton, the majority of households (56% or 13,379) own a home while 44% (10,536 households) rent a home (Table 2-7). Compton's homeownership rate has decreased slightly from 56.4% 2010. In Los Angeles County, the homeownership rate is 46%, lower than in the city.

Table 2-7: Household Tenure (2010-2020)				
Tenure	2010		2020	
	Households	Percent	Households	Percent
Owner	13,232	56.4%	13,379	55.9%
Renter	10,210	43.6%	10,536	44.1%
Total Occupied	23,442	100.0%	23,915	100.0%

Source: 2006-2010 and 2016-2020 ACS (5-Year Estimates), Table S2502.

Household Income

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) publishes annual income limits for each county in the state. For the purpose of evaluating housing affordability, housing need, and eligibility for housing assistance, income levels are defined by guidelines adopted each year by HCD. For Los Angeles County, the area median income (AMI) for a family of four in 2022 was \$91,100. The limits by income category are as follows:

- Extremely Low Income (Up to 30% of AMI) – 0% to \$35,750
- Very Low Income (31%–50% of AMI) – \$35,750 to \$59,550
- Low Income (51%–80% of AMI) – \$59,550 to \$95,300
- Moderate Income (81%–120% of AMI) – \$95,300 to \$109,300
- Above Moderate Income (Above 120% of AMI) – \$109,300 or more

Table 2-8 shows the maximum annual income level for each income group adjusted for household size in Los Angeles County, as determined by HCD. The maximum annual income data is then used to calculate the maximum affordable housing payments for different households (varying by income level) and their eligibility for federal housing assistance.

Table 2-8: Maximum Household Income Level by Household Size – Los Angeles County (2022)					
Household Size	Maximum Income Level				
	Extremely Low	Very Low	Low	Median	Moderate
1-Person	\$25,050	\$41,700	\$66,750	\$63,750	\$76,500
2-Person	\$28,600	\$47,650	\$76,250	\$72,900	\$87,450
3-Person	\$32,200	\$53,600	\$85,800	\$82,000	\$98,350
4-Person	\$35,750	\$59,550	\$95,300	\$91,100	\$109,300
5-Person	\$38,650	\$64,350	\$102,950	\$98,400	\$118,050
6-Person	\$41,500	\$69,100	\$110,550	\$105,700	\$126,800
7-Person	\$44,350	\$73,850	\$118,200	\$112,950	\$135,550
8-Person	\$47,200	\$78,600	\$125,800	\$135,550	\$144,300

Source: California Department of Housing and Community Development, Division of Housing Policy Development, 2022

An important factor in housing affordability is household income. While upper-income households have more disposable income to spend on housing, low- and moderate-income households are more limited in the range of housing they can afford. According to the 2016-2020 ACS, the overall median household income in Compton is \$58,703, an increase from \$43,201 during the 2006-2010 ACS. The median household income in the city is lower than the median countywide (\$71,358). As shown in Table 2-9, owner-occupied households in the city have a significantly higher median income than renter-occupied households (\$72,670 and \$37,364, respectively). On average, renters in all income categories spend a greater proportion of their incomes for housing than do homeowners and thus face greater financial obstacles in securing decent, affordable housing.

Table 2-9: Median Income, by Household Tenure in Compton (2020)	
Median household income	\$58,703
Median family income	\$62,045
Median income for owner-occupied households	\$72,670
Median income for renter-occupied households	\$37,364

Source: 2016-2020 ACS (5-Year Estimates), Tables S2503 and S1901.

The distribution of households by income level is presented in Table 2-10. Los Angeles County has a significantly larger proportion of households in the above moderate income category compared to Compton. Over 50% of Compton households are considered lower income (very low and low income) compared to only 41.3% of households in the county.

Table 2-10: Households by Income Category (2021)		
Income Category	Compton	Los Angeles County
Very Low Income (<50% AMI)	31.0%	26.1%
Low Income (51-80% AMI)	19.4%	15.2%
Moderate Income (81-120% AMI)	20.1%	16.1%
Above Moderate Income (>120% AMI)	29.5%	42.6%
Total Households	23,657	3,295,198

Source: SCAG Final RHNA Data Appendix, 2020.

C. ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

An assessment of the prospective need for market-rate housing must take into consideration the type of employment held by residents of the city. As presented in Table 2-11, the largest proportion of Compton residents are employed in production, transportation, and material moving occupations (27.5%), followed by sales and office occupations (23.4%), and service occupations (20.1%). These sectors tend to have lower median annual salaries compared to management, business, science, and arts occupations and natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations. The median annual salary for all Compton residents is \$29,700, lower than \$37,472 countywide.

According to the 2016-2020 ACS, the unemployment rate in the city is 9.1%, higher than 6.5% in the county and 6.2% in the state. The city's 2020 labor force is 44,027 persons, or 61.8% of the total population.

Table 2-11: Occupations of Residents (2020)

Occupations	2020		Median Annual Salary
	Number	Percentage	
Management, business, science, and arts occupations	6,590	16.5%	\$46,390
Service occupations	8,053	20.1%	\$22,628
Sales and office occupations	9,341	23.4%	\$28,794
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	5,014	12.5%	\$32,204
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	11,000	27.5%	\$29,181
Total	39,998	100.0%	\$29,700

Source: 2016-2020 ACS (5-Year Estimates), Tables S2401 and S2411.

D. HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

This section describes housing characteristics and trends to provide a basis for assessing the match between the demand and supply of available housing in Compton. These include housing growth, housing characteristics, age and condition of housing, housing prices and rents, and homeownership rates.

Housing Types

A range in housing types and prices allows residents of all ages and incomes the opportunity to find adequate housing in Compton. As shown in Table 2-12, single-family detached units represent the largest proportion of the housing stock (68.5%). Single-family attached units saw the highest growth rate between 2010 and 2020 (+1.4%), followed by 2- to 4-unit multiple family units (+0.7%). The share of multiple family units in Compton has remained constant during this period, representing 19.4% of the city's housing stock. Mobile home units represent less than 3% of the total housing stock and are not anticipated to increase further due to land availability. Looking forward, the City anticipates continued residential growth in focus areas of the community, such as along major transportation corridors and around Metro light rail transit stations. The number of housing units in Compton has grown over the past two decades despite the city being essentially built out for many decades. This newer residential development is largely infill development.

Table 2-12: Change in Housing Type (2010 – 2020)

Housing Type	2010		2020		Change	
	No. of Units	Percent of Units	No. of Units	Percent of Units	No. of Units	Percent
Single-Family Units						
Detached Single-Family	16,819	68.6%	16,877	68.5%	58	0.3%
Attached Single-Family	2,314	9.4%	2,347	9.5%	33	1.4%
Multiple-Family Units						
Multiple-Family Units (2 to 4 units)	2,119	8.6%	2,134	8.7%	15	0.7%
Multiple-Family Units (5 or more)	2,645	10.8%	2,653	10.8%	8	0.3%
Mobile Homes	626	2.6%	626	2.5%	0	0.0%
Total, All Housing Types	24,523	100.0%	24,637	100.0%	114	0.5%

Source: California Department of Finance (DOF) E-5 Population and Housing Estimates (2000-2020), 2021.

Vacancy Rates

Housing vacancies are a measure of how well the supply of housing matches the demand for specific types of housing. Typically, housing vacancy rates of 5% to 6% for apartments and 1% to 2% for homes are considered optimal. This amount of housing vacancies assures that consumers have sufficient choices for different homes, that prices are generally moderated because a balanced supply is available, and that developers have a

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financial incentive to continue building housing. Higher vacancy rates lead to price depreciation, while lower vacancy rates cause housing rents and prices to increase.

According to the 2016-2020 ACS, the City of Compton's housing vacancy rate is 3.7%, lower than the countywide rate of 6.4%. The homeowner vacancy rate in the city is 0.6 and the rental vacancy rate is 2.3. The vacancy rate for ownership and rental housing is based on the number of vacant homes actively for sale or for rent, respectively. It does not include residential units that may be vacant for another reason (such as abandoned/boarded homes, second homes, unoccupied homes held for investment purposes), while the overall vacancy rate includes all vacant properties. The vacancy rate in Compton has decreased significantly from 6.2% during the 2011-2015 ACS period. The low vacancy rate in the city may indicate a shortage of housing.

Housing Age and Condition

Half of all residential development in Compton occurred between 1940 and 1959. Typically, housing over 30 years of age needs some form of major rehabilitation, such as a new roof, foundation work, and plumbing. With a vast majority (89.5%) of the City's housing stock built prior to 1990, housing rehabilitation is clearly a priority need for the community. Table 2-13 summarizes the age of the City's housing stock.

Table 2-13: Year Housing Units Built (2020)		
Year Constructed	Units	Percent
Before 1939	2,490	10.0%
1940–1959	12,404	50.0%
1960–1979	5,514	22.2%
1980–1999	3,192	12.9%
2000–2009	920	3.7%
2010 - 2013	169	0.7%
2014 or later	134	0.5%
Total Units	24,823	100.0%

Source: 2016-2020 ACS (5-Year Estimates), Table B25034.

Note: All American Community Survey (ACS) datasets are estimates. Therefore, data outlined by the ACS may not match data from other sources, in this case the DOF data (see Table 2-12). ACS estimates are calculated based on a survey of a sample population. However, they can still be useful in determining community characteristics.

Substandard Housing

Substandard housing refers to housing that lacks complete kitchen or plumbing facilities. According to 2016-2020 ACS data, 0.5% of households lack complete kitchen facilities and 0.4% of households lack complete plumbing facilities in Compton. Renter-occupied households are more likely to lack complete plumbing facilities (0.6%) compared to owner-occupied households (0.3%). Overall, lack of complete plumbing or kitchen facilities is less common amongst Compton households compared to households countywide. In Los Angeles County, 1.6% of households lack complete kitchen facilities and 0.5% lack complete plumbing facilities.

Table 2-14: Lack of Complete Facilities by Tenure (2022)				
Facility Type	Owner-Occupied	Renter-Occupied	Total Households	Los Angeles County
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	1.6%
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	0.3%	0.6%	0.4%	0.5%
Total Households	13,379	10,536	23,915	3,332,504

Source: 2016-2020 ACS (5-Year Estimates), Tables B25049 and B25053.

Code Enforcement

The City administers a complaint-based code enforcement program for property maintenance and building code violations. The City website contains useful information about code enforcement services, and how to file a complaint and resolve a complaint. Based on review of complaints that were still open during the month of March 2024, the majority of issues relate to nuisance abatements (such as overgrown lawn, outside storage, illegal parking/inoperable cars, etc.). In reviewing the 210 open complaints in March 2024, two were related to illegal garage conversion into residential units, two were related to unpermitted structures, and one was about substandard repairs, representing about just two percent of the complaints. This indicates that substandard housing in the City is probably related to unpermitted units.

Over the past four months, from January to April 2024, Compton had 442 code enforcement cases. Of these cases, 45.7 percent were related to property maintenance (such as overgrown vegetation, trailers, campers, RVs, etc., illegally stored in driveways, lumber, junk, trash, inoperable vehicle parts, broken/discarded household parts), 11.1 percent were related to graffiti prevention and removal, and 10.2 percent were related to trash and improper storage of trash containers. Of code enforcement records during this period, 22.2 percent were in District 1, 30.5 percent were in District 2, 24.4 percent were in District 3, and 14.3 percent were in District 4. The remaining violations were not attributed to a specific district. The districts are generally the northwest, northeast, southwest, and southeast quadrants of the City, respectively. Based on this data, the northeast corner of Compton may need in the highest need of housing rehabilitation efforts. However, code enforcement data does not apply to rehabilitation needs alone. Additionally, code enforcement violations are generally equally distributed throughout the City with the exception of District 4, which had a smaller percentage of code violations during this period.

E. HOUSING COSTS AND AFFORDABILITY

Housing Prices

In Compton, the median home sales price is \$560,000. The median home sales price increased 4.2% between July 2021 and July 2022. The median home sales price in the city is lower than in Los Angeles County as a whole (\$840,000). During the same period, the median home sales price in the county increased 5.7%.

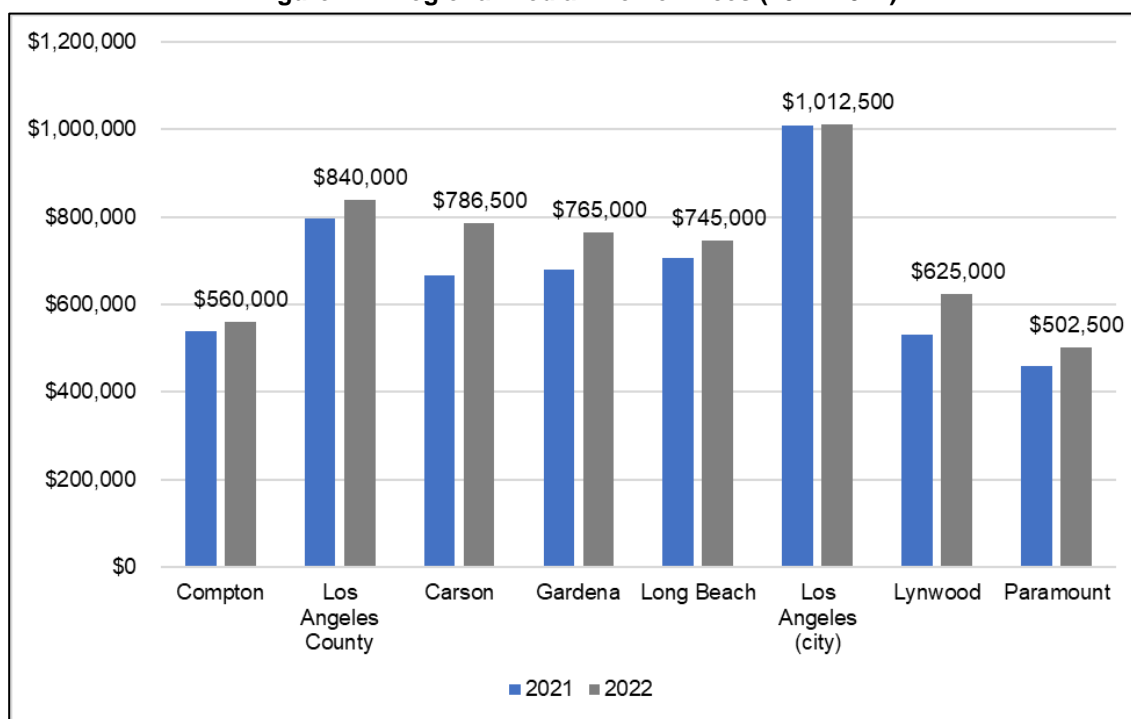
Figure 2-1 shows the median home prices for Compton, Los Angeles County, and neighboring jurisdictions. The median home price in Compton is comparable to Lynwood and Paramount but lower than most other adjacent jurisdictions and the county. The median home price in all the selected jurisdictions, including the county, has increased since 2021.

Table 2-15: Median Home Prices – Single Family Residences, Condos, and New Homes (2021-2022)

Jurisdiction	# Sold	July 2021	July 2022	% Change
Compton	59	\$537,500	\$560,000	4.2%
Los Angeles County	5,491	\$795,000	\$840,000	5.7%

Source: Corelogic.com, California Home Sale Activity by City, July 2022.

Figure 2-1: Regional Median Home Prices (2021-2022)



Note: Reporting resale single family residences, condos, and new homes.

Source: Corelogic.com, California Home Sale Activity by City, July 2022.

Rental Prices

According to Zillow.com Rentals Data, the median rent for all bedrooms and property types in Compton is \$2,100. Table 2-16 shows average rental listing prices by unit size based on a survey of properties listed on Zillow and Trulia. Of the 20 listings identified, four were one-bedroom units, 13 were two-bedroom units, and three were three-bedroom units. It is relevant to note that one of the one-bedroom units, three of the two-bedroom units, and one of the three-bedroom units were listed as income restricted rentals. Of the 20 rental units identified, prices ranged from \$1,450 to \$3,000.

Table 2-16: Average Rent by Unit Size (2022)

Studio	1-Bedroom	2-Bedroom	3-Bedroom	4-Bedroom
N/A	\$1,611	\$2,313	\$2,483	N/A

Note: There were no studio or 4+ bedroom rentals available.

Source: Zillow.com and Trulia.com, accessed September 2022.

Housing Affordability

Table 2-17 provides the affordable rents and maximum purchase price, based on the HCD income limits, for Los Angeles County. The costs of homeownership and renting can be compared to a household's ability to pay for housing to determine affordability in a community. Housing affordability is defined as paying no more than 30 percent of the gross household income on housing expenses. Affordable rental and purchase prices by income category are based on the 2022 HCD median income of \$91,100 in Los Angeles County.³ General cost assumptions for utilities, taxes, and property insurance are also shown. Affordable purchase price assumes a three percent interest rate with a 30-year fixed rate mortgage loan and a 10-percent down payment. Given the high costs of homeownership, lower and moderate income households are usually confined to rental housing,

³ State and federal income limits differ. For the Housing Element, State income limits are used, which are usually higher than the federal levels used in the City's Consolidated Plan and other related documents.

but the affordability problem also persists in the rental market. The situation is exacerbated for large households with lower and moderate incomes given the limited supply of large rental units, and for seniors with their fixed incomes.

Lower Income Households. Extremely low income households earn up to 30% of the AMI, very low income households earn between 30% and 50% of the AMI, and low income households earn between 50% and 80% of the AMI. For a four-person extremely low income household, the maximum affordable rent is \$578, and the maximum affordable home price is \$69,823, while the maximum affordable rent for a four-person very low income household is \$1,173 and the maximum affordable home price is \$171,748. Similarly, the affordable rent is \$2,067 and affordable home price is \$324,851 for a four-person low income household. Based on the median home sale price (\$560,000) and average rental cost for a three bedroom unit (\$2,483) presented in Table 2-15 and Table 2-16 above, both for sale and rental housing is unaffordable to lower income households.

Extremely low income households are the most vulnerable to housing problems including cost burden. Rates of cost burden, including severe cost burden, are described in detail in Section F, *Housing Needs*, of this Community Profile.

Moderate Income Households. Moderate income households earn between 80% and 120% of the AMI. Ownership housing is likely unaffordable even to moderate income households, regardless of household size. Based on the average rental prices shown in Table 2-16 previously, rental housing is likely affordable to most moderate income households.

Table 2-17: Housing Affordability Matrix – Los Angeles County (2022)						
Household	Annual Income ¹	Affordable Costs (All Costs)	Estimated Utility Allowance, Taxes, & Insurance ²		Affordable Rent	Affordable Home Price
			Utilities	Taxes, Ins., HOA (Ownership)		
Extremely Low Income (0-30% AMI)						
1-Person	\$25,050	\$626	\$201	\$420	\$425	\$54,306
2-Person	\$28,600	\$715	\$233	\$483	\$482	\$61,076
3-Person	\$32,200	\$805	\$269	\$551	\$536	\$67,006
4-Person	\$35,750	\$894	\$316	\$629	\$578	\$69,823
5-Person	\$38,650	\$966	\$374	\$712	\$592	\$66,957

Table 2-17: Housing Affordability Matrix – Los Angeles County (2022)

Household	Annual Income ¹	Affordable Costs (All Costs)	Estimated Utility Allowance, Taxes, & Insurance ²		Affordable Rent	Affordable Home Price
			Utilities	Taxes, Ins., HOA (Ownership)		
Very Low Income (30-50% AMI)						
1-Person	\$41,700	\$1,043	\$201	\$566	\$842	\$125,612
2-Person	\$47,650	\$1,191	\$233	\$650	\$958	\$142,660
3-Person	\$53,600	\$1,340	\$269	\$738	\$1,071	\$158,653
4-Person	\$59,550	\$1,489	\$316	\$837	\$1,173	\$171,748
5-Person	\$64,350	\$1,609	\$374	\$937	\$1,235	\$177,019
Low Income (50-80% AMI)						
1-Person	\$66,750	\$1,669	\$201	\$785	\$1,468	\$232,890
2-Person	\$76,250	\$1,906	\$233	\$900	\$1,673	\$265,141
3-Person	\$85,800	\$2,145	\$269	\$1,020	\$1,876	\$296,553
4-Person	\$95,300	\$2,383	\$316	\$1,150	\$2,067	\$324,851
5-Person	\$102,950	\$2,574	\$374	\$1,275	\$2,200	\$342,327
Median Income (80-100% AMI)						
1-Person	\$63,750	\$1,594	\$201	\$759	\$1,393	\$220,043
2-Person	\$72,900	\$1,823	\$233	\$871	\$1,590	\$250,795
3-Person	\$82,000	\$2,050	\$269	\$987	\$1,781	\$280,279
4-Person	\$91,100	\$2,278	\$316	\$1,113	\$1,962	\$306,864
5-Person	\$98,400	\$2,460	\$374	\$1,235	\$2,086	\$322,841
Moderate Income (100-120% AMI)						
1-Person	\$76,500	\$1,913	\$201	\$870	\$1,712	\$274,646
2-Person	\$87,450	\$2,186	\$233	\$998	\$1,953	\$313,106
3-Person	\$98,350	\$2,459	\$269	\$1,130	\$2,190	\$350,299
4-Person	\$109,300	\$2,733	\$316	\$1,272	\$2,417	\$384,807
5-Person	\$118,050	\$2,951	\$374	\$1,407	\$2,577	\$406,994

Assumptions: 2022 income limits; 30% of household income spent on housing; LACDA utility allowance; 35% of monthly affordable cost for taxes and insurance; 10% down payment; and 3% interest rate for a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage loan. Taxes and insurance apply to owner costs only; renters do not usually pay taxes or insurance.

Sources: California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) 2022 Income Limits; Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA), 2022 Utility Allowance Schedule; Veronica Tam & Associates, 2022.

F. HOUSING NEEDS

Housing problems refer to overpayment, overcrowding, or substandard housing. Housing overpayment and overcrowding most often occur when a household cannot afford suitably sized and priced rental and ownership housing. In other cases, life changes (retirement, children moving back home, loss of job, etc.) can also cause housing problems. In these situations, a household can choose to either overpay for housing or double up with others into too small a unit to afford housing, which can result in overcrowding. Table 2-20 and the information below show the prevalence of housing problems in Compton.

As shown in Table 2-20, households of lower income categories are more likely to experience housing problems including cost burden compared to higher income categories. Nearly 85% of extremely low income households experience one or more housing problem compared to 77.5% of very low income households, 54.1% of low income households, and 23.6% of moderate and above moderate income households. Renter-occupied households are also more likely to experience cost burden compared to owner-occupied households.

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Approximately 71% of renter households experience one or more housing problems compared to 51.5% of owner households. Large households, especially large households earning lower incomes, experience high rates of housing problems. Approximately 86.7% of large renter households and 70% of large owner households experience one or more housing problem. Overcrowding is more likely to affect large households compared to other household types.

Overcrowding

Overcrowding refers to a situation where a household has more members than habitable rooms in a house. Overcrowding can be moderate or severe. Moderate overcrowding is 1.0 to 1.5 persons per room and severe overcrowding is anything higher. Approximately 16% of homeowners and 29% of renters in Compton live in overcrowded situations. Overall, 21.6% of Compton households are overcrowded, including 6.7% severely overcrowded, compared to 11.2% and 4.7%, respectively, countywide.

Table 2-18: Overcrowding by Tenure (2020)				
Overcrowding	Owner-Occupied	Renter-Occupied	Total Households	Los Angeles County
Overcrowded (>1 person per room)	15.6%	29.3%	21.6%	11.2%
Severely Overcrowded (>1.5 persons per room)	4.2%	9.9%	6.7%	4.7%
Total Households	13,379	10,536	23,915	3,332,504

Source: 2016-2020 ACS (5-Year Estimates), Table S2501.

Cost Burden

Housing cost burden refers to paying more than 30% of income toward housing. Cost burden can be either moderate or severe. Moderate cost burden refers to paying 30 to 49% of income toward housing, and severe cost burden is anything higher. Approximately 41% of owners and 58% of renters in Compton are cost burdened for housing. Overall, 49% of households in the city are cost burdened including 26.7% severely cost burdened households. In comparison, only 44.1% of households countywide are cost burdened, including 22.4% severely cost burdened households.

Table 2-19: Cost Burden by Tenure (2022)				
Cost Burden	Owner-Occupied	Renter-Occupied	Total Households	Los Angeles County
Cost Burdened (>30%)	41.1%	58.1%	49.0%	44.1%
Severely Cost Burdened (>50%)	19.5%	35.0%	26.7%	22.4%
Total Households	12,765	10,975	23,740	3,316,795

Source: 2022 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data, based on 2015-2019 ACS.

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Table 2-20: Cost Burden by Tenure and Income Level (2022)

	Renter-Occupied				Owner-Occupied				Total Households
	Elderly Household	Small Household	Large Household	Total	Elderly Household	Small Household	Large Household	Total	
Extremely Low Income (<30% MFI)	810	2,210	1,090	4,715	825	840	365	2,200	6,915
With any housing problem	77.8%	86.2%	99.1%	88.1%	74.5%	79.8%	87.7%	77.5%	84.7%
Cost burden >30%	65.4%	85.5%	92.7%	86.2%	74.5%	79.8%	76.7%	75.5%	82.8%
Cost burden >50%	51.9%	65.4%	73.4%	68.1%	64.8%	71.4%	63.0%	64.1%	66.8%
Very Low Income (30-50% MFI)	265	1,215	850	2,640	420	955	735	2,210	4,850
With any housing problem	79.2%	79.0%	96.5%	83.7%	40.5%	71.7%	85.7%	70.1%	77.5%
Cost burden >30%	79.2%	73.3%	68.2%	71.4%	64.3%	66.5%	76.2%	64.7%	68.4%
Cost burden >50%	50.9%	21.4%	18.8%	22.9%	23.8%	35.1%	27.9%	29.6%	26.0%
Low Income (50-80% MFI)	125	1,140	735	2,205	685	1,870	1,115	3,965	6,170
With any housing problem	24.0%	35.5%	68.0%	46.0%	56.9%	53.7%	75.8%	58.6%	54.1%
Cost burden >30%	8.0%	20.2%	15.6%	19.3%	56.9%	51.6%	25.6%	43.3%	34.7%
Cost burden >50%	0.0%	2.6%	0.0%	1.4%	16.8%	10.7%	1.8%	9.1%	6.3%
Moderate and Above Income (>80% MFI)	75	810	300	1,420	650	2,240	1,160	4,390	5,810
With any housing problem	0.0%	20.4%	60.0%	26.4%	10.0%	13.2%	48.7%	22.7%	23.6%
Cost burden >30%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	10.0%	9.8%	7.8%	10.1%	7.7%
Cost burden >50%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	0.0%	1.5%	1.1%
All Households	1,275	5,375	2,975	10,975	2,580	5,905	3,375	12,765	23,740
With any housing problem	68.2%	63.9%	86.7%	70.7%	48.1%	45.0%	69.9%	51.5%	60.4%
Cost burden >30%	58.8%	56.0%	57.3%	58.1%	51.9%	42.2%	36.0%	41.1%	49.0%
Cost burden >50%	43.5%	32.3%	32.3%	35.0%	29.1%	20.2%	13.5%	19.5%	26.7%

Source: 2022 HUD CHAS data, based on 2015-2019 ACS.

Lower Income Households

Housing problems occur significantly more frequently among lower income households (defined as households earning less than 80% of the median family income adjusted for household size) and among special needs groups. As shown in Table 2-20 previously, lower income households, especially extremely low income households, are more likely to experience housing problems including cost burden.

As presented in Table 2-21, the less a household earns, the more likely they are to experience one or more housing problem. Extremely low income households are the most likely to experience housing problems (84.7%) followed by very low income households (77.5%), low income households (54.1%), households earning 81% to 100% of the AMI (37.5%), and households earning more than 100% of the AMI (13.7%). For households earning less than 50% of the AMI, renter-occupied households are more likely to experience housing problems compared to owner-occupied households.

Table 2-21: Housing Problems by Income and Tenure (2022)				
Household Income Category	With One or More Housing Problems			Total Households
	Owner-Occupied	Renter-Occupied	All Households	
0-30% AMI	77.5%	88.1%	84.7%	6,915
31-50% AMI	70.1%	83.7%	77.5%	4,850
51-80% AMI	58.6%	46.0%	54.1%	6,170
81-100% AMI	38.7%	34.9%	37.5%	2,415
>100% AMI	13.0%	16.7%	13.7%	3,395
All Households	51.5%	70.7%	60.4%	23,740

Source: 2022 HUD CHAS data, based on 2015-2019 ACS.

G. SPECIAL HOUSING NEEDS

This section contains a discussion of the housing needs of special needs groups, as defined in state law, who reside in the City of Compton. Special needs households include seniors, large families, single-parent households, extremely low income households, people experiencing homelessness, and people with disabilities. Also included are major programs available to address their unique needs.

Senior Households

Seniors are defined as persons 65 years or older, although for housing purposes the age may be as low as 55 years. Compton has an estimated 9,173 residents 65 or older, representing 9.6% of the population. Compton has a slightly smaller share of elderly adults compared to the county (13.6%). According to 2016-2020 ACS estimates, 27.5% of households in Compton have one or more person aged 65 or older. Approximately 5.5% of households in the city are seniors living alone.

Overall, some of the more pressing senior issues are:

- **Disabilities.** Seniors have a higher prevalence than other age groups of disabilities that can make it increasingly difficult to go outside or take care of personal needs. This underscores a need for housing that is accessible to those with disabilities. Of the population aged 65 to 74, 33.2% experience a disability and 52.4% of the population aged 75 and older experience a disability. In comparison, only 10.1% of the total population experiences a disability. Ambulatory difficulties and independent living difficulties are the most common disability types amongst elderly adults; approximately 29% and 25% of persons aged 65 and older experience ambulatory and independent living difficulties, respectively.
- **Limited Income.** Seniors tend to have lower incomes due to fixed retirements. This makes seniors, especially renters, more susceptible to increases in rental housing costs and housing overpayment, which leaves less disposal income for other expenses. Approximately 19.7% of Compton's elderly population is living below the poverty level compared to 19.5% citywide. Comparatively, only 13.3% of seniors countywide are living below the poverty level.

- **Cost Burden.** Senior renters have the highest rates of cost burden, while many senior homeowners find it difficult to trade down to smaller units or make repairs to housing. As presented in Table 2-20 previously, elderly households are more likely to experience cost burden compared to the citywide average; 58.8% of elderly renter households and 51.9% of elderly owner households overpay for housing. This underscores the need for affordable housing options and repair programs.

Housing Accommodations and Services for Seniors. Providing appropriate housing for seniors has become an increasingly important issue for many communities. In past years, the baby boomer generation provided the impetus and majority of demand for single-family housing. However, as this group ages and approaches retirement or elderly years, many communities will see an increased demand for all types of senior housing, from smaller condominiums to independent age-restricted housing to assisted residential settings for those requiring more supportive services.

In addition to housing, an appropriate mix of affordable support services provided locally can benefit seniors living in Compton. Support services are essential in facilitating the ability of seniors (and any household) to live as independently as possible without having to change their residences. Services can include transportation, health care, home maintenance assistance, and low cost loans or grants to rehabilitate homes.

Many Compton seniors reside in conventional single-family homes. Beyond conventional housing, however, Compton also has been active in providing for a variety of housing options that are age-restricted for seniors, including new senior housing, maintaining existing senior housing, permitting assisted living facilities, and assisting with home repairs and provision of services. Housing accommodations include:

- **Affordable Senior Housing.** The City offers approximately 480 affordable housing units reserved for lower income seniors. The majority of these projects are intended for independent senior living.
- **Housing Vouchers.** The Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) also provides housing choice vouchers to very low income seniors. These vouchers are not tied to a specific project but can be used anywhere where accepted. LACDA provides 205 families with a senior resident vouchers which are used in Compton.

Table 2-22: Senior Housing Developments		
Name	Address	Affordable Units
E. Boyd Esters Manor	1101 N. Central Avenue	49
St. Timothy's Tower and St. Timothy's Manor	425 S. Oleander Avenue	133
Seasons at Compton	1581 S. Frailey Avenue	83
Curry Senior Apartments	1001 N. Hickory Avenue	48
Compton Garden	4243 E. Alondra Boulevard	18
Compton Senior Apartments	302 N. Tamarind Avenue	74
South Bay Retirement Residence	1001 W. Cressey Street	75
Total		480

Source: SCAG Final RHNA Data Appendix, 2020.

Several agencies provide a range of supportive services for Compton seniors. The City of Compton serves many seniors through its home delivered meal and congregate meal programs. And seniors can also access services at the Dollarhide Recreational Center.

As discussed above, seniors are more likely to experience disabilities and are slightly more likely to be cost burdened. Senior households may benefit from programs included in this Housing Element, such as Program 6, *Residential Rehabilitation Grant Program*, and Program 7, *Extremely Low Income and Special Needs Households*. Additionally, Program 11, *Reasonable Accommodation Program*, and Program 12, *Fair Housing Program*, aim to serve vulnerable populations such as senior households.

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Farmworker Housing

Farmworkers are traditionally defined as persons whose primary incomes are earned through seasonal agricultural work. Farmworkers have special housing needs because they earn lower incomes than many other workers and move throughout the season from one harvest to the next. The 2016-2020 ACS identified 240 Compton residents as employed in the agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting industries, representing less than one percent of the city's full-time year-round employed population aged 16 and older. Furthermore, many of these residents are likely to be employed at plant nurseries and landscaping services.

Housing Accommodations and Services for Farmworkers. Given the small percentage of farmworkers in Compton, the City has no special housing programs beyond programs targeted for low-income persons. Their housing needs are addressed primarily through programs targeted at extremely low and very low income levels. Program 9, *Zoning Code Amendments*, will revise the Zoning Code to eliminate unreasonable constraints to farmworker housing in the City.

Persons with Disabilities

Physical, mental, and/or developmental disabilities are impairments that substantially limit life activities and make it difficult to care for oneself. Because of that, disabled persons have special needs for accessible housing. Many disabled persons live on fixed incomes, thus limiting their ability to afford housing. Persons with a disability may also have limited housing choices (e.g., single-story homes or projects with elevators). Someone with a visual impairment may require a home that allows service animals. The American Community Survey identifies serious difficulty with four basic areas of functioning – hearing, vision, cognition, and ambulation. According to the 2016-2020 ACS, 10.1% of the Compton population, or 9,623 persons, experience a disability. The elderly population aged 65 and older is significantly more likely to experience disabilities compared to other age groups. The most common disabilities in the City are independent living difficulties (6.4%) and ambulatory difficulties (5.8%). Table 2-23 shows populations of persons with disabilities by disability type and age.

Table 2-23: Population of Persons with Disabilities (2020)				
	Under 18 Years	18-64 Years	65+ Years	Total Population
With a hearing difficulty	0.4%	1.4%	12.7%	2.2%
With a vision difficulty	1.0%	2.1%	7.9%	2.3%
With a cognitive difficulty	2.5%	3.5%	10.9%	4.0%
With an ambulatory difficulty	0.5%	4.2%	28.6%	5.8%
With a self-care difficulty	0.7%	2.3%	13.2%	3.1%
With an independent living difficulty	--	3.6%	24.7%	6.4%
With any disability	2.8%	8.6%	41.6%	10.1%
Total Population	27,800	58,768	9,084	95.652

Note: Of total civilian noninstitutionalized population.
Source: 2016-2020 ACS (5-Year Estimates), Table S1810.

Physical Disability

The vast majority of Compton residents will at some time experience a physical disability. Injury, illness or simply advanced age will limit an individual's physical ability to perform work, read, and eventually care for themselves. For those living in single-family homes, residents can benefit from wider doorways and hallways, access ramps, larger bathrooms with grab bars, lowered countertops, and other features common to "barrier-free" housing. Location is also important for disabled people because they often rely on public transit to travel to services like grocers or medical offices.

Developmental Disability

State law requires that housing elements include an analysis of the housing needs of residents with developmental disabilities. A developmental disability is a severe and chronic disability to which is attributable a mental or physical impairment that begins before adulthood. These disabilities include mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, and related disabling conditions. The California Department of Developmental Services (DDS) provides a record of Regional Center consumers by zip code. Table 2-24 shows consumers by age for Compton zip codes. It is important to note that some zip codes may extend beyond the City boundaries; therefore, consumer estimates are not a reflection of Compton alone.

Table 2-24: Regional Center Consumers by Zip Code and Age Group (2017)			
Zip Code	0-17 Years	18+ Years	Total
90059	383	287	670
90220	355	342	697
90221	375	319	694
90222	242	145	387
90262	487	398	885
90805	837	561	1,398

Source: California Department of Development Services (DDS), Consumer Count by California ZIP Code and Age Group, June 2017.

Mental and Substance Abuse Disability

Mental disorders are common in the United States and internationally. According to the National Institutional of Mental Health (NIH), nearly one in five U.S. adults live with a mental illness, ranging from moderate to severe mental illness.⁴ Even though mental disorders are widespread in the population, the main burden of illness is concentrated in a much smaller proportion who suffer from a serious mental illness. According to the NIH, 5.6% of U.S. adults experience severe mental illness. A smaller percentage of those with severe mental illness have difficulty maintaining adequate and affordable housing.

People with mental illnesses may face multiple problems when looking for decent, affordable housing. The majority of people with serious and persistent mental illnesses live below the poverty line, have unstable employment, and may be unable to afford the cost of decent housing. Also, these people may need a diverse array of supports to live successfully in the community, and such supports may not be available. Financial and housing resources available for those experiencing severe mental illness or for those caring for such individuals are limited. NIMBY syndrome can create obstacles around the placement of supported housing for people with mental illnesses.

According to the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse, approximately 3.8% of Americans, or 9.5 million people over the age of 18, have both a substance abuse disorder and a mental illness. Although many of these issues will be episodic rather than chronic, substance abuse can be a debilitating condition. Chronic substance abuse affects the ability to secure and maintain employment, housing, and productive relationships. The majority of homeless people experience or have experienced some form of substance abuse. Treatment may include long-term residential care, short-term rehabilitation facilities or sober living homes, or services independent of housing.

Housing Accommodations and Services for Persons with Disabilities. Accommodating a sufficient quantity and quality of housing for people with disabilities of any kind in Compton is a significant challenge in these times due to the lack of funding and complexity of housing and service needs involved. The City's strategy to assist disabled residents is designed to achieve three purposes: independence, productivity, and integration. In some cases, this translates into encouraging the siting of appropriate facilities. In others,

⁴ National Institute of Mental Health (NIH), Mental Health Information, January 2022.
<https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/statistics/mental-illness>

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establishing partners with service providers is most effective. It may also be important to make code amendments to further these goals.

Specialized residential care facilities provided in the community are described below and summarized in Table 2-25.

- **Youth facilities.** These facilities provide 24-hour nonmedical care for youth and children with a variety of disabilities. Compton has one group home for youth with a capacity to serve six residents.
- **Adult facilities.** These facilities serve persons 18–59 who may be physically handicapped, developmentally disabled, and/or mentally disabled. There are 44 adult residential care facilities with a capacity to serve 224 people and three adult day cares with a capacity to serve 60 people in Compton.
- **Elderly facilities.** These facilities serve persons 60 years of age and over who may have a disability (physical, mental, or developmental) or need extended care services. The City's four facilities have a capacity to serve 24 residents.

Table 2-25: Housing for Persons with Disabilities			
Clientele	Description	No. of Facilities	No. of Units/Beds
Youth	Group Home	1	6
Adult	Adult Residential Care	44	224
Adult	Adult Day Care	3	60
Elderly	Elderly Residential Care	4	24
Total		52	314

Source: California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Facility Search, 2023.

The City implements a Reasonable Accommodation Ordinance that is designed to offer flexibility in municipal code requirements to expand opportunities for people to build and rent housing that is accessible to people with disabilities. The City supports this effort by offering housing rehabilitation assistance that can be used to modify the exterior and interior of housing units to allow for greater access and mobility for residents. The Southern California Rehabilitation Services operates a program that assists disabled residents modify their homes to increase accessibility. Program 13, Reasonable Accommodation Program, is described in this Housing Element.

Compton has a variety of services available for people with developmental disabilities. Exceptional Adult Center and Center for Autism and Development Disabilities provide programs to enhance the independent living skills of disabled individuals. The Compton College Special Resource Center assists students with disabilities in the successful completion of their academic endeavors. The South Central Los Angeles Regional Center for Persons with Developmental Disabilities offers a number of services including early start services, adult day program, sheltered workshops, behavioral management day programs, residential placement, supported living, independent living training and supported employment.

Program 8, Family Self-Sufficiency Program, will be implemented during this Housing Element cycle and will provide a plethora of services to families including substance/alcohol abuse treatment or counseling. Zoning Code amendments outlined in Program 11 will remove unreasonable constraints to housing for persons with disabilities and/or persons experiencing homelessness. The City will also implement a Homelessness Plan (Program 15) to assist persons experiencing homelessness including those with mental health or substance abuse disabilities. Additionally, the City will implement Neighborhood Improvements (Program 16), specifically to improve public facilities and infrastructure for persons with disabilities.

Large Households and Female-Headed Households

California law requires that the housing element include an analysis of the housing needs of three types of households —large households with five or more members and female-headed households. The reasons

for their special need status differ, but generally include lower incomes, the presence of children and need for financial assistance for housing, and the lack of adequately sized rental and ownership housing.

Large households with five or more persons have special housing needs. The reasons for classification as a special need are generally due to a lower per capita income, the need for affordable childcare, or the need for affordable larger units. Households by size and tenure are presented in Table 2-26. Approximately 28.3% of owner-occupied households and 31.6% of renter-occupied households are large households of five or more persons. Overall, 29.8% of households in Compton have five or more persons compared to only 14.3% countywide. As shown in Table 2-20 previously, large households are more likely to experience housing problems including cost burden; 86.7% of large renter-occupied households and 69.9% of large owner-occupied households experience a housing problem. In comparison, only 60.4% of households citywide experience one or more housing problem.

Table 2-26: Household Size and Tenure (2020)				
Household Size	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Households	Percent	Households	Percent
1-person household	1,752	13.1%	1,597	15.2%
2-person household	2,917	21.8%	1,941	18.4%
3-person household	2,508	18.7%	1,991	18.9%
4-person household	2,410	18.0%	1,677	15.9%
5+ person household	3,792	28.3%	3,330	31.6%
Total	13,379	100.0%	10,536	100.0%

Source: 2016-2020 ACS (5-Year Estimates), Table B25009.

Single-parent households, particularly female-headed households, also have greater housing needs than other households due to their limited income and higher expenses. As presented in Table 2-27, there are 1,268 single-parent male-headed households, representing 5.3% of households citywide, and 2,685 single-parent female-headed households, representing 11.2% of households citywide, in Compton. Overall, 16.5% of households in Compton are single-parent households, compared to only 8.8% countywide. As is common, lower income single parents, particularly renters, experience the highest prevalence and severity of cost burden and overcrowding.

Table 2-27: Family Households by Type and Presence of Children (2020)		
Household Type	Households	Percent
Married-Couple Family	11,078	46.3%
With Children	5,633	23.6%
Male Householder, no spouse	2,558	10.7%
With Children	1,268	5.3%
Female Householder, no spouse	6,063	25.4%
With Children	2,685	11.2%
Total Households	23,915	100.0%
With Children	9,586	40.1%

Source: 2016-2020 ACS (5-Year Estimates), Table S1101.

Summarized below, the key needs of families in Compton are similar to other communities and are as follows:

- **Income Support.** Public assistance includes health care, food assistance, and cash assistance offered to lower income residents or those who meet eligibility thresholds. According to 2016-2020 U.S. Census American Communities Survey 5-Year Estimates, 4,832 Compton households received food stamps, or approximately 20% of total households.

- **Childcare.** For working parents, child care is essential to maintain a job. In the City, there is one licensed small family home with a capacity to serve six residents, 10 licensed infant centers with a capacity to serve 178 residents, and seven licensed school age day care centers with a capacity to serve 125 residents. There are also 59 licensed large family child care homes and 48 licensed child care center preschools. Yet even if childcare is available, the high cost of childcare subsumes a significant share of income.
- **Housing Problems.** It is a well-known fact that lower income households, particularly single parents and large families, experience the highest prevalence and severity of housing problems. Cost burden is typically an issue for single-parent families. For larger families who rent housing, cost burden and overcrowding are the most prevalent housing issues.

Housing Accommodations and Services for Large Families and Female-Headed Households. Providing housing opportunities for families in Compton is a challenging task. Family households, particularly those with dependent children, are the future of any community, and resources should be targeted to assist where possible. Certainly, the majority of families earns higher incomes and lives in housing and neighborhoods of their choice. For others, though, the housing downturn has left them with high mortgages and, in some cases, foreclosures.

The City of Compton works to provide housing for all types of households, including housing with three or more bedrooms to provide for large family needs. The City has the following affordable housing opportunities.

- **Mobile homes.** The City has 13 mobile home parks that provide 722 spaces for lower income families. While none of the mobile home parks are under a rent stabilization ordinance, market rate mobile homes are typically affordable to lower income households.
- **Apartments.** According to Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) records, there are 12 affordable housing developments for families in Compton totaling 865 affordable units. Additional affordable family apartment projects are located just outside the City's borders. There are also seven affordable senior developments totaling 431 affordable units.
- **Housing Vouchers.** Housing choice vouchers are provided to approximately 620 eligible family households (ranging in size from 1 to 5 or more residents) earning low or very low incomes. These vouchers are portable and not tied to a specific apartment project.

Table 2-28: Affordable Housing for Families

Housing Development	Address	Units
Belmont Mobile Home Park	16108 S Atlantic Ave.	76
El Rancho Trailer Park	16002 S Atlantic Ave.	157
Westland Santa Fe Mobile Home Park	1680 Tartar Ln.	42
Peter Pan Mobile Home Park	1100 W Alondra Blvd.	54
Peter Pan Mobile Village	1140 W Alondra Blvd.	48
Westland Village	1911 W 156 th St.	70
Sunnyside Trailer Park	404 S Central	19
Compton Knolls Mobile Home Park	15021 S Wadsworth	28
Palm Mobile Home Park	720 E Compton	66
Ambassador Dicks Mobile Home Park	1422 E Rosecrans	42
Santa Fe Village	1740 N Santa Fe Ave.	44
Oak Park	503 E Oaks Ave.	21
Deluxe Trailer Lodge	529 E El Segundo Blvd.	55
Douglas Park Apartments (Site A)	145 W. Rosecrans Ave.	71
Logan's Plaza	2019 E 122 nd St.	60
Lutheran Gardens Apartments	2431 El Segundo Blvd.	75
Ramona Estates	1929 E 122 nd St.	59
Warwick Terrace	14921 Stanford Ave.	102
Mosaic Gardens at Willowbrook	12701 S Willowbrook Ave.	60

Table 2-28: Affordable Housing for Families

Housing Development	Address	Units
Segundo Terrace aka El Segundo	2242 E El Segundo Blvd.	25
Park Village Apartments	708 W Corregidor	164
Santa Fe Apartments	1912 N Santa Fe Ave.	22
Whitfield Manor	12600 S Compton Ave.	40
New Wilmington Arms-2	700 W Laurel St A 210	164
Willow Apartments	12612 S. Wilmington Avenue	23
Federal Housing Vouchers	N/A	620

Source: Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Final RHNA Data Appendix, 2020; HCD AFFH Data Viewer, 2022.

Large households of five or more people require larger units to ensure overcrowding does not occur. As discussed previously, the U.S. Census considers a household to be overcrowded if there is more than one person per room, excluding kitchens, bathrooms, and hallways, and severely overcrowded if there is more than 1.5 persons per room. Only 11.9% of housing units in Compton have four or more bedrooms, despite 29.8% of households having five or more people (Table 2-29). This trend may indicate there is a need for larger units in the City. As mentioned above, 11.2% of households in Compton are overcrowded and 4.7% are severely overcrowded. The City aims to reduce overcrowding by promoting new affordable housing opportunities in Compton through Program 1, *Adequate Sites for RHNA and Monitoring of No Net Loss*, Program 4, *Accessory Dwelling Units*, Program 5, *Housing Choice Voucher Program*, Program 7, *First-Time Homebuyers Program*, and Program 9, *Extremely Low-Income and Special Needs Households*.

Table 2-29: Number of Bedrooms by Tenure (2020)

Number of Bedrooms	Owner-Occupied	Renter-Occupied	Total
No bedroom	0.7%	4.8%	2.5%
1 bedroom	1.3%	23.2%	10.9%
2 or 3 bedrooms	81.3%	66.2%	74.6%
4 or more bedrooms	16.7%	5.9%	11.9%
Total	13,379	10,536	23,915

Source: 2016-2020 ACS (5-Year Estimates), Table S2504.

The Family Self-Sufficiency Program (Program 6) will also provide services that can benefit large households and female-headed households. The program will include services to help assisted families obtain employment that will lead to economic independence and self-sufficiency.

Extremely Low Income Households

Extremely low income (ELI) households earn up to 30% of the Area Median Income (AMI). Housing options are often limited for extremely low income households. Extremely low-income households also tend to include a higher proportion of seniors or disabled persons. As discussed in Section 2.F, *Housing Needs*, previously, ELI households are more likely to experience housing problems including cost burden. As shown in Table 2-30, there are 6,915 ELI households in Compton, representing 29.1% of households citywide. In comparison, only 21.5% of households in Los Angeles County are in the extremely low income category. Most ELI households in Compton are renters (68.2%). ELI renters are also more likely to experience housing problems than ELI owners. Approximately 85% of ELI households experience one or more housing problem, including 82.8% that are cost burdened. Conversely, only 60% of households experience a housing problem and 49% are cost burdened citywide.

Table 2-30: Extremely Low Income Households and Housing Problems (2022)

	Renter-Occupied	Owner-Occupied	Total
% With housing problem	88.1%	77.5%	84.7%
% Cost burdened	86.2%	75.5%	82.8%
% Severely cost burdened	68.1%	64.1%	66.8%
Total ELI Households	4,715	2,200	6,915

Source: 2022 HUD CHAS data, based on 2015-2019 ACS.

Housing Accommodations and Services for Extremely Low Income Households. Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) primarily serve extremely low income households. HUD policy states that at least 70% of all new HCVs should be made available to extremely low income households. Furthermore, as presented in Table 2-28 above, there are 19 publicly assisted multi-family housing developments for families and seniors in Compton. The 19 developments combine for a total of 1,345 affordable units. The City will retain these affordable units to the greatest extent possible to decrease displacement through Program 10, *Preservation of At-Risk Housing Units*. The City also aims to assist in the development of at least five ELI/special needs households annually through Program 9, *Extremely Low Income and Special Needs Households*. Program 5, *Housing Choice Vouchers*, also encourages the increase of HCVs for ELI and special needs households in the City as funding is available.

Persons Experiencing Homelessness

Homeless persons are defined as those who lack a fixed and adequate residence. Homelessness is a pressing issue for many communities, and the varied dimensions involved have implications for housing programs. People who are homeless may be chronically homeless (perhaps due to substance abuse) or situationally homeless resulting from job loss, family strife, incarceration, or violence. Persons experiencing homelessness face critical housing challenges due to their very low incomes and lack of appropriate housing. Thus, state law requires cities to plan to help meet the needs of their homeless population.

Counting the homeless population is problematic due to their transient nature, different definitions of homelessness, and political and funding issues. The 2022 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count reported an estimated 69,144 homeless people in Los Angeles County. Despite the fray of discussions that arise about the cause(s) of homelessness, the problem is real and of great concern, particularly for children, foster youth, and victims of violence who often have no “choice” other than homelessness. Data on unsheltered minors, unsheltered transitional age youth (18 to 24 years old), persons in domestic violence shelters, persons receiving motel vouchers, and persons in PRK is unavailable at the community level. Table 2-31 shows various populations experiencing homelessness in the County and Service Planning Area (SPA) 6.⁵ SPA 6 has smaller homeless populations of transitional aged youth, transitional aged youth-headed households, veterans, people experiencing chronic homelessness, persons with substance use disorders, persons with HIV/AIDS, and persons with serious mental illnesses compared to the County. SPA 6 also has a larger proportion of sheltered individuals and families.

⁵ SPA 6 includes Adams-Normandie, Athens Village, Athens-Westmont, Baldwin Hills, Century Palms/Cove, Compton, Crenshaw, East Rancho Dominguez, Exposition Park, Exposition, Figueroa Park Square, Florence-Firestone, Florence-Firestone, Gramercy Place, Green Meadows, Harbor Gateway, Harvard Park, Hyde Park, Jefferson Park, Leimert Park, Lynwood, Paramount, Rosewood, Rosewood/West Rancho Dominguez, South Park, University Park, Vermont Knolls, Vermont Square, Vermont Vista, Vernon Central, View Heights, View Park/Windsor Hills, Watts, West Rancho Dominguez, West Vernon, Willowbrook.

Table 2-31: Los Angeles County and SPA 6 Homeless Count Summary (2022)				
	Los Angeles County		SPA 6	
	Persons/ Households	Percent	Persons/ Households	Percent
Individuals (not in family units)	58,251	100.0%	10,643	100.0%
Unsheltered	47,098	80.9%	8,591	80.7%
Sheltered	11,153	19.1%	2,052	19.3%
Adults 25+	56,063	96.2%	10,383	97.6%
Transitional aged youth (18-24)	2,067	3.5%	234	2.2%
Unaccompanied minors (under 18)	121	0.2%	26	0.2%
Family households	3,583	100.0%	1,277	100.0%
Unsheltered	488	13.6%	100	7.8%
Sheltered	3,095	86.4%	1,177	92.2%
Adult-headed households	3,179	88.7%	1,159	90.8%
Transitional aged youth-headed households	404	11.3%	118	9.2%
Veterans				
All Veterans	3,013	4.4%	316	2.2%
Chronic Homelessness				
People Experiencing Chronic Homelessness*	28,576	41.3%	4,643	31.8%
Health and Disability				
Substance use disorder	16,431	23.8%	2,448	16.8%
HIV/AIDS	1,478	2.1%	153	1.0%
Serious mental illness	15,499	22.4%	2,666	18.3%
Domestic/Intimate Partner Violence				
Homeless Due to Fleeing Domestic/Intimate Partner Violence	4,750	6.9%	723	5.0%
Totals				
All Persons	69,144	100.0%	14,598	100.0%
All Families	61,834	--	11,920	--

* Have a long-term disabling condition and have been homeless for 12 months or more within the last three years.

Source: Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) 2022 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count.

According to the 2022 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, there are 644 individuals in Compton experiencing homelessness. Of the 644 individuals, 238, or 37%, were in emergency shelters (Table 2-32). Of the 406 unsheltered individuals, the largest proportion were in RVs (21%), followed by persons on the street (20.8%), and persons in cars (10.9%). Since the 2020 count, the homeless population has decreased by 1.4%. The population of sheltered homeless individuals increased significantly, from only two persons in 2020 to 238 in 2022. Although 644 persons were observed as homeless in 2022, in reality, the homeless population is mobile and may move to or from Compton and the surrounding unincorporated areas. Therefore, the precise number is unknown.

Table 2-32: Persons Experiencing Homelessness – Compton (2020-2022)					
	2022		2020		Percent Change (2020-2022)
	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent	
Individuals	644	100.0%	653	100.0%	-1.4%
Unsheltered	406	63.0%	651	99.7%	-37.6%
Sheltered	238	37.0%	2	0.3%	11800.0%
Persons in cars	70	10.9%	74	11.3%	-5.4%
Persons in vans	31	4.8%	96	14.7%	-67.7%
Persons in RVs	135	21.0%	234	35.8%	-42.3%
Persons in tents	8	1.2%	34	5.2%	-76.5%
Persons in makeshift shelters	23	3.6%	80	12.3%	-71.3%
Persons on the street	134	20.8%	133	20.4%	0.8%
Persons in safe parking	5	0.8%	--	--	--
Dwellings	185	100.0%	331	100.0%	-44.1%
# of Cars or Trucks	53	28.6%	53	16.0%	0.0%
# of Vans or SUVs	26	14.1%	57	17.2%	-54.4%
# of Campers/RVs	84	45.4%	146	44.1%	-42.5%
# of Tents	7	3.8%	22	6.6%	-68.2%
# of Makeshift Shelters	15	8.1%	53	16.0%	-71.7%

Source: Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) 2022 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count.

The 2023 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count (Los Angeles Continuum of Care) results were released in November 2023. A total of 71,320 persons were counted during the 2023 PIT count, an increase of 10 percent since 2022. Of the CoC population of persons experiencing homelessness, 43 percent were Hispanic/Latino, 32 percent were Black/African American, and 19 percent were White (non-Hispanic). Additionally, 27 percent had a substance use disorder, 25 percent experienced a serious mental illness, 10 percent had a developmental disability, and 19 percent had a physical disability.

The 2023 count for individual cities has not been released as of April 2024. However, data for SPA 6 has been released. The 2023 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count revealed there are 12,995 persons experiencing homelessness in SPA 6. Of this population, 24 percent had a substance abuse disorder, 28 percent had a serious mental illness, 14 percent had a developmental disability, and 19 percent had a physical disability. The race and ethnicity of persons experiencing homelessness compared to the racial/ethnic composition of Compton using the 2018-2022 ACS are shown in Table 2-33. While this is not a perfect comparison, it can provide insight into which racial/ethnic populations may be overrepresented in the population experiencing homelessness. Based on this comparison, the Black/African American population is the most overrepresented in the homeless population. Other overrepresented populations include American Indian/Alaska Native, White, and multiple races.

Table 2-33: Persons Experiencing Homelessness by Race/Ethnicity – SPA 6, Compton (2023, 2022)

	SPA 6		Compton	
	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent
Hispanic/ Latino	5,594	43%	67,474	71.2%
Not Hispanic/ Latino	7,401	57%	27,348	28.8%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	65	1%	67	0.1%
Asian	54	0%	894	0.9%
Black/African American	5,962	46%	23,733	25.0%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	26	0%	100	0.1%
White	918	7%	800	0.8%
Multiple Races	376	3%	925	1.0%

Source: Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) 2023 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count.

Housing Accommodations and Services for Persons Experiencing Homelessness. Housing for homeless people is often provided at three levels—emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing. Each level serves distinctly different housing and supportive service needs. Facilities serving Compton residents are briefly summarized below.

- **Jordan’s Transitional Shelter.** This facility is a transitional apartment-style housing and support for homeless families suffering from substance abuse. Keith Village Apartments provides 86 units and Naomi Village Apartments provides 20 units.
- **Mrs. Flowers 2nd Chance.** This facility is a transitional housing facility and offers 4 beds. The transitional housing program equips clients with the necessary tools to reintegrate into society as a productive citizen and to facilitate the clients’ movement toward permanent housing. There is no maximum length of stay for clients.
- **Shields for Families.** Creative Learning Institute is a supportive housing facility to develop, deliver and evaluate culturally sensitive, comprehensive service models that empower and advocate for high-risk families in South Los Angeles. Building a foundation of hope that our families can acquire the skills and support needed to accomplish their goals.
- **Creative Learning Institute, Inc.** Creative Learning Institute, founded in 1983, grew out of the need to provide supervision and computer training for inner-city children at risk. After-school programs exposed a greater need to provide a safe nurturing environment for teenage children placed in out of home care, and transitional housing for emancipated foster care youth, who found themselves homeless within three years of departing from the protective services of the Department of Children and Family Services. CLI’s goal is to empower children and their families through training, counseling, supervised recreation, and work experience. This transitional housing facility offers 6 beds.

Table 2-34: Housing for Persons Experiencing Homelessness

Name	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Permanent Supportive Housing	Estimated Total
Jordan’s Transitional Shelter	0	106	0	106
Mrs. Flowers 2 nd Chance	0	4	0	4
Shields for Families, Inc.	0	106	0	106
Creative Learning Institute	0	6	0	6
Total	0	222	0	222

The City aims to remove unreasonable constraints to the development of supportive housing through Zoning Code Amendments outlined in Program 8. Additionally, persons experiencing or at risk of experiencing

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homelessness may benefit from the Family Self-Sufficiency Program (Program 6) and Homelessness Plan (Program 15). Program 15 commits to assisting up to 600 persons through a variety of services, and work with private non-governmental organizations to create a homeless shelter and safe parking program. Additional affordable housing opportunities promoted through actions outlined in this Housing Element also aim to support persons at risk of homelessness.

H. AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT RISK OF CONVERSION

According to California Government Code Section 65583(a)(8) and (c)(6), jurisdictions must evaluate the potential for currently rent restricted low-income housing units to convert to non-low-income housing in ten years and propose programs to preserve or replace these units. For this Housing Element, this ten-year analysis period covers from October 15, 2021, through October 15, 2031. This section identifies the City's assisted units at-risk of conversion to market rate housing.

Nineteen developments in Compton have received mortgage assistance through the federal government and/or the State of California. Table 2-35 indicates the name, government assistance, affordability controls, and other pertinent information for the government-assisted projects in the city. These developments have a total of 1,345 subsidized units.

Table 2-35: Publicly Assisted Multiple-Family Housing							
Name	Address	Affordable Units	Total Units	Funding Source	Tenant Type	Expiration	At Risk?
Douglas Park Apartments (Site A)	145 W Rosecrans Ave.	71	72	LIHTC/HUD	Family	2059	No
Logan's Plaza	2019 E 122 nd St.	60	61	LIHTC/HUD	Family	2067	No
Lutheran Gardens Apartments	2431 El Segundo Blvd.	75	76	LIHTC/HUD	Family	2059	No
Ramona Estates	1929 E. 122 nd St.	59	60	LIHTC/HUD	Family	2068	No
E. Boyd Esters Manor	1101 N Central Ave.	49	50	LIHTC/HUD	Senior	2071	No
Warwick Terrace	14921 Stanford Ave.	102	108	LIHTC/HUD	Family	2067	No
St. Timothy's Tower & St. Timothy's Manor	425 S Oleander Ave.	133	135	LIHTC/HUD	Senior	2069	No
Willow Apartments	12612 S. Wilmington Ave.	23	24	LIHTC	Family	2061	No
Seasons at Compton	15810 S Frailey Ave.	83	84	LIHTC	Senior	2065	No
Mosaic Gardens at Willowbrook	12701 S Willowbrook Ave.	60	61	LIHTC	Family	2069	No
Segundo Terrace aka El Segundo	2242 E El Segundo Blvd.	25	25	LIHTC	Family	2053	No
Curry Senior Apts. (AKA - Edward Lynn Brown)	1001 N Hickory Ave.	48	48	LIHTC	Senior	2048	No
Compton Garden	4243 E Alondra Blvd.	18	18	LIHTC	Senior	2056	No
Park Village Apartments	708 West Corregidor	164	164	LIHTC	Family	2068	No
Compton Senior Apartments	302 N Tamarind Ave.	74	75	LIHTC	Senior	2068	No
Santa Fe Apartments	1912 N Santa Fe Ave.	22	57	HUD	Family	2037	No
Whitfield Manor	12600 S Compton Ave.	40	40	HUD	Family	2024	No
South Bay Retirement Residence	1001 W Cressey St.	75	75	HUD	Senior	2035	No
New Wilmington Arms-2	700 W Laurel St A 210	164	164	HUD	Family	2024	No
Total At Risk		204	204				
Total		1,345	1,397				

Source: SCAG Final RHNA Data Appendix, 2020.

At Risk Status

State law requires the housing element to include an assessment of the likelihood that the publicly assisted affordable projects will be at risk of conversion to non-low income uses. This determination of “at risk” status depends on: 1) whether the original deed restrictions that accompany public assistance are expiring; 2) the desire of the property owner to convert the project to market rates; and 3) current housing market conditions. At-risk projects are those considered to be at risk of conversion to market rate housing within 10 years following adoption of the housing element, or 2031. There are two assisted rental housing projects at risk of expiring during the 2021-2031 Housing Element period:

- **Whitfield Manor** (40 affordable units) – Whitfield Manor is a low income family housing apartment subsidized by HUD Section 8 Project-Based Rental Assistance (PBRA). Households receiving HUD PBRA assistance typically earn 30% or less than the AMI. Whitfield Manor has 40 total units, including 1-bedroom, 2-bedroom, and 3-bedroom units. The overall affordability covenant extends to 2039. However, the current project-based Section 8 contract is expiring in 2024. Because the project is required to remain affordable through 2039, the likelihood of the owner not renewing the Section 8 assistance is low.
- **New Wilmington Arms-2** (164 affordable units) – New Wilmington Arms-2 is also a HUD PBRA project. This project has 164 affordable units, including 1-bedroom, 2-bedroom, 3-bedroom, and 4-bedroom units. This project is required to remain as affordable housing through 2031, with the current project-based Section 8 contract expiring in 2024. However, given the requirement to maintain this project as affordable housing through 2031, the likelihood of the owner not renewing the Section 8 assistance is low.

Preservation and Replacement Options

Preservation or replacement of at-risk projects can be achieved in several ways: 1) transfer of ownership to non-profit organizations; 2) provision of rental assistance other than through the Section 8 program; 3) replacement or development of new assisted multi-family housing units; 4) purchase of affordability covenants; and/or 5) refinance of mortgage revenue bonds on bond funded units. These options are described below, along with a general cost estimate for each.

Transfer of Ownership

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) keep a current list of all of the qualified entities across the State. A “qualified entity” is a nonprofit or for-profit organization or individual that agrees to maintain the long-term affordability of housing projects.

Efforts by the City to retain low-income housing must be able to draw upon two basic types of preservation resources: organizational and financial. Qualified, non-profit entities need to be made aware of the future possibilities of units becoming at risk. Groups with whom the City has an ongoing association are the logical entities for future participation. The following qualified entities serving Los Angeles County may have the potential to acquire and preserve the at-risk units identified:

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- A Community of Friends
- Abbey Road Inc.
- Abode Communities
- American Family Housing
- Century Housing Corporation
- City of Pomona Housing Authority
- Coalition for Economic Survival
- CSI Support & Development Services
- DML & Associates Foundation
- FAME Corporation
- Francis R. Hardy, Jr.
- Hart Community Homes
- Hollywood Community Housing Corp.
- Home and Community
- Hope-Net
- Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles
- Housing Corporation of America
- Keller & Company
- Long Beach Affordable Housing Coalition, Inc.
- Los Angeles Housing & Community Investment Department
- LTSC Community Development Corporation
- Many Mansions, Inc.
- Nexus for Affordable Housing
- Orange Housing Development Corporation
- Pico Union Housing Corporation
- Poker Flats LLC
- ROEM Development Corporation
- Skid Row Housing Trust
- Southern California Housing Development Corp.
- Southern California Presbyterian Homes
- The East Los Angeles Community Union (TELACU)
- The Long Beach Housing Development Co.
- West Hollywood Community Housing Corp.
- Winnetka King, LLC

Current market value for the units is estimated on the basis of the project's potential annual income and operating and maintenance expenses. As indicated in Table 2-36, the estimated market value of the at-risk units is \$47.8 million. This estimate is provided for the purpose of comparison and understanding the magnitude of costs involved and does not represent the precise market value of this project. The actual market value at time of sale will depend on market and property conditions, lease-out/turnover rates, among other factors.

Table 2-36: Market Value of At Risk Units	
Unit Information	At-Risk Units
1-bdrm	21
2-bdrm	37
3-bdrm	134
4-bdrm	12
Annual Operating Cost	\$2,343,268
Gross Annual Income	\$6,172,272
Net Annual Income	\$3,829,004
Market Value	\$47,862,553

Market value for project is estimated with the following assumptions:

Average market rent based on Fair Market Rents (FY 2023) established by HUD. One-bedroom unit = \$1,747; two-bedroom unit = \$2,222; three-bedroom unit = \$2,888; four-bedroom unit = \$3,170.

Average size is assumed to be 600 square feet for a one-bedroom, 850 square feet for a two-bedroom, 1,200 square feet for a three-bedroom, and 1,500 square feet for a four-bedroom.

Annual income is calculated on a vacancy rate = 5%

Annual operating expenses per square foot = \$10.52 (NAAHQ, Operating Income and Expense Data for All Subsidized Properties, 2021).

Market value = Annual net project income*multiplication factor

Multiplication factor for a building in good condition is 12.5.

Rental Assistance

In the event that funding is no longer available for the at-risk units, rental subsidies can be used to maintain affordability by using local, state or other funding sources. The subsidies can be structured to mirror the Section 8 program, whereby tenants receive the difference between the Fair Market Rent (determined by HUD and the local housing authority) and the maximum affordable rent of the tenant (30% of household income).

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Given the bedroom mix of the 204 Section 8 assisted rental units, the total cost of subsidizing the rent for the units is \$373,864 per month, as shown in Table 2-37. This translates into approximately \$4.5 million annually or \$89.7 million over a 20-year period.

Table 2-37: Required Rental Subsidies for At Risk Units								
Unit Size	Total Units	Fair Market Rent	HH Size	Very Low Income Limits	Affordable Cost	Utility	Per Unit Subsidy	Monthly Subsidy
1-bdrm	21	\$1,747	2	\$47,650	\$958	\$233	\$1,022	\$21,462
2-bdrm	37	\$2,222	3	\$53,600	\$1,071	\$269	\$1,420	\$52,540
3-bdrm	134	\$2,888	4	\$59,550	\$1,173	\$316	\$2,031	\$272,154
4-bdrm	12	\$3,170	5	\$64,350	\$1,235	\$374	\$2,309	\$27,708
Total	204							\$373,864

Source: HUD FY 2023 Fair Market Rent (FMR), Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale, CA (Los Angeles County) Metro FMR Area, 2023; HCD 2022 Income Limits; LACDA 2022 Utility Allowance Schedule; Veronica Tam & Associates, 2022.

Construction of Replacement Units

The construction of new low income housing units is a means of replacing the at-risk units should they be converted to market-rate units. The cost of developing housing depends upon a variety of factors, including density, size of the units (i.e., square footage and number of bedrooms), location, land costs, and type of construction. Estimated new construction costs for the two at-risk affordable housing projects are shown in Table 2-38. The replacement of the 204 at-risk units would require approximately \$245,790 per unit. However, this cost estimate does not include land, permits, on- and off-site improvements, and other costs.

Table 2-38: Estimated Construction Cost to Replace At Risk Units				
Unit Size	(A) Total Units	(B) Estimated Average Unit Size	(C) Estimated Gross Building Size	(D) Estimated Gross Building Costs
1-bdrm	21	600	15,120	\$2,835,000
2-bdrm	37	850	37,740	\$7,076,250
3-bdrm	134	1,200	192,960	\$36,180,000
4-bdrm	12	1,500	21,600	\$4,050,000
Total	204	--	--	\$50,141,250
Average Per Unit Cost				\$245,790

Notes:

(C) = (A) x (B) x 1.20 (i.e., 20% inflation to account for hallways and other common areas)

(D) = (C) x \$150 (per square foot construction costs) x 1.25 (i.e., 25% inflation to account for parking and landscaping costs)

Construction cost an estimate only.

Purchase of Affordability Covenants

Another option to preserve the affordability of the at-risk projects is to provide an incentive package to the owner to maintain the project as affordable housing. Incentives could include writing down the interest rate on the remaining loan balance, providing a lump-sum payment, and/or supplementing the rents to market levels. The feasibility and cost of this option depends on whether the complex is too highly leveraged and interest on the owner's part to utilize the incentives found in this option. By providing lump sum financial incentives or ongoing subsidies in rents or reduced mortgage interest rates to the owner, the City could ensure that some or all of the units remain affordable. While projects owned by nonprofit organizations have affordable housing as their mission and therefore the long-term use is typically not an issue, subsidies may be needed over time to subsidize the rents if Section 8 contracts are no longer available, or funds are needed for rehabilitation.

Cost Comparisons

The above analysis attempts to estimate the cost of preserving the at-risk units under various options. However, because each project may have unique circumstances and therefore different options available, the direct comparison would not be appropriate. In general, providing additional incentives/subsidies to extend the affordability covenant would require the least funding over the long run, whereas the construction of new units would be the most costly option. Over the short term, providing rent subsidies would be least costly but this option does not guarantee the long-term affordability of the units.

The cost to build new housing to replace the 204 at-risk units is high, with an estimated total cost of over \$50.1 million, excluding land, on- and off-site improvements, and permit fees. New construction would likely be more expensive than transfer of ownership (\$47.9 million). Both the construction of new housing and transfer of ownership would be substantially more expensive than providing rent subsidies (\$4.5 million annually). However, rent subsidies do not provide long-term affordable housing. Further, rental subsidies over a 20-year period would ultimately be more costly than constructing replacement units or transfer of ownership.

The City will implement Program 10, Preservation of At-Risk Housing Units, to preserve the affordability of Whitfield Manor and Wilmington Arms-2. Under this program, the City will monitor at-risk units and allocate funding towards housing preservation.

3. Constraints Analysis

A. GOVERNMENTAL CONSTRAINTS

In recent years, communities have seen a dramatic decline in the number of new housing units built. This decline in housing construction is due to a convergence of factors—including tighter lending policies, declining home values, foreclosures, and cost of materials. The housing element must identify and analyze potential and actual governmental constraints to the maintenance, improvement, or development of housing for all income levels, including housing for people with disabilities. Constraints may include development standards that restrict developers from achieving maximum allowable densities. This section analyzes the impact of these “market” factors on the development of new and affordable housing regionally and in Compton.

Development Fees

The City of Compton, like other communities in the region, charges a range of service fees to cover the cost of processing development applications. More importantly, the City also charges development impact fees to finance the construction of adequate public facilities, water and sanitation treatment, and other “hard” infrastructure needed to support new residential developments. Fees are generally comparable for single-family and multi-family developments. All fees shown below are the same for multi-family developments and single-family developments with the exception of impact fees which are lower for multi-family units. Fire, parks, public works, transportation, general government, and law enforcement impact fees total \$8,105 for a single-family unit and \$6,309 for a multi-family unit. **All City impact fees are lower for multi-family units compared to single-family units.** Table 3-1 shows the typical fees charged to residential developers.

Table 3-1: Planning and Impact Fee Schedule as of June 2023		
Fee Category	Fee Amount	
Planning and Application Fees	Single-Family	Multi-Family
Conditional Use Permit (per application/for each request)	\$10,917	\$10,917
Variances (per application/for each request)	\$12,979	\$12,979
Zone Change	\$12,736	\$12,736
General Plan Amendment	\$12,736	\$12,736
Annexation – Preliminary Review	\$607	\$607
Annexation – Formal Review	\$6,065	\$6,065
Site Plan Review	\$311	\$311
Architectural Review (for new single, multifamily, or ADUs)	\$3,032	\$3,032
Subdivision		
Parcel Merger	\$3,515	\$3,515
Lot Line Adjustment	\$2,141	\$2,141
Tentative Parcel Map, Tentative Tract Map	\$12,736	\$12,736
Liquefaction Compliance (administrative fee)	\$607	\$607
Time Limit Extension	\$1,687	\$1,687
Environmental		
Initial Study, Negative Declaration, EIR	\$9,825	\$9,825
Exemption	\$632	\$632
Impact Fees		
Fire	\$385 per unit	\$306 per unit

Table 3-1: Planning and Impact Fee Schedule as of June 2023		
Fee Category	Fee Amount	
Parks	\$4,395 per unit	\$3,480 per unit
Public Works	\$710 per unit	\$562 per unit
Transportation	\$1,115 per unit	\$775 per unit
General Government	\$1,362 per unit	\$1,078 per unit
Law Enforcement	\$138 per unit	\$108 per unit
School (collected by the school district)	\$2.97 per square foot	\$2.97 per square foot
Total Impact Fees (excluding school)	\$8,105 per unit	\$6,309 per unit

Analysis of Fees

For a typical 1,000-square-foot single-family detached residence or 1,000-square-foot multi-family unit, the building plan check/permit fees are as follows:

Building Permit Fee	\$1,564.00
Plan Check:	\$1,209.39
Electrical Fee:	\$615.00
School District Fee:	\$2,970.00
Mechanical Fee:	\$189.00
Plumbing Fee:	\$719.00
*School District Fee:	\$2.97 per square foot

For a typical single-family residence on a 5,000-square-foot lot, the total City development and building fees required are \$14,445. The materials cost to construct a 1,000-square-foot home plus the land cost totals \$198,000. City processing fees are approximately 7.3 percent of the development cost per-single family unit.

For a typical multiple-family unit, the total City development and building fees required are \$12,649. The materials cost for a typical 800-square-foot multi-family unit is \$90,000, with land costs adding another \$18,000 for a total of \$108,000. City processing fees are approximately 11.8 percent of the development cost per multiple-family unit.

The City is in the process of drafting a Cost of Services Study for Compton planning fees. The new planning fee study is expected to become effective in 2025, as early as January.

Although fees are a necessary part of the development process, the City has the latitude to defer or waive such fees in special cases, after notice and hearing, where better or fairer financing arrangements would result from such deferral. For affordable housing, the developer can request incentives (such as increased density, reductions in standards, or modification to a zoning code requirement) that can be monetized and reduce project costs. Therefore, fees are not considered an actual constraint to development.

B. LAND USE CONTROLS

General Plan Land Use Policy

Each city and county in California must prepare a comprehensive, long-term general plan to guide its future. The land use element of the general plan establishes the basic land uses and density of development within the various areas of the city. Under state law, the general plan elements must be internally consistent, and the City's zoning must be consistent with the general plan. Thus, the land use plan must provide suitable locations and densities to implement the policies of the housing element.

The land use element of Compton General Plan 2010 accommodates residential development across the City. General Plan 2010 land use categories allow residential development as follows:

- Low-Density Residential: 12 du/ac

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- Medium-Density Residential: 17.9 du/ac
- High-Density Residential: 34 du/ac
- Mixed Use-Commercial: 34 du/ac

The City is in the process of updating the land use element of its General Plan, which includes adding new land use designations to support residential development. The table below summarizes preliminary land use designations that allow residential development and their associated densities for General Plan 2045.

Table 3-2: Compton General Plan 2045 Preliminary Land Use Designations	
Preliminary Land Use Designation	Density (dwelling units per acre)
Low Density Residential	1-12
Medium Density Residential	12.1-25
High Density Residential	25.1-40
Neighborhood Mixed Use	25-40
Community Mixed Use	35-45 (Community Benefits: 55)
Transit Priority Mixed Use	60-80 (Community Benefits: 95)
Compton Station Specific Plan (CSSP) – Mixed Use 1	40-80
CSSP – Mixed Use 2	50-100
CSSP – TOD	100-175
Source: City of Compton, Community Development Department	

The City anticipates adopting General Plan 2045 by the end of 2024, which will greatly increase the potential for residential development throughout the City.

Residential Uses by Zone

Housing element law requires cities to facilitate and encourage a range of housing types for all economic segments of the community. This includes the production of housing to meet various special needs of seniors, people with disabilities, farmworkers, homeless, and others. Compton Zoning Code provides for the housing types required by state law. The primary land use designations allowing residential uses are below:

Table 3-3: Housing Types Permitted by Zoning District					
Residential Use	Residential Agriculture	Low Density Residential	Medium Density Residential	High Density Residential	Limited Commercial
1 DU	P	P	P	P	CUP
2-4 DU	P	P	P	P	CUP
5+ DU	NP	NP	CUP	CUP	CUP
Residential Care < 6P	P	P	P	P	CUP
Residential Care > 6P	CUP	CUP	CUP	CUP	CUP
Emergency Shelter	CUP	NP	NP	NP	CUP
Manufactured Homes	P	P	P	P	CUP
Mobile-Home Parks	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
Transitional Housing	P	P	P	P	CUP
Supportive Housing	P	P	P	P	CUP
ADU	P	P	P	P	NP
P=Permitted, CUP = Conditionally Permitted, NP=Not Permitted					

Source: City of Compton Community Development Department

The following provisions describe how certain housing types are provided.

Single and Multiple Family Housing Opportunities

Single-family dwellings are permitted by right in all residential zones. Each residential zone requires a minimum lot size per dwelling unit and a maximum permitted density. There is no difference in development standards for either residential product type. Manufactured housing is treated in the same manner as other “stick-built” single-family residential uses in the same zone.

Multiple-family development (apartments and condominiums) is permitted as a by-right use for projects containing up to four units in the medium and high density zones. Multi-family projects with five or more units require a conditional use permit in the medium and high density zones. However, all multi-family development in the limited commercial zones require a conditional use permit. These zones are suitable for single-family detached units, apartments, condominiums, and town homes, as well as affordable housing. Many of these lots remain undeveloped, providing ample opportunities for affordable housing. The City is proposing to eliminate the Conditional Use permit requirement in the project area covered by the Artesia Station.

Employee and Farmworker Housing

Although the City has a residential agriculture (R-A) zone, the properties in this zone to do accommodate or allow agricultural operations large enough to employ a significant number of workers. Additionally, per the American Communities Survey, there are a limited number of farmworkers residing in Compton. The proposed General Plan land use designation does allow commercial farming. To comply with Health and Safety Code Section 17021.6 (Employee Housing Act), the City will amend the Zoning Ordinance to permit farmworker housing up to 36 beds or 12 units as an agricultural use by right in the R-A zone.

Health and Safety Code Section 17021.5 (Employee Housing Act) requires that jurisdictions permit employee housing providing accommodations for six or fewer employees be deemed a residential use subject to the same standards as single-family residences. The Compton Zoning Ordinance does not currently contain provisions for employee housing. This Housing Element includes a program to amend the Zoning Code to comply with the Employee Housing Act.

Accessory Dwelling Units

Accessory dwelling units (ADUs) also offer opportunities for affordable housing. The City of Compton allows for the development of accessory dwelling units by right in all residential zones. Approximately 10 accessory dwelling units are built each year.

Compton's ADU ordinance (Section 30-11.2 of the Municipal Code) was last updated in December 2021. However, additional changes in State law since that time necessitate another update to the City's ordinance. Most notably, AB 2221 amended the height restrictions to allow ADUs a height of up to 18 feet in some cases and up to 25 feet in other cases. This Housing Element includes a program to update Section 30-11.2 to ensure compliance with the most recent changes to State law.

The City's website includes a dedicated resource page for accessory dwelling units. The website includes an overview of the process, handouts in English and Spanish, contact information, and links to the ADU application. The City has a strong desire to see more ADUs constructed in the community. In order to further incentivize ADU development, particularly affordable ADUs, this Housing Element includes a program to explore incentives such as:

- Pre-approved ADU plans
- Fee waivers for ADUs with deed restricted affordability

Day Care Centers

The City of Compton permits day care centers, including adult day care and children's day care centers, to render service by trained and experienced personnel to adults or children who require care during a portion of the day, pursuant to the Administrative Code of the state. The City also specifically permits day care centers for the care of children with special needs, including minors with mental illness or behavioral or emotional disorders. These facilities are intended to provide supervised daytime programs of education or training, handicraft, vocational, and recreational activities.

Residential Care Facilities

Residential care facilities have come under increasing scrutiny by the Department of Housing and Community Development due to changes in federal fair housing law and subsequent changes to California housing element law as well. Pursuant to the Lanterman-Petris Act, local governments are to allow housing opportunities for people with disabilities in normal residential settings. The Compton Municipal Code therefore permits residential care facilities. These facilities provide personal care in a residential setting for children and/or adults, consistent with the definition provided by the California Community Care Facilities Act, California Health and Safety Code.

A residential care facility, pursuant to state law, includes the following: intermediate care/developmentally disabled or nursing facility, congregate living health facility, residential care facility for persons with chronic life-threatening illnesses or the elderly, pediatric day health and respite care facility, alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facility, and any state-authorized, certified, or licensed family care home, foster home, or group home serving mentally disordered or otherwise handicapped persons or dependent and neglected children, as set forth in the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act, California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5116.

Residential care facilities are subject to licensure and regulation by the State of California. State law preempts local governments from enacting local regulations upon residential care facilities serving six or fewer clients that conflict with state law. Specifically, residential care facilities that serve six or fewer persons shall be (1) treated the same as a residential use, (2) allowed by right in all residential zones, and (3) subjected to the same fees, taxes, and permits as other residential uses in the same zone. Essentially, residential care facilities should be treated in the same manner as any other single-family or multiple-family apartment complex in the same zone. As required by state law, the City of Compton permits residential care facilities for 6 or fewer persons as a by-right use in all zones allowing residential uses. Residential care facilities for 7 or more clients are allowed in residential zones through a conditional use permit. The required findings for approval are discussed later.

To prevent the definition of family from being used to limit fair housing, the City modified the municipal code definition of "family" as follows:

Family is defined as simply "one or more individuals who live together. Members of the family do not need to be related by blood, marriage or in any other legal capacity".

Homeless Facilities

Senate Bill 2 requires all local governments to facilitate and encourage the production of housing suitable for homeless people, including emergency shelters, transitional, and permanent supportive housing. The following describes how such uses are currently permitted and, where not permitted, amendments to the Compton Municipal Code that will be made:

Emergency Shelters. In 2020, the City amended the Municipal Code to allow emergency shelters as a by-right use in the newly created Emergency Shelter Overlay Zone (Section 30-49 of the Municipal Code). The Overlay zone is applied to portions of the Heavy Manufacturing (MH) and Light Manufacturing (ML) zones. These zones specifically prohibit residential uses. New State law (AB 2339) requires that local jurisdictions identify zone(s) where emergency shelters will be permitted by right without discretionary review. Such zones must either be residential zones or nonresidential zones where residential uses are also permitted. The MH and ML zones do not meet the requirements of AB 2339.

The Zoning Code includes location requirements and development standards such as:

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- Maximum of 100 beds in any single emergency shelter;
- Off-street parking required at a ratio of two spaces minimum plus one space for each 300 square feet of gross floor area;
- On-site manager and security officer must be provided onsite at all times; and
- Provisions for an indoor client intake area.

In addition, the City conditionally permits emergency shelters in the Limited Commercial (CL) zone, which also conditionally permits a variety of residential uses. Properties zoned CL are located primarily along transportation corridors with access to public transportation, services, and public facilities. CL zoned properties are located primarily along major transportation corridors such as Compton Boulevard, Long Beach Boulevard, Alameda Street, and Alondra Boulevard. Major uses include general commercial retail and services, abutting residential uses. Under the proposed General Plan, many of the CL zoned properties are proposed to be redesignated as Neighborhood Mixed Use, Community Mixed Use, TOD, or Medium Density Residential. Therefore, CL zoned properties are considered areas appropriate for residential uses.

Compton is served by the Compton Renaissance and the Los Angeles Metro. Compton Renaissance service stops along CL zoned areas include Compton Towne Center, Compton High School, Compton Airport, Public Social Services Department, Gateway Shopping Center, DMV, and Fashion Center. The Los Angeles Metro also has a Compton Blue Line station on Willowbrook Avenue adjacent to Compton Boulevard. Additional resources accessible to areas zoned CL include the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Social Services (211 E Alondra Boulevard) and the Department of Social Services (17600 C, 17600 Santa Fe Avenue, adjacent to Alameda Street).

This Housing Element includes a program to amend the Zoning Code to permit emergency shelters by right without discretionary review in the CL zone. This zone contains at least 17 vacant parcels, totaling 4.16 acres. With a 2022 unsheltered homeless population of 406 persons, at least five shelters would be needed at up to 100 persons per shelter. A building area of approximately 20,000 square feet would be required per shelter (based on the general guidance of AB 2339 of 200 square feet per person). The vacant CL properties are adequate to accommodate the City's unsheltered homeless.

AB 139 (Government Code Section 65583) limits off-street parking to only what is necessary to support anticipated staffing levels. AB 2339 also expands the definition of emergency shelters to include other interim interventions such as navigation centers, bridge housing, and respite or recuperative care. Therefore, this Housing Element includes a program to amend the City's provisions for emergency shelters to comply with new State laws such as AB 139 and AB 2339.

Low Barrier Navigation Centers. AB 101 requires cities to allow Low Barrier Navigation Centers as a permitted use in areas zoned for mixed use and nonresidential zones permitting multi-family uses if they meets specified requirements.

A "Low Barrier Navigation Center" is defined as "a Housing First, low-barrier, service-enriched shelter focused on moving people into permanent housing that provides temporary living facilities while case managers connect individuals experiencing homelessness to income, public benefits, health services, shelter, and housing." Low Barrier shelters may include options such as allowing pets, permitting partners to share living space, and providing storage for residents' possessions. AB 101 also sets a timeline for jurisdictions to act on applications for Low Barrier Navigation Center developments. The requirements of this bill are effective through the end of 2026, at which point they are repealed. This Housing Element includes a program to amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow Low Barrier Navigation Centers by right in areas zoned for mixed use and nonresidential zones permitting multi-family uses.

Transitional Housing. In 2020, the City amended the Municipal Code to include a definition of transitional housing. Per Municipal Code Section 30-49.4, transitional housing shall be considered a residential use and shall be subject only to those restrictions that apply to other residential dwellings of the same type in the same zone. Several organizations in Compton are actively providing transitional housing. These include Jordan Disciples Community Service, Mrs. Flowers, Creative Learning Institute and At the Fountain Transitional Living. The Zoning Code will be amended to ensure transitional housing is similarly permitted in all zones that permit residential uses, including mixed use zones.

Permanent Supportive Housing. In 2020, the City amended the Municipal Code to include permanent supportive housing. Per Municipal Code Section 30-49.4, permanent supportive housing shall be considered a residential use and shall be subject only to those restrictions that apply to other residential dwellings of the same type in the same zone. Supportive housing is approved by-right in all residential zones. However, the Zoning Code will be amended to ensure supportive housing is similarly permitted in all zones that permit residential uses, including mixed use zones.

Effective January 2019, AB 2162 implemented a streamlined approval process for certain supportive housing projects. The bill requires supportive housing projects with 50 or fewer units to be permitted by-right in zones where multi-family and mixed-use development is permitted, provided the project meets certain conditions. Additionally, the bill prohibits minimum parking requirements for supportive housing within one-half mile of a public transit stop. This Housing Element includes a program to amend the Zoning Ordinance to comply with these new regulations.

Single Room Occupancy (SRO) Housing. Single Room Occupancy housing is permitted in the Compton Station Specific Plan, including the Downtown Core Zone (DC), Downtown Transition Zone (DT), Residential Urban Zone (RU), Neighborhood Corridor Zone (NC), and Urban Flexible Zone (UF). The minimum residential unit size for SROs in all zones is 200 sf. Parking standards for SROs in the Compton Station Specific Plan are the same for studio units. In the Downtown Core Zone (DC), Downtown Transition Zone (DT), and Urban Flexible (UF) minimum parking ratios for SROs and studio units are 0.5 for unrestricted units and none for affordable units. In the Residential Urban Zone (RU) and Neighborhood Corridor (NC) minimum parking ratios for SROs and studio units are 1 for unrestricted units and 0.5 for affordable units. SRO units are also approved by-right in the same manner as multifamily units in the Compton TOD Specific Plan area. Reduced parking standards outlined above, specifically in the DC, DT, and UF zones, serve to facilitate and encourage the development of SROs in Compton.

Mobile Homes

Mobile homes are not permitted in any zone in Compton. Trailer parks are conditionally permitted in the C-L and C-M zones. Mobile homes are not anticipated to increase further due to land availability. Existing mobile homes are described in Chapter 2, Subsection G, Special Housing Needs, of this Housing Element.

Locally Adopted Ordinances

The City of Compton does not have a short-term rental or inclusionary ordinance, or other local ordinances that have a significant impact on the supply of housing.

C. BUILDING STANDARDS

Residential development must adhere to prerequisites in order to be approved in Compton. These include development standards, design and parking standards, building codes, and other requirements. These are noted as follows.

Development Standards

The City of Compton Zoning Ordinance includes development standards and requirements for existing and potential development within the Residential Agriculture, Low Density Residential, Medium Density Residential and High Density Residential zone districts, as well as Limited Commercial which allows single-family and multi-family residential units. The development standards do not appear to represent a constraint to development given the amount of rehabilitation that has occurred in recent years. The minimum lot size and setback requirements are very liberal. For example, most communities in the area require between 5 to 10 feet for the side yard setbacks. Compton only requires a 3- to 5-foot setback.

Table 3-4: Zoning Standards					
Zone Dev Standard	Residential Agriculture	Low Density Residential	Medium Density Residential	High Density Residential	Limited Commercial
Density	4 du/ac	8 du/ac	17 du/ac	29 dua	29 dua

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Yards	Front: 20 ft Side: 3 ft (5 ft for 2+ stories) Rear: 20 ft	Front: 20 ft Side: 3 ft (5 ft for 2+ stories) Rear: 20 ft	Front: 20 ft Side: 3 ft (5 ft for 2+ stories) Rear: 20 ft	Front: 15 ft Side: 3 ft (5 ft for 2+ stories) Rear: 20 ft	Front: 15 ft Side: 3 ft (5 ft for 2+ stories) Rear: 20 ft
Lot Coverage/ Open Space	None	None	None	None	None
Building Height	35 ft	35 ft	35 ft	35 ft	35 ft
Distance Between Buildings	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Parking	2 spaces per unit	2 spaces per unit	Multi-family 2 or fewer bedrooms, attached unit: 1.5 spaces/unit 2 or fewer bedrooms, detached unit: 2 spaces/unit 3 or more bedrooms: 2 spaces per unit plus Guest parking: 1 space per 4 units		
Fences, Hedges & Walls	Front: 42" maximum Side/Rear: 96"				
Minimum Living Area	2 bedrooms: 1,200 sf 3 bedrooms: 1,200 sf 4 bedrooms: 1,200 sf 5 bedrooms: 1,200 sf		Bachelor Units: 450 sf 1 bedrooms: 600 sf 2 bedrooms: 800 sf 3+ bedrooms: 1000 sf		

Table 3-4 above indicates basic residential development standards for Compton; the table shows density, yard requirements (front, side and rear), lot coverage, open space, building heights, distances between buildings (main and accessory buildings), parking, fences, hedges, walls, and minimum living area. Compton has four residential base zone districts; Residential Agriculture, Low-Density Residential, Medium-Density Residential; and High-Density Residential. The Zoning Code also allows single- and multi-family residential uses but uses the high-density residential standards in the Limited Commercial Zone.

While most of the development standards for the single-family detached and multi-family units are reasonable, the requirement for 1.5 parking spaces in an enclosed garage for multi-family development may act as a constraint. All neighboring cities require a two-space garage for single-family homes (Lynwood, Gardena, Paramount). In terms of multi-family development, Compton is the only city that allows for 1.5 spaces per unit for smaller dwellings, whereas neighboring jurisdictions require two spaces for multi-family units of all sizes. Compton also requires fewer guest parking spaces for multi-family units compared to neighboring cities. This provides for greater flexibility in multi-family projects. The City is also flexible with required parking requirements for specific types of residents, including the elderly (1 covered space/unit for senior citizen apartments). However, to further reduce the constraint to development parking may pose, this Housing Element includes a program to adopt new regulations to update and reduce current requirement of 1.5 enclosed spaces per unit to one enclosed parking space per multi-family family unit under two bedrooms.

Density of 10 units per acre typically requires one story. Each story is assumed to be 10 to 12 feet. Therefore, the height limit of 35 feet is generally adequate to accommodate three-story structures and at 29 units per acre. The minimum unit size for small units at 600 square feet may also constrain the development of small units. The minimum lot size of 5,000 required for residential lots is not viewed as a development constraint because any legally subdivided lot in the City that is zoned residential can be developed regardless of size. The smallest lots in the city are typically 2,500 square feet (25 x 100) and the City permits single-family detached homes on these lots. Most of these small lots were consolidated into 5,000 sq. ft lots or larger decades ago and are developed with either single family detached or multi-family homes. The minimum lot requirement applies only to newly subdivided lots and has never prohibited any recent residential development project. However, the City is committed to exploring all reasonable opportunities including approving smaller lots for smaller homes to reduce costs while still maintaining development standards that ensure quality development and do not result in adverse impacts to the health, welfare, and safety of the community. Additionally, the City will evaluate options to streamline the Architectural Review Board (ARB) process to shorten the review time. This ARB amendment will involve a municipal code amendment and Planning Commission/City Council approval.

Compton Station Specific Plan

The City adopted the Compton Station Specific Plan in 2022, which created ample new opportunities for high density residential development. The Specific Plan can accommodate a total of 2,178 new residential units, including 734 affordable units. The Specific Plan created the following new zoning districts which allow for new residential development: Residential Urban (RU), Neighborhood Corridor (NC), Downtown Core (DC), Downtown Transition (DT), and Urban Flexible (UF). The table below provides a summary of development standards for these zones.

Table 3-5: Compton Station Specific Plan Development Standards					
Development Standard	RU	NC	DC	DT	UF
Height	3 stories (2)	5 stories	3-10 stories	3-6 stories	4 stories
Setbacks					
Front	10-20'	0-15'	0-10'	0-10'	0-10'
Street Side	5'	5-10'	5-10'	5-10'	5-10'
Interior Side	5'	0' (1)	0'	0'	0' (1)
Rear	10'	10'	0' (1)	0' (1)	10'
Open Space					
Common Open Space (min.)	Not required	15% of site area			
Open space/unit	200 sq. ft.	150 sq. ft.; 30% attached to unit			
Source: City of Compton, Compton Station Specific Plan, Public Hearing Draft, September 7, 2022					
Notes:					
(1) 10' when adjacent to residential					
(2) 5 stories permitted when fronting on Willowbrook					

Table 3-6: Compton Station Specific Plan Parking Requirements			
	1+ bedroom	Studio / SRO	Guest
DC and DT Districts			
Unrestricted	1 space / unit	0.5 spaces / unit	0.15 spaces / unit
Affordable	0.5 spaces / unit	None	0.15 spaces / unit
RU District			
Unrestricted	1 space / unit	1 space / unit	0.1 spaces / unit
Affordable	0.5 spaces / unit	0.5 spaces / unit	0.1 spaces / unit
NC District			
Unrestricted	1 space / unit	1 space / unit	0.15 spaces / unit
Affordable	0.5 spaces / unit	0.5 spaces / unit	0.15 spaces / unit
UF District			
Unrestricted	1 space / unit	0.5 spaces / unit	0.1 spaces / unit
Affordable	0.5 spaces / unit	None	0.1 spaces / unit
Source: City of Compton, Compton Station Specific Plan, Public Hearing Draft, September 7, 2022			

As shown in the tables above, the Compton Station Specific Plan has been designed to facilitate residential development by maximizing space and encouraging multi-story buildings.

Affordable Housing Incentives

A key goal of the housing element is to assist in the development of affordable housing for persons of all income levels. In lieu of financial means, the City of Compton implements several key housing programs:

- Density bonus.** On September 11, 2007, the City Council adopted Ordinance 2163, which created a local density bonus ordinance that offers the same types of development incentives that are allowed for under California law. The provisions apply to multifamily residential and mixed-use development projects consisting of five or more dwelling units. Per the City's current ordinance, a development may qualify for up to a maximum 35% density bonus by providing 11% very-low income units, 20% low-income units, or 40% moderate-income units; or up to a 20% density bonus for the development of senior housing. Other concessions or incentives may also be awarded on a sliding scale depending

on the percentage of affordable housing provided, in order to make the housing units economically feasible.

Recently enacts bills, including AB 1763 and AB 2345, have modified Government Code Section 65915-65918 to expand density bonus provisions. The new regulations include special provisions for projects that are 100 percent affordable, allowing a maximum density bonus of 80 percent in most cases, with no limitations on density for projects within one-half mile of a major transit stop. Additionally, the maximum density bonus for qualifying projects that include market rate units has been increased from 35 percent to 50 percent. This Housing Element includes a program to update the City's density bonus ordinance to comply with new State requirements.

- **Variances/modifications.** The Planning Commission has successfully used the variance when a valid hardship exists in current and prior residential projects to allow non-compliance in development standards and code requirements to permit the construction of new housing. These allow for the reduction or modification of many development requirements.

Building Codes and Enforcement

The City has adopted the 2022 California Building, Electrical, Green Building Standards, Plumbing, Mechanical, and Residential codes. The City has not adopted any local amendments to the California Building Codes that would constrain housing development. The Building and Safety Division performs examinations of development plans, issues permits and performs inspections of construction activities in the City. The division further provides information to its customers through records research, provision of informational handouts and by development consultation through all phases of a project from concept to completion.

The City of Compton has also adopted a variety of property maintenance codes for the protection of property values and the general welfare of the community. The code defines conditions for substandard properties and sets forth requirements for the maintenance of property. This code also defines public nuisances and the abatement process for eliminating the nuisance. Major housing initiatives include: building and land use violations, public health code, noise and other public nuisances, and property maintenance. The Code Enforcement Division enforces state and local laws for health and safety, basic property maintenance standards, and land use regulations.

The City's building codes, property maintenance standards, and code enforcement functions do not add materially to development costs, particularly since cities surrounding Compton have adopted similar measures. These provisions are therefore not considered an actual constraint.

Subdivision and On-Site/Off-Site Improvements

After the passage of Proposition 13 and its limitation on local governments' property tax revenues, cities have faced increased difficulty in providing and financing appropriate public services and facilities to serve residents. In order to ensure public health and safety, the City of Compton, like other jurisdictions across the county, requires developers to provide onsite and offsite improvements necessary to serve proposed residential projects so that the City is not left with underserved developments and unfunded liabilities.

The City requires developers to fulfill obligations specified in the Subdivision Map Act. Such improvements may include water, sewer, and other utility lines and extensions; street construction to City standards; and traffic control reasonably related to the project. Compton regulates the design, installation, and maintenance of improvements needed for new housing. On/off-site improvements include street right-of-way dedication, sidewalks, street lighting, curbs and gutters, water and sewer mains, and others.

Typical standards requirements include:

- Arterial streets are a minimum width of 80 feet with 64 feet of roadway and 16 feet of sidewalk, including parkway. Each one-half of the highway consists of 32 feet of graded roadway, curbs and gutters, and 8 feet of sidewalk and parkway with at least 5 feet thereof paved.

- Collector streets are a minimum width of 60 feet with 40 feet of roadway and 20 feet of sidewalk, including parkway. Each one-half of the highway consists of 20 feet of graded roadway, curbs and gutters, and 10 feet of sidewalk and parkway, with at least 5 feet thereof paved.
- Water mains, submains and water services as may be necessary for the distribution of water to each lot, piece or parcel of land. Construction of all new distributing systems are done by the water department only.
- The open space, park and recreational facilities for which dedication of land and/or payment of a fee is required in accordance with the General Plan, which is consistent with the Quimby Act.

These types of improvements would only be required for new subdivisions. In the vast majority of cases, infrastructure is already in place and surrounding individual projects. Sufficient capacity exists within the existing street network. In these cases, most of the City's on-and offsite improvements are provided simply through the payment of a pro-rate share of fees, which have been accounted for under residential development fees mentioned earlier.

These subdivision requirements are similar to jurisdictions across southern California and are not deemed to place a unique cost or actual constraints upon the development, improvement, and maintenance of housing.

Energy Conservation

In 2006, the State Legislature adopted the Global Warming Solutions Act, which created the first comprehensive, state regulatory program to reduce GHG emissions to 80% below 1990 levels by 2050. Through both SB375 and AB32, promoting energy conservation has become a consistent theme in regulations, green building practices, and business operations. Cities across California have become increasingly involved in promoting resource conservation to make their community more environmentally sustainable. The City of Compton encourages resource conservation as follows.

- **Building Codes.** In 2012, Compton adopted the California Green Building Code (CALGreen), the first statewide green building standards code, and has consistently adopted subsequent updates to CALGreen. The Code is designed to help California achieve GHG reduction goals through the planning, design, operation, construction, use, and occupancy of every new building, and to additions and alterations to nonresidential buildings. CALGreen includes mandatory provisions to reduce water use by 20%, improve indoor air quality, divert 50% of construction waste from landfills, and inspect energy systems for nonresidential building.
- **Neighborhood design.** Neighborhood design and site planning can also help to reduce energy consumption. Sizing and configuring lots to maximize a building's solar orientation facilitates optimal use of passive heating and cooling techniques. Placing housing near jobs, services, and other amenities reduces energy consumption for transportation. Other design strategies with beneficial energy implications include installing broad-canopied trees for shade and clustering development to reduce auto use.
- **Green Standards.** The building industry offers programs to improve the energy efficiency and sustainability of housing. The BIA sponsors a voluntary program called Green Builder. The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) sponsors a building certification program called Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). The USGBC reviews projects for conformance based on efficiency, sustainability, materials quality, and design factors, and then issues certifications based on the points achieved for sustainable practices.
- **Retrofits of Residential Buildings.** Older residential buildings built before modern energy conservation standards and those under the CALGreen Code provide the greatest opportunity to make a measurable difference in energy usage. To that end, the City of Compton offers residential rehabilitation loans that can be used to purchase more energy-efficient upgrades to windows, insulation, and other home items. Moreover, local utility companies also offer a wide range of incentive programs to trade in energy-inefficient appliances and receive a rebate that can be used to purchase more energy-efficient models.

D. PERMITTING PROCESSES

The City of Compton has the responsibility to ensure that residential developments are of high quality, that housing opportunities are available, and that the public health and welfare are maintained. To that end, the Compton Municipal Code establishes standard procedures for processing applications for the development, maintenance, and improvement of housing. These processes are described in the following section.

Processing and Permit Procedures

The time required to process a project varies greatly from one project to another and is directly related to the size, complexity of the proposal, staffing levels, state laws, and the number of actions or approvals needed to complete the process. Table 24 identifies the typical processing time most common in the entitlement process. It should be noted that each project does not necessarily have to complete each step in the process (i.e., small scale projects consistent with General Plan and Zoning designations do not generally require Environmental Impact Reports (EIR), General Plan Amendments, Rezones, or Variances). Also, certain review and approval procedures may run concurrently. For example, a ministerial review for a single-family home would be processed concurrently with the design review, typically taking 4-7 months. Similarly, entitlements for multiple family residential projects can be run concurrently, and typically takes 4-10 months to process. An MND may take up to 12 months to process. The City also encourages the joint processing of related applications for a single project. As an example, a rezone petition may be reviewed in conjunction with the required site plan, tentative tract map, and any necessary variances. Such procedures save time, money, and effort for both the public and private sector.

The City complies with the Permit Streamlining Act (Govt. Code 65920 et seq), including identifying infill projects that qualify for the streamlined review process offered under CEQA Section 15183.3. Under Program 11 of this Housing Element, the City will establish written procedures for implementing SB 35, including a method to identify qualifying projects and facilitate development consistent with the Permit Streamlining Act.

Project approval timing is based on variable requirements for environmental review. Staff reviews projects to determine what level of environmental review is required or if an exemption is applicable. Upon completion of an application, CEQA determinations are made by staff. All CEQA determinations and required noticing are completed within the timelines required by State law and in a manner consistent with the Permit Streamlining Act. The following shows the CEQA determinations for recently approved projects. Although none of these projects have triggered requests from applicants to use the Permit Streamlining Act, Program 12 in this Housing Element requires that residential development applications are tracked to ensure that environmental determinations are made as required by State law, pursuant to Public Resources Code §21080.1, within the timeframes of Public Resources Code §21080.2 and Government Code 65950(a)(5).

- Olson Company (1950 N. Central Avenue) – This 29-unit project was approved on July 13, 2021 on property previously owned by the Successor Agency. Two of the units will be deed restricted as housing affordable to moderate income households. This project has been constructed. – MND
- Landspire Group – The Garvey (1434 W. Compton Boulevard) – This fully entitled affordable housing development is expected to begin construction during the second quarter of 2024. This 75-unit transitional/supportive housing project will include 74 affordable units for very low and low income households, and one manager's unit. As of April 2024, the City Council is reviewing the development agreement for this transitional housing development. – No CEQA – Administrative ARB review under AB 1763
- KBK Enterprises – The Compton Innovation Center (501*601 E. Compton Boulevard) – This project was approved on September 13, 2022 for 288 units at 135 units per acre on a 2.14-acre site. A total of 58 units will be deed restricted as housing affordable to low income households. As of April 2024, the KBK project is underway and affordable units are included. The City is currently negotiating financial assistance with the developer. – MND
- City Ventures (930 W. Compton Boulevard) – This project is being proposed on site owned by the Successor Agency. Ten of the project's 60 units will be deed restricted as housing affordable to moderate income households. Disposition of the site in compliance with Surplus Land Act (SLA) is in

process. The City Ventures land is City-owned. The City Council approved a development agreement for this project on April 2, 2024, which includes 10 moderate income units. – MND

- Olson Company (250 N. Central Avenue) – This project was approved on site owned by the Successor Agency. Two of the project's 57 units will be deed restricted as housing affordable to low income households. Disposition of the site in compliance with Surplus Land Act (SLA) is in process. The project will yield an average density of 22 units per acre on a 2.55-acre site. All land is City owned and the developer has submitted a precise landscape plan and are actively working to submit building permits as of April 2024.—MND
- Rosecrans/Kemp Apartments– This is a 12-unit affordable apartment project that is privately funded under SB 35. Deed restrictions will apply, consistent with SB 35 requirements. – No CEQA – Administrative ARB review under SB 35
- The 42-unit, four-story affordable mixed use apartment development at 1119/1121 E. Rosecrans Avenue was approved July of 2024. This SB 35 project is privately funded and includes 34 low-income units and 8 market rate units. Deed restrictions will apply, consistent with SB 35 requirements. – No CEQA – Administrative ARB review under SB 35

The typical review process for administrative review using the Design Review process (Section 30-45) and Architectural Review Board application (ARB) is as follows. All projects that require a building permit are subject to ARB design review. The Architectural Review Board shall be administered by the Planning Department and shall be composed of the following members: Planning Department, Building and Safety Department, Public Works Department, Community Redevelopment Agency, Fire Department, Water Department, Architectural Consultant. Small and medium sized projects shall be reviewed by a Design Review Team composed of a minimum of two members of the Architectural Review Board, including a representative of the Planning Department or the Building and Safety Department. Large projects shall be reviewed by a Design Review Team composed of a minimum of four members of the Architectural Review Board, including a representative of the Planning Department. The ARB design review process is a staff-level approach and is based on objective performance standards. Small projects are typically developments ranging from single-family homes to fourplexes. Medium developments are typically four to 30 units and large projects are typically 30 or more units. The City has committed to develop and refine objective design standards concurrent with the General Plan Update (see Program 12).

1. Applications are submitted and then routed out to different departments for a two week review. Any comments received are put into a letter and sent to the applicant for plan revisions. This step typically takes about four weeks).
2. The second submittal with revised plans is returned to the planner who routes out the application/plans again for a clearance or additional comments. This step usually takes about four weeks. Additionally, this process typically requires three review cycles but can go to four reviews with difficult applicants or projects with issues.
3. If the corrections have been addressed the planner stamps the plans as approved and notifies the applicant of the approval.

This ARB review process can take anywhere from three months to six months. The total time also depends on how much time the applicant takes to revise the plans and submit for additional reviews. Applicants typically take two weeks to over a month between reviews. Once planning approves the ARB project it can proceed immediately to the building department for plan check.

Building plan check takes two weeks per review. The building official said a typical review for a single family house or ten unit apartment building review to get permits is two to three months but can take longer if there are issues.

Table 3-7: Timeliness for Permit Procedures	
Type of Approval or Permit	Typical Processing Time
Ministerial Review	2-4 weeks
Conditional Use Permit	3 months

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Zone Change	3-6 months
General Plan Amendment	3-6 months
Site Plan Review	2-4 weeks
Architectural/Design Review	3 months
Tract Maps	3-6 months
Parcel Maps	3-6 months
Initial Environmental Study	1 month
Environmental Impact Report	6-12 months
Source: City of Compton Community Development Department	

Processing and Permit Procedures – Compton Station (TOD) Specific Plan

The approval process, procedures, and findings for the TOD-Specific Plan are designed to be streamlined. All development applications will be categorized as either a Tier 1 or 2 review. Tier 1 requires an Administrative Design Review, and Tier 2 requires a Public Hearing Review, for design review compliance only. Below is a table outlining the review steps. Residential and Mixed Use developments will require a Tier 1 or 2 review. Applications for uses that require approval of a conditional use permit are processed in accordance with City Zoning Code provisions (see below).

Table 3-8: Designated Approving Authority				
Type or Permit or Action	Reference	Review/Approving Authority		
		Community Development Department Director	Planning Commission	City Council
Administrative Actions				
Specific Plan Interpretation	Section 3.1.4 (Specific Plan Interpretation)	Decision	Appeal	N/A
Use Determination	Section 3.1.3 (Use Determination)	Decision	Appeal	N/A
Development Permits and Approvals				
Administrative Relief	Section 3.1.5 (Administrative Relief)	Decision	Appeal	N/A
Conditional Use Permit	Section 3.1.6 (Conditional Use Permit)	Recommend	Decision	Appeal
Design Review Tier 1	Section 3.1.7 (Design Review)	Decision	Appeal	N/A
Design Review Tier 2	Section 3.1.7 (Design Review)	Recommend	Decision	Appeal
Minor Use Permit	Section 3.1.8 (Minor Use Permits)	Decision	Appeal	N/A
Subdivisions	Section 3.1.9 (Subdivisions)	--	Recommend	Decision
Temporary Use Permit	Section 3.1.10 (Temporary Use Permit)	Decision	Appeal	--
Variance	Section 3.1.11 (Variance)	Recommend	Decision	Appeal
Source: City of Compton Community Development Department				

The standard conditions imposed upon approval of an application during Design Review will not be more restrictive than those prescribed by applicable zoning district regulations or other applicable entitlements per this Specific Plan. Alterations, additions, and repairs that do not change the exterior appearance of a structure, including replacement in kind of existing features do not require Design Review. To be considered "replacement in kind," the features must reasonably match the design, profile, material, and general appearance of the originals. Revised plans of the change shall be filed with the Community Development Department.

Residential-only projects with four or less units are not subject to Design Review, but still will require Architectural Review Board review. The Tier 1 and 2 Design Reviews are described in detail below:

Tier 1 Administrative Design Review. This review process applies to the following development proposals: (1) Temporary signs and other signs set forth in Section 3.13 (Signage Standards); (2) New construction or additions that feature more than five residential units and less than sixty residential units. New residential/mixed-use construction or addition projects with up to sixty units, including up to 8,000 square feet of retail; (3) Any mixed-use or nonresidential project that creates less than 400 daily vehicular trips as established by a traffic generation memo prepared by a professional engineer (PE) or traffic engineer (TE). 100% affordable housing projects of any size, with maximum income levels of 80% low income and 20% moderate income units, with up to 8,000 square feet of supportive retail. The Community Development Department Director will conduct Tier I Design Review and make decisions to approve the application or impose conditions upon the approval of the application. The Community Development Department Director may refer any such project for a public hearing before the Planning Commission to receive comment on the project's design, but not to approve or deny the project, if the Director determines it has special significance. Fees and process are equivalent to the City's Architectural Review Board application. To approve or conditionally approve an application for the Tier 1 Design Review, the Community Development Department Director will make the following findings: (1) That the project is consistent with the applicable development standards of the Specific Plan and any design guidelines of this Specific Plan as deemed applicable by the Community Development Department Director; and (2) That the project implements applicable goals and policies of the Compton General Plan, as deemed applicable by the Community Development Department Director.

Tier 2 Public Hearing Design Review. Tier 2 Public Hearing Design Review is required for any new construction, addition, exterior modification, or renovation that does not qualify for Tier 1 review. All Tier 2 projects are subject to the preparation of a traffic study. The Planning Commission has authority under Tier 2 Public Hearing Design Review. To approve or conditionally approve a Tier 2 Public Hearing Design Review application, the Planning Commission will make the following findings: (1) That the project is consistent with the applicable Compton General Plan policies, Specific Plan standards, and Specific Plan design guidelines; (2) That the project furthers the goals, actions, and Urban Design Framework of the Specific Plan; and (3) That the project provides appropriate amenities for the target population, including public amenities if the project is commercial or mixed-use.

The Downtown Vision and Urban Design Framework rely on the following principles:

- Increase the density of development in Downtown to enable new investment, provide more customers for businesses, and create an active and vibrant center of the City
- Prioritize access to and convenience of public transit, pedestrian, and bicycling access to accommodate growth in the most sustainable fashion possible
- Activate the public realm, and create new open spaces on privately-owned land in order to enable secure and well-maintained urban environments that are open to the entire community
- Create outdoor public spaces for different kinds of activities and events, including cultural events and large gatherings
- Develop a framework for unique expressions of Compton's culture, history, and creativity

The Urban Design Framework also details the three unique districts in the Plan area, Civic Center, Commercial Core, and Historic Core. Language that may be considered subject outlined for these districts include:

Civic Center: In order to activate the Civic Center and strengthen its role as the symbolic heart of Compton, the Specific Plan envisions a mixed-use district focused on a n MLK Plaza activated by new uses, including a cultural center and hotel, coffee kiosks and restaurants, and which plays host to large events, such as concerts, demonstrations, and public celebrations. The southern portion of the Civic Center feeds this focal plaza with shared parking and neighborhood park space.

1. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Plaza programmed and equipped for large events such as concerts, demonstrations, and public celebrations.
2. Coffee/restaurant kiosks, authorized vendors, trees, and seating added around the plaza to create a more human-scaled environment that draws people outside at different times of the day.
3. Potential adaptive reuse of the historic Post Office building into a more active use (such as restaurant) which helps provide a gateway and define an entry plaza into the Civic Center.
4. New library/cultural center/museum with hotel serving as an attraction for local, regional, national, and/or international tourism and a marked gateway to the Compton Walk.
5. Heritage House relocated to more accessible site.
6. The City will explore converting the Courthouse parking garage to shared parking, using excess daytime and nighttime capacity to accommodate the parking needs of the hotel, City Hall public meetings, and Dr. Dre Performing Arts Center events in the long term future.
7. Strengthened neighborhood connections across Acacia Avenue, including improved crossings, narrowing of street and addition of a playground or other park-like amenity in Civic Center.
8. Connection to Compton High School and Dr. Dre Performing Arts Center.
9. Improved streetscape, parking, and bike lanes on Willowbrook Avenue.

Commercial Core: the Commercial Core is intended to be the most dense and vibrant area of the City. This 33-acre area, currently occupied by two large shopping centers, Compton Renaissance Plaza and Compton Towne Center, is envisioned to transform over time into an active urban district and unique destination within the South Los Angeles and Gateway Cities area. The Commercial Core would continue to serve the majority of Downtown Compton's retail needs but would arrange them along Compton Boulevard and a diagonal paseo/pedestrian mall to accentuate walkability and transit orientation and concentrate people for added safety and vibrancy. The retail uses are supplemented by upperfloor and adjacent residential units, which add eyes on the street and create the development feasibility needed to execute the project, as well as open space, structured parking, and office/institutional uses as possible.

1. Metro Plaza serving as an arrival gateway to downtown, sized for events such as farmers' markets, and connected to Metro station through raised crossings.
2. Pedestrian Mall connecting the Metro station to the City Focal Intersection and flanked by active retail uses.
3. City Focal Intersection at the confluence of Compton Boulevard, Tamarind Avenue and the Pedestrian Mall with entry plaza, high visibility crosswalk, and potential location for unique tower architecture.
4. Compton Central Park providing flexible, passive space for residents and the general public.
5. New, widened streetscape along Compton Boulevard with street-fronting retail, improved lighting, outdoor dining, etc.
6. Extension of Tamarind Avenue south from realigned Carson Place/Palmer Street to new Almond Street.
7. Entertainment anchor such as live or movie theater, music venue or nightclub with forecourt plaza.
8. Grocery or Big Box anchor connected to Parking Structure.
9. Mixed-use buildings (residential or office over retail) along Compton Boulevard and key retail frontages.
10. Urban residential blocks with open space and concentrated parking.
11. Medium-density residential typologies adjacent to lower-density Country Club Drive community.

12. Alleys and new streets creating a finer-grained network of blocks.

13. New Almond Street located at front of current Compton Towne Center retail buildings, allowing for some retail buildings to be retained, with surface parking if needed.

14. District Parking Network with shared structures for retail customer/employee parking and residential parking if necessary. Structures sited and oriented to facilitate ingress and egress onto Alameda Street.

Historic Core: Located east of Alameda Street, the Historic Core is the only portion of Compton Boulevard within Downtown Compton which retains more of its early- and mid-20th century character as the main street of the community. This area is envisioned to be a more locally-focused downtown district, where creative and entrepreneurial Compton residents can find a home. The previously entitled Compton Innovation Hub, located at the east end of this district, will serve to strengthen this emphasis on creativity and entrepreneurship.

1. Support for local businesses which contribute to the vitality of Downtown.

2. New mixed-use (residential or office over retail) development.

3. Compton Innovation Hub seven-story mixed-use project, with a large innovation hub for Compton's cultural producers.

4. Willow Plaza created through closure of Willow Avenue at Compton Boulevard.

5. Usable and sustainable open space created on roofs of buildings due to the small or shallow nature of many sites.

6. Public parking facilities created as opportunities arise.

As stated in Program 11 in this Housing Element, the City will review the Urban Design Framework, particularly Civic Center key features 1 and 7 and Historic Core key features 1 and 5, and adopt new objective residential standards

The application for a Minor Use Permit (MUP) shall be reviewed and approved or denied by the Community Development Department Director. The Community Development Department Director may choose to refer any MUP application to the Planning Commission for review and final decision.

The applicant may file a written appeal with the Planning Commission within 15 days after the Community Development Department Director decision. The appeal fee shall be the same as the fee established for City Council appeals. The Planning Commission shall hear the appeal within 60 days, unless the applicant consents to a continuance. Upon conclusion of the hearing, the Planning Commission shall, within 15 days, declare its finding based upon the testimony and documents produced before it. It may sustain, modify, reject, or overrule, any action of the Community Development Department Director provided such action is not inconsistent with the provisions of this Chapter or any other applicable law or statute. The appeal fee shall be the same as that of an appeal to the City Council, and the procedures followed shall be the same, except that the Planning Commission shall hear the appeal. Timeliness for permit processes are generally the same for TOD Specific Plan projects as outlined in Table 3-7 above. There are no phasing requirements under the Specific Plan. The Plan is expected to be built out over 10 to 20 years depending on developer interest.

Design Review/Architecture Review Board

The City of Compton requires Design Review for all new multi-family projects. The approval authority for Design Review is the Architecture Review Board (ARB), which consists of representatives from the following departments: Planning, Building and Safety, Public Works, Community Redevelopment, Fire, and Water. The ARB also includes an architectural consultant. The scope of the ARB's review is limited to verifying compliance with the City's development standards and other municipal regulations. Therefore, the process is objective and does not pose a constraint to residential development.

However, the City recognizes the need to develop objective design standards to comply with the requirements of SB 330. The City has begun preparing a comprehensive and robust set of objective development standards for single- and multi-family development. These standards are expected to be adopted early 2024.

Conditional Use Permit

The City requires approval of a conditional use permit (CUP) for all multi-family developments of five or more units and all residential development in the Limited Commercial Zone. Per the Zoning Ordinance, the purpose of the CUP process is to “create a discretionary mechanism to control those types of land use which require special consideration and which possess characteristics of such unique and special form as to make it impractical to permit them automatically in the various zones defined in this Chapter”. CUPs are reviewed and approved by the City’s Planning Commission. The Planning Commission must make the following required findings when approving a CUP:

1. That the proposed use shall be in compliance with this Chapter;
2. That the proposed use will not be detrimental to the public welfare or the surrounding area; and
3. That the proposed use is substantially in conformance with the General Plan and compatible with the existing patterns of land use and development in the surrounding area.

The finding requiring the use not be detrimental to the surrounding area may be considered subjective (Finding 2) and the finding requiring compatibility with existing patterns of land use and development in the surrounding area (Finding 3) can be considered subjective. The Zoning Code amendment program will modify or remove these findings to ensure objectivity in evaluation. Furthermore, the City is proposing to raise the CUP requirement for all multi-family housing projects 12 units. As shown in the table above, CUPs typically take approximately 4 to 12 months to process and can be processed concurrently with Design Review.

Housing for People with Disabilities

Pursuant to Section 65008 of the Government Code, this section analyzes potential and actual constraints to the development, improvement, and maintenance of housing serving people with disabilities in Compton. Where actual constraints are found, this section describes specific programs that will be implemented as part of the Housing Element to remove government constraints to housing people with disabilities.

Zoning Code Definitions

To prevent the definition of family from being used to limit fair housing, the City modified the municipal code definition of “family” as follows:

Family is defined as simply “one or more individuals who live together. Members of the family do not need to be related by blood, marriage or in any other legal capacity”.

Although cities rarely discriminate in this manner, the code definition in itself could discourage a developer from proposing a use that would otherwise be deemed allowed. By example, fair housing law prohibits defining a family (and by extension living quarters) in terms of the relationship of members (e.g., marital status), number of occupants (e.g., family size), or other characteristics beyond a housekeeping unit.

It is the intent of the City that the above definition be understood to permit varied groups to satisfy its requirements and to live in residential areas without interference. The City’s administrative policy is to inform group homes serving the disabled community that the zoning restrictions limiting residential uses to “families” is inclusive of all groups satisfying some significant aspect of the definition and will exclude only those groups that clearly, and by specific evidence, fail to satisfy the definition.

Permitted Land Use

The Compton Zoning Code permits a residential use licensed small residential care facilities serving six or few persons. Residential care facilities are permitted by right in all residential zones. Occupancy of these structures is limited only by building code requirements. As to licensed facilities serving seven or more persons, such facilities are required to obtain a conditional use permit. However, this also does not constitute a constraint to providing housing for persons with disabilities. Instead, the conditional use permit process is necessary to ensure quality of design and compatibility with neighboring properties and uses, and the prevention of adverse impacts resulting from noise, traffic, and other health and safety considerations. These are the same type of considerations applicable to other projects requiring conditional use permit approval and do not constitute an undue restraint on such housing.

Building Codes, Development Standards and Permitting Processes

The City's zoning code does not impose a constraint on development for persons with disabilities. The zoning codes are non-discriminatory and objectively and uniformly applied to all projects regardless of status. As specified above, residential care facilities serving six or fewer persons are permitted by right in all zones and subject to the same development standards, construction standards, business taxes, local registration fees, use permits, and other requirements to which other family dwellings of the same type in the same zone are likewise subject. Housing is treated in a similar manner regardless of the occupancy. Specific conditions will be placed on residential care facilities serving seven or more persons to reduce impacts related to noise, traffic, and other considerations.

The City has adopted the latest edition of the California Building Code, including all provisions related to facilitating disabled access. These provisions are strictly enforced by the City Building Official.

Reasonable Accommodation

The City's Zoning Ordinance does not include a process to adequately address reasonable accommodation. This Housing Element contains a program to amend the municipal code to incorporate changes in state law.

Commitment to Transparency in the Development Process

The City is committed to ensuring the residential process is transparent by ensuring all the relevant information is easily accessible to residents, developers, and all other members of the public. The City clearly provides the following information on the City website:

- [General Plan 2010:](#)
- [Zoning Ordinance and Municipal Code](#)
- [Accessory Dwelling Unit resources](#)
- [Permit applications and Planning Fee Schedule](#)
- [Planning Fee Schedule](#)

E. NON-GOVERNMENTAL CONSTRAINTS ON HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Pursuant to Section 65583 of the Government Code, this section analyzes the potential and actual non-governmental constraints upon the maintenance, improvement, or development of housing for all income levels including the availability of financing, the price of land, the cost of construction, etc.

Requests to Develop at Densities Below Those Permitted

New State Housing Element law requires the non-governmental constraints analysis to evaluate developer requests to build at densities below the density identified in the Housing Element sites inventory. In Compton, development applications are typically for densities at or near the maximum density permitted. Due to the City's built out nature and high cost of land, developers typically build at the highest density permitted but are permitted to develop at any density allowed by the zoning code.

As of 2024, over the last two years, all residential development inquiries have requested a density bonus. Based on recent trends, the City expects all, or nearly all, residential development projects to be built at the maximum density or will exceed the maximum density.

Time between Planning Approval and Building Permit Application

Housing Element law requires a discussion of the length of time between planning permit approval for a housing development and submittal of an application for building permits. The time between planning approval and building permit application can be impacted by many factors, including time to complete detailed construction drawings and/or technical studies and availability of design professionals to complete these tasks. Financial factors, such as time to secure construction financing, and availability of building contractors and subcontractors can also delay a project from building permit submittal. In Compton, delays between application approval and building permit application submittal are under the total control of the applicant. The time between receiving planning approval and submittal of building permit application can be anywhere from two weeks to a

year depending on a developers funding availability. The ARB Design Review stamp is valid for six months, after which a developer must get reapproved. In recent years, factors that contribute to the approval timing include inexperienced developers, plan revisions, and construction labor shortages.

Availability of Financing

An inventory of local lending institutions revealed that loans are available in the area to qualified clients.

Land Cost/ Construction Cost

The cost of housing in Compton has increased in the last few years as land values, construction costs, and finance charges continue to increase. The diminishing supply of land available for residential construction has driven land and housing costs upward. The city typically has little control over the market fluctuations that affect housing costs.

Land and construction costs represent the most significant nongovernmental constraints in the production of housing for most income groups in Compton. Land costs in this City are generally high due to high demand and the limited supply found in a built-out City. Land cost in Compton are currently approximately \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000 per acre, and construction cost in the general Los Angeles area may range from \$150 to \$300 per square foot. Construction costs include both "hard" and "soft" costs such as labor and materials (hard), and soft costs such as architectural and engineering services, development fees, construction financing, and insurance.

NIMBYism

A review of past housing development projects revealed that no projects were denied or contested as a result of NIMBYism. On the contrary, market-rate ownership housing developments are generally strongly favored by the community.

Natural Disasters

The residents of Southern California have experienced numerous disasters in the last few years including fires, floods, civil unrest, and earthquakes. The January 17, 1994 Northridge earthquake damaged or destroyed over 65,000 dwelling units. The Department of Building and Safety inspected 330,000 dwelling units and ordered approximately 20,000 vacated. In addition, more than 4,400 mobile homes fell off their supporting structures. These incidents culminated in the creation of "ghost towns" in several communities with concentrations in the West San Fernando Valley area. It is estimated that overall, the shaker caused about \$20 billion in property damage, of which \$1.15 billion was residential destruction.

Because many property insurers in Los Angeles were especially hard hit by the claims from this earthquake, they had to pull out of the market, canceling many homeowners' policies. Subsequent attempts to reinsure their properties were difficult for those who had their policies canceled. The State has had to re-enter this market by offering minimal earthquake insurance with high deductibles.

The Federal Emergency Management Assistance (FEMA) as the lead agency, coordinated the establishment of the Disaster Assistance Centers (DAC) for relief efforts to comprehensively address the varying problems. Included in the DAC were FEMA, HUD, the Departments of Water and Power, Building and Safety, Housing, and the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA).

Seismic Risk

Major faults in the region include the Whittier-Elsinore, Norwalk, Newport-Inglewood, Santa Monica, Sierra Madre, Palos Verdes, and San Andreas faults. The Newport-Inglewood Fault Zone is the only active fault zone in Compton. The fault zone is approximately 47 miles long and runs through the southwest corner of Compton. The fault runs northwest to southeast between Central Avenue and Avalon Boulevard crossing Rosecrans Avenue, Compton Boulevard, Alondra Boulevard, Walnut Street, and Artesia Boulevard. It extends through other surrounding cities, such as Inglewood, Gardena, Long Beach, and Culver City.

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Compton is at moderate risk for serious damage from an earthquake. The Newport-Inglewood fault is estimated to have probable magnitudes between 6.0 and 7.4. In addition, a major earthquake on any of the faults in the Los Angeles Basin could cause significant damage in Compton. These faults include the San Andreas, San Fernando, San Jacinto, Sierra Madre, and Whittier-Elsinore faults. Recent significant earthquakes in the Los Angeles Basin include the San Fernando (1971), Whittier (1987), and Northridge (1994) earthquakes. Between 1769 and 1999, there were 33 earthquakes in Southern California with a magnitude of 5.0 and above.

No designated Alquist-Priolo Special Studies Zones are found within the city.

The City of Compton has an Emergency Management Team led by the Fire Department. The team comprises various department heads tasked with the obligation to quickly react to an emergency or crisis in the city. The City conducts annual test runs to ensure that procedures are in place and staff is prepared to carry out responsibilities.

Wildfire Risk

Compton is an urban environment with little danger of wildfires. Only three properties in the city have the potential for grass fires that can burn, leaving the city at low risk for any wildfires beyond a minor brush fire. Nine high-occupancy facilities and the schools in the city have the potential to be urban fire hazards. These high-occupancy facilities are the Courthouse, City Hall, the Crystal Park Hotel, the Compton Fashion Center, the Gateway Towne Center, and four senior-citizen housing complexes.

The Compton Fire Department has four stations serving the city. The City's fire services include ten front-line vehicles: four front-line engines, one ladder truck, one air/light unit, two paramedic ambulances, and two basic life support transport units.

Flooding

The Whittier Narrows Dam is 11 miles upstream from Compton. A dam failure would result in floodwaters reaching Compton in approximately 15 hours with a depth of 4 feet. Dominguez High School and the adjacent golf course east of Interstate 710 have the potential to be flooded if the Whittier Narrows Dam fails.

The Hansen Dam is 30 miles upstream from Compton. If this dam fails, the water would reach Compton within 20 hours with a depth of 1 foot. The northern portion of Compton would flood first and floodwaters would continue to spread throughout the entire city. School, industrial, commercial, and residential areas would all be affected by a flood caused by a failure of the Hansen Dam.

The Sepulveda Dam is 29 miles upstream from the city. If this dam fails, the flooding would reach Compton within 11 hours with a 1 foot depth. Schools, industrial, commercial, and residential areas would be affected.

Compton is also in the floodplain of Compton Creek. Much of Compton Creek, a tributary of the Los Angeles River, runs through the city and is a potential source of flooding, although the amount of water running through the creek limits the threat to a much smaller area and a much smaller incidence of occurrence.

Flood control and flood management in Compton is a combined effort between the US Army Corp of Engineers, the California Department of Water Resources Division of Flood Management, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and local agencies.

Labor Shortage

Labor shortages have been impacting single-family builders, according to the National Association of Homebuilders (NAHB). The NAHB found that across the 15 occupations covered by the survey, builders reported between a 47 percent decrease (for building maintenance managers) to 83 percent (for rough carpenters). According to the NAHB and data from the NAHB/Well Fargo Housing Market Index, these labor shortages have forced builders to pay higher wages/subcontractor bids (reported by 84 percent of builders), forcing them to raise home prices (83 percent) and making it difficult to complete projects on time (73 percent).

The NAHB notes that although these three factors have consistently been reported as the most common impacts of labor shortage since 2015, all three have become more common recently. According to the recent

report, builders say that the labor and subcontractor shortages have contributed most heavily to increases home prices, which has increased by 22 percent between 2015 and 2018.

The survey found that the cost for building the same house, has increased in the last 12 months, outpacing inflation. The NAHB notes that while overall inflation was 2.9 percent in 2018, labor costs for subcontractors increased by 7.2 percent in that same time frame, and by 5.2 percent for labor. The NAHB notes that the incidence of shortages was higher for subcontractors than for labor directly employed by builders in 14 of the 15 occupations covered by the survey.

In addition to price increases, NAHB survey respondents stated that the decrease in labor has also slowed down the rate they accept incoming orders doubled between 2015 and 2018, and has impacted the amount of orders they can take on. The rate has doubled, from 16 to 32 percent. In addition, the rate of lost or cancelled sales was up to 26 percent. (MREPORT: How Labor Shortages Have Impacted Housing Costs, September 2018).

Jobs/Housing Balance

A jobs-to-household ratio demonstrates the balance between the number jobs and households within a community. It is calculated by dividing the number of jobs in the community by the number of households in the same area. A high number of jobs relative to a low number of households and housing costs indicates that workers must commute into the community. A low number of jobs and high number of households indicates that workers must commute out of the community for work. In contrast, a healthy jobs-to-housing ratio, which is region specific, increases opportunities for residents to work locally

The analysis of current and forecast jobs/housing ratios shows that the coastal areas of the SCAG Region will continue to be jobs-rich into the future. These areas are where New Economy high tech clusters are predominantly located, and where the majority of the venture capital is being invested. High-tech clusters have very strong agglomeration economies, and clusters in the SCAG Region are already fairly dispersed relative to clusters in other regions. It will be a challenge to further disperse high-tech clusters and their sizable economic impacts to housing rich sub-regions in the inland areas.

Housing-rich areas, particularly in the Inland Empire, have seen substantial job growth over the last decade. This job growth is forecast to continue, which will result in increasing jobs/housing ratios for areas in the western portion of the Inland Empire. In fact, the Regional Statistical Area (RSA) around Ontario Airport is forecast to become very jobs-rich by the year 2025. However, most of the Inland Empire is forecast to remain housing rich in 2025. Also, much of its job growth has been in relatively low-paying blue-collar sectors of the economy, and the gap in per capita income between it and the rest of the region has been increasing. The average wage of the job base of some areas in the Inland Empire is insufficient to purchase the average local house, and many local workers are forced to commute in from outlying areas where housing is less expensive. According to SCAG, improvements in job-housing balance may result in a reduction of transportation congestion and related air quality problems (SCAG, 2016). Communities with more than 1.5 jobs per dwelling unit are considered job-rich and those with fewer than 1.5 jobs per dwelling unit are considered housing-rich.

Foreclosures

According to Zillow.com Compton has a higher foreclosure rate with approximately 175 homes in foreclosure as of April 2019 than surrounding similar communities. In comparison, Lynwood has 28 homes in foreclosure, Paramount has 32 homes and Carson has 76 homes. The COVID-19 pandemic also affected the foreclosure rate statewide. AB 828 put a statewide moratorium on foreclosures and evictions during the COVID-19 declared state of emergency in an effort to keep Californians housing during this public health crisis.

Local Economic Conditions

The City of Compton is a disadvantaged community with many challenges. Greater than 50% of the households earn less than \$75,000 annually. The median household income in Compton is \$62,297, significantly lower than \$76,367 countywide. Compton also has a slightly higher unemployment rate (5.1%) compared to the rate countywide.

Table 3-9: Economic Conditions.		
	Compton	Los Angeles County
Unemployment Rate	5.1%	4.5%
Median Household Income	\$62,297	\$76,367
Median Family Income	\$66,376	\$85,834

4. Housing Resources

This section describes the land, financial, and administrative resources available to Compton to address its existing and future housing needs, including its share of the regional housing needs allocation (RHNA).

A. REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS

California law requires all local governments to plan to facilitate and encourage the production of housing to accommodate population and employment growth. To assist in that effort, the Southern California Association of Governments prepares housing planning goals for each city as part of the RHNA process authorized by the California Government Code. The Southern California Association of Governments projects the share of the region's future housing need for each city as part of the RHNA process.

Table 4-1 below summarizes the City of Compton's 2021-2029 RHNA. The City is required to make available a sufficient number of housing sites that are general planned and zoned for housing to accommodate its need. The City has a RHNA allocation of 235 very low income units (inclusive of extremely low income units). While the RHNA did not separately define housing needs for extremely low income households, the very low income allocation can be split evenly between very low- and extremely low income households.

Table 4-1: Population and Housing Unit Growth (1980–2020)	
Affordability Level (AMI: Area Median Income)	RHNA (2021-2029)
Extremely and Very Low-Income (0-50% AMI)	235
Low-Income (51-80% AMI)	121
Moderate-Income (81-120% AMI)	131
Above Moderate Income (121%+ AMI)	517
Total	1,004

The City has a RHNA allocation of 235 very low income units (inclusive of extremely low income units). While the RHNA did not separately define housing needs for extremely low income households, the very low income allocation can be split evenly between very low- and extremely low income households.

Source: Southern California Association of Governments, 6th Cycle Final RHNA Allocation Plan, 7/1/2021

Addressing the RHNA

California law requires communities to facilitate the development of housing through land use planning and zoning regulations. State housing element law allows local governments to obtain credits toward meeting its RHNA goal in different ways:

- Units approved, entitled, or constructed that would be available during the RHNA projection period of June 30, 2021 through October 15, 2029
- Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) that may be constructed based on a projected trend
- Vacant and nonvacant sites available for residential and mixed use development during the Housing Element planning period (October 15, 2021 through October 15, 2029)

The following describes Compton's approach to addressing its 2021-2029 RHNA as determined by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG).

B. PROJECTED ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS

Pursuant to State law, the City may credit potential ADUs to the RHNA requirements by using the trends in ADU construction to estimate new production. Between 2018 and 2022, the City has seen increased ADU activities in the community, with a total construction of 104 units over 5 years:

- 2018 – 0 ADU permits
- 2019 – 23 ADU permits
- 2020 – 2 ADU permits
- 2021 – 39 ADU permits
- 2022 – 40 ADU permits

The drop in 2020 ADU construction was likely due to COVID, when many construction activities were on a standstill. Between July 1, 2021 and December 31, 2022, 40 ADUs were permitted. Furthermore, based on the permit trend of 2018 through 2022, the City of Compton can project an annual average of 20 ADUs for the remaining six years of this RHNA period (2023-2029) for a total of 120 ADUs. Nonetheless, for the site inventory, a conservative is used and the RHNA is credited with 130 ADUs that have been constructed or are expected to be constructed during the eight years of the Housing Element period.

SCAG conducted an income/affordability survey of ADUs in the region. Compton is located within the Los Angeles County study area II. The analysis resulted in affordability assumptions for jurisdictions as follows: 15% to extremely low income, 8.5% to very low income, 44.6% to low-income households, 2.1% to moderate-income, and 29.8% to above-moderate income households. Therefore, based on the ADU rent survey conducted by SCAG, of the 130 ADUs that can be credited toward the RHNA, the income distribution can be estimated at 19 extremely low income, 11 very low income, 58 low income, 3 moderate income, and 39 above moderate income units.

C. APPROVED PROJECTS

Seven projects have been approved, and units will become available during the Housing Element planning period:

- Olson Company (1950 N. Central Avenue) – This 29-unit project was approved on July 13, 2021 on property previously owned by the Successor Agency. Two of the units will be deed restricted as housing affordable to moderate income households. This project has been constructed.
- Landspire Group – The Garvey (1434 W. Compton Boulevard) – This fully entitled affordable housing development is expected to begin construction during the second quarter of 2024. This 75-unit transitional/supportive housing project will include 74 affordable units for very low and low income households, and one manager's unit. As of April 2024, the City Council is reviewing the development agreement for this transitional housing development.
- KBK Enterprises – The Compton Innovation Center (501*601 E. Compton Boulevard) – This project was approved on September 13, 2022 for 288 units at 135 units per acre on a 2.14-acre site. A total of 58 units will be deed restricted as housing affordable to low income households. As of April 2024, the KBK project is underway and affordable units are included. The City is currently negotiating financial assistance with the developer.
- City Ventures (930 W. Compton Boulevard) – This project is being proposed on site owned by the Successor Agency. Ten of the project's 60 units will be deed restricted as housing affordable to moderate income households. Disposition of the site in compliance with Surplus Land Act (SLA) is in process. The City Ventures land is City-owned. The City Council approved a development agreement for this project on April 2, 2024, which includes 10 moderate income units.
- Olson Company (250 N. Central Avenue) – This project was approved on site owned by the Successor Agency. Two of the project's 57 units will be deed restricted as housing affordable to low income households. Disposition of the site in compliance with Surplus Land Act (SLA) is in process. The project will yield an average density of 22 units per acre on a 2.55-acre site. All land is City-owned and the developer has submitted a precise landscape plan and are actively working to submit building permits as of April 2024.
- Rosecrans/Kemp Apartments– This is a 12-unit apartment project that is privately funded under SB 35.

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- The forty-two unit, four-story affordable mixed use apartment development at 1119/1121 E. Rosecrans Avenue was approved July of 2024. The SB 35 project is privately funded and includes 43 low-income units and 8 market rate units.
- Two Project Homekey projects have been approved (1740 E Compton Boulevard and 1919 W. Artesia Boulevard) with 131 very low-income units. Project Homekey makes grant funding from the state Department of Housing and Community Development available to cities, counties, housing authorities, tribal entities and other local public entities to acquire and then convert hotels, motels, multi-family apartments, and more, into permanent or interim housing.

D. PROPOSED/PIPELINE PROJECTS

There are no proposed/pipeline projects.

E. SUMMARY OF PROGRESS TOWARD RHNA

After accounting for ADUs and entitled projects, and project under review, the remaining need is 399 units. The City must identify available vacant and non-vacant sites that can accommodate at least 399 units (by income level). HCD also recommends that jurisdictions identify enough residential capacity within their boundaries that is above and beyond the required housing numbers identified in lower income categories, to help offset sites that may (or may not) be developed during the planning period. Based on HCD guidance and review of other Housing Elements, a "buffer" or margin of safety of at least 15% above the City's remaining RHNA allocation for the lower and moderate-income categories. The City must demonstrate the availability of sites with appropriate zoning and development standards that can facilitate and encourage the development of such units by October 15, 2029. To accomplish this, the Residential Sites Inventory was developed and is described in further detail in the following section.

Table 4-2: Progress toward RHNA					
	Very Low	Low	Moderate	Above Moderate	Total
RHNA	235	121	131	517	1,004
Constructed and Projected ADUs	30	58	3	39	130
Approved/Entitled Projects	37	151	13	362	563
Olson Company (1950 N. Central Avenue)	0	0	2	27	29
Landspire Group – The Garvey (1434 W. Compton Boulevard)	37	37	1	0	75
KBK Enterprises – The Compton Innovation Center (501*601 E. Compton Boulevard)	0	58	0	230	288
City Ventures (930 W. Compton Boulevard)	0	0	10	50	60
Olson Company (250 N. Central Avenue)	0	3	0	47	57
Rosecrans/Kemp Apts. (848 W. Rosecrans Avenue)	0	12	0	0	12
Rosecrans Avenue (1119/1121)	0	34	0	8	42
Total Credits	67	209	16	401	693
Remaining RHNA	168	(88) surplus	115	116	399

F. HOUSING SITES

To meet the RHNA through the setting aside of land at appropriate densities, the following land inventory takes into several factors:

- **Identification of parcels.** An adequate land inventory consists of a listing of parcels proposed to accommodate the RHNA by parcel number, size, general plan designation, the zoning district, and existing use on the site. The City is updating the General Plan with a new land use policy, which realigns land use designations with different density ranges. Table 4-5 summarizes the City's sites strategy.
- **Analysis of site constraints.** The site analysis should demonstrate that proposed sites counted toward the RHNA should not have significant environmental or infrastructure constraints that affect the timing or feasibility of development by the end of the planning period. None of the sites have environmental or infrastructure constraints that affect timing.
- **Development capacity.** The development capacity of sites in the housing element were calculated according to minimum density, except for sites within the Compton Station Specific Plan (CSSP) area. Capacity on two Opportunity Sites in the CSSP was based on the capacity projected in the plan. Capacity for other sites within the CSSP was estimated at only 50% of the maximum density (i.e., between 40 and 50 units per acre, depending on zone). Most recently, the City approved the KBK project in the CSSP area at 135 units per acre. Therefore, estimating the capacity at an average of 40 to 50 units per acre is considered a very conservative assumption.

Realistic Capacity

Development of fully non-residential uses on selected sites is unlikely. Many of these sites have been vacant for an extended length of time demonstrating the lack of demand for non-residential development. According to trends in Compton and the City's experiences, demand for residential uses is significantly higher than the demand for retail and office space. No new commercial-only development has been approved in the last 10 years. Only one commercial-only development was built 12 years ago (2012) in the Artesia Station SP area.

Most new and recent developments in the City have been residential and with the new General Plan introducing greater incentives, through increased densities, redevelopment of properties with residential uses over other uses is most likely. Incentives to develop residential uses are outlined in Programs 1 and 2, as well as through Zoning Code Amendments outlined in Program 11. Properties with projects currently underway have similar properties to the sites included in the inventory. Most are located along major corridors, were vacant, and included lot assembly.

- City Ventures – Vacant property on Compton Blvd. under development with 60 housing units.
- 501-601 E. Compton Boulevard - Vacant property on Compton Blvd. under development with 288 housing units (58 affordable) and includes assembly of 11 parcels.
- 250 N. Central Avenue – Vacant property on Central Avenue under development with 57 housing units.
- Forty two unit four story affordable mixed use apartment development approved July of 2024. 1119 and 1121 Rosecrans Ave.

In the Compton Station SP area, the RU district has limited options for stand-alone non-residential uses such as small retail (<2500 sq ft), day care, schools, and government facilities. The other districts represented in the site inventory allow a wider range of non-residential uses. Outside the Compton Station SP, stand-alone non-residential is allowed due to the City's need for all development and revitalization. However, there is a current demand for housing in Compton, as shown by the approved and pipeline projects outlined in this Housing Element that are all 100 percent residential.

Current demand for housing is high. This trend is expected to continue through the end of the planning period. By allowing non-residential uses, the City aims to create a more balanced, economically self-sustaining community that meets the needs of its residents. Outreach to residents conducted for this Housing Element identified lack of places to shop and find work as major issues. The City's Environmental Justice Element, currently being drafted, states: "in Compton, a substantial portion of the city meets the USDA's criteria for both a low-income area and a food desert (more than half a mile from a supermarket)." While residential units are projected to be the main source of development during the planning period, the City allows non-residential uses to ensure current residents are adequately served.

Lot Consolidation

State law specifies that sites smaller than 0.5 acre or larger than 10.0 acres are not appropriate for facilitating lower income housing development unless the City can demonstrate feasibility. Most sites that assume lot consolidation are made up of 2 to 5 parcels. A few have more than 5 parcels and are discussed below. All but one of the identified sites are vacant and lot consolidation is assumed.

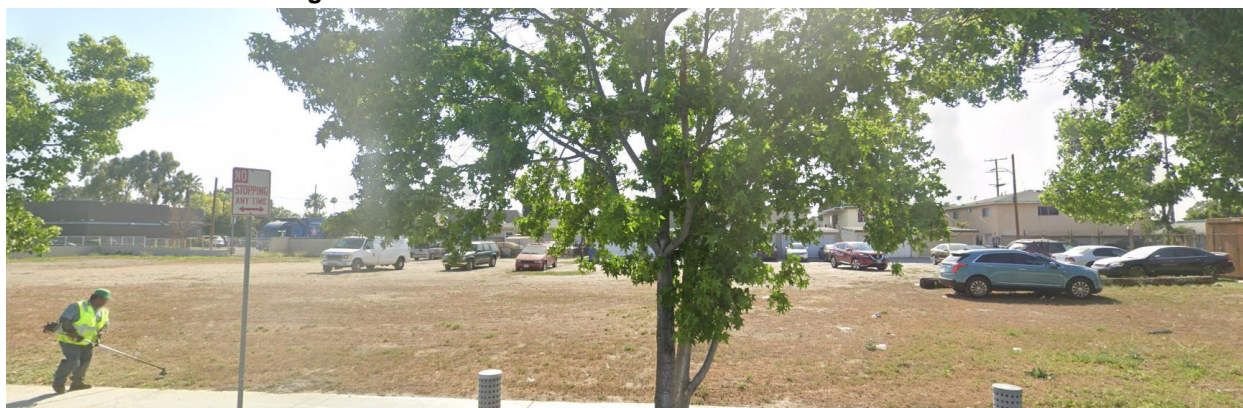
- Two sites within the Compton Station Specific Plan (CSSP) include consolidation of 10 and 7 parcels. These sites are partially or fully owned by the City.
- One 9-parcel site is also located in the Specific Plan area. This 0.8-acre vacant site is identified in the CSSP as an opportunity site and is located next to the Metro Blue Line Compton Station. There are no indicators of separate ownership or fencing/signage to indicate that the sites might be developed separately.
- Three sites are composed of 5 parcels each. Two of those sites are City owned and the third site assumes lot consolidation due the vacant site being fenced in as one property.
- The largest site (8 acres) is made of two parcels under common ownership and with developer interest in development of mixed use/residential uses.
- All other sites have 2 to 4 parcels and are identified as single sites due to their vacant status and the lack of any identifier or fencing that would indicate they would be developed separately.

Due to the City's historical parcelization pattern, the inclusion of small sites in the inventory is expected. All but one of the 24 sites assuming lot consolidation are vacant. Three recent/current projects included consolidation of multiple parcels.

- In 2022 the City approved the 501/601 East Compton Boulevard Specific Plan which proposes a mixed-use development that includes 288 residential units over 2.1 acres. The project includes consolidation of 11 parcels.
- In 2022 the City approved a 57-unit townhome residential community on 2.5 acres at 250 N Central Avenue which also includes 10 affordable units. This project included consolidation of two parcels.
- The City currently has a pending 12-unit apartment project at the northeast corner of Rosecrans and Kemp Avenues that will consolidate three parcels.

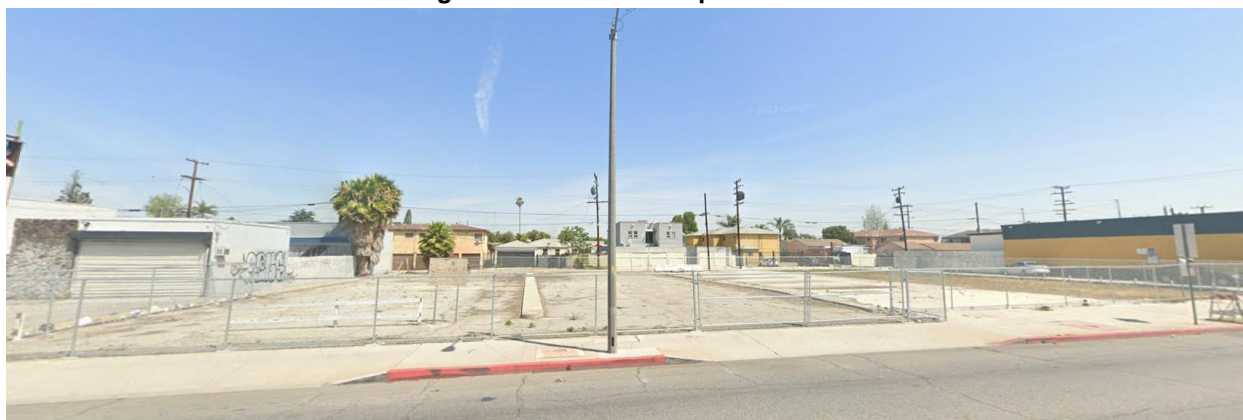
Below are two typical examples of the sites chosen.

Figure 4-2: Vacant Site at School Street/Willowbrook Avenue



Vacant site at School Street/Willowbrook Avenue includes 9 parcels and has no indication that the parcels function or would be developed separately.

Figure 4-3: Site on Compton Boulevard



Site on Compton Boulevard includes 10 parcels and is fenced in as one property.

Compton Station Specific Plan

The Compton Station Specific Plan (CSSP) was adopted in 2022 and provides for three land use districts:

- CSSP – Mixed Use 1 (40-80 du/ac)
- CSSP – Mixed Use 2 (50-100 du/ac)
- CSSP – TOD (100-175 du/ac)

Specifically, the CSSP identifies several Opportunity Sites for future development, two Opportunity Sites are comprised of vacant parcels and therefore available for development during the 2021-2029 Housing Element planning period:

- Opportunity Site #3 – 1 parcel, 0.77 acre, and projected to accommodate 5 very low and 101 low income units
- Opportunity Site # 5 – 9 parcels, totaling (0.8 acre), and projected to accommodate 27 units (including 1 very low income unit)

Other vacant sites within the CSSP are included in the sites inventory for this Housing Element planning period. Capacity was estimated using the minimum density. (The CSSP proposes approximately 745 affordable units.)

Table 4-3: Compton Station Specific Plan (CSSP)

Vacant Sites	No. of Parcels	Acres	Very Low	Low	Moderate	Above Moderate	Total
CSSP DC	1	0.77	5	101	0	0	106
CSSP DT	13	1.96	62	0	20	26	108
CSSP NC	14	1.48	42	0	12	0	54
CSSP RU	13	0.99	0	0	14	0	14
CSSP UF	1	0.80	32	0	0	0	32
Total	42	6.00	141	101	46	26	314

Sites to be Rezoned

In addition, the City has identified primarily vacant sites throughout the City to accommodate the RHNA. The General Plan update offers significant potential for increased development on these sites. The majority of these are vacant sites. The only non-vacant sites are currently used for parking and therefore have minimal existing structures that would impede redevelopment. Additionally, the non-vacant site property is privately owned. The owner has expressed interest in redeveloping this site into a mixed use project. The owner has submitted a specific plan for the project; however, revisions are necessary.

Table 4-4: Sites to be Rezoned

Sites	No. of Parcels	Acres	Very Low	Low	Moderate	Above Moderate	Total
Vacant Sites	79	19.84	275	0	131	63	469
LDR (12 du/ac)	11	2.23	0	0	0	21	21
MDR (25 du/ac)	14	3.89	0	0	0	42	42
HDR (40 du/ac)	4	1.42	30	0	3	0	33
MU – Community (45 du/ac)	38	9.12	223	0	77	0	300
MU – Neighborhood (40 du/ac)	12	3.18	22	0	51	0	73
Nonvacant Sites – Parking Lots	2	8.00	16	15	15	432	478
MU – TOD (80 du/ac)	2	8.00	16	15	15	432	478
Total	81	27.84	291	15	146	495	947

Parking Lot Development

One site in the inventory consists of a large surface parking lot over 2 parcels. Owned by Crystal Casino, the site was included because the property owner has initiated redevelopment of the site, exclusive of the existing casino and hotel structure. The Crystal Casino property covers 15 acres, but just over half the site is used. The two-parcel portion of the site in the inventory is in use as a parking lot and is located within walking distance of the Artesia Station A line. The site is being redesignated and rezoned as MU-Transit Priority which allows residential development of 60-80 units per acre but can reach up to 95 units per acre with the provision of community benefits. While there is no current proposal, the owner has expressed interest directly to the City in utilizing the proposed increased densities proposed in the City's General Plan to intensify the site. The estimated capacity is within the range that the owner is interested in developing.

The estimated capacity for this site and location is conservative (using only the minimum allowed) and while the estimated units would qualify for the lower income RHNA based on the densities allowed, the inventory reflects only 10 percent affordability divided between the very low-, low-, and moderate-income categories.

The City has had several sites with parking lots that have been redeveloped. Redevelopment sites with parking lots in Compton are listed below, some of which are approved or under review:

- 250 N Central – 57 condos

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- 1950 N Central – 29 condos
- 500 – 600 E Compton Blvd. – 288 apartments
- 1220 S Long Beach – 5 multifamily units

Amid an ongoing and acute affordable housing crisis, many cities are repurposing parking lots to address housing shortages:

- In the City of Downey, a 39-unit housing development was built on a parking lot at *7940 Telegraph Road*.
- In the City of Pasadena, the *10 West Walnut* project was constructed on a former surface parking lot serving the Parsons corporate office building. The project includes 394 residential units, ground-floor retail/restaurant space, and a five-story office building.
- The *South Bay Galleria Mall* in the City of Redondo Beach is undergoing redevelopment of the mall, including large portions of the surface parking lots with a 300-unit development approved as part of larger mixed use project (at least 30 of units will be affordable). The project will consider the addition of 350 units (at least 70 of the units will be affordable) as part of the CEQA process.
- In the City of Whittier, the 50-unit Park Place apartments are being developed on surplus parking lots for the former Toyota Used Car.
- The City of Whittier is also moving forward on development of the “*Alpha Beta and Uptown North Sites*” with 344 rental and ownership units on 6.64 acres of property among eight noncontiguous, but close proximity, sites in Uptown Whittier with an overall density of almost 52 units per acre. 139 of the units are anticipated to be affordable to very low- or moderate-income households. Close to a third of the sites acreage (about 2 acres) is in current use as public parking lots.
- *New High Village Development Project* in Los Angeles is an affordable housing development on a 1.7-acre parking lot (Lot 45, with over 200 parking spaces). The parking lot is being redeveloped into a mixed-use development that will include 100% affordable housing for low-income households as well as a cultural and creative hub for the local community, commercial or economic opportunity spaces, as well as green space. An estimated 300 housing units, restricted to rent by lower-income households, are expected.
- *Balboa A* in San Francisco is redeveloping underutilized parking lots into 159 affordable homes, a childcare center, and local park including upgrades to neighborhood walkability.
- *Venice Dell* in Los Angeles is being developed on two parking lots located with a mixed-use project consisting of 140 units including 68 permanent supportive housing units, 34 low-income units, 34 live-work units, 4 manager units, supportive services, and commercial space.
- In West Los Angeles, an underused parking lot has been turned into apartments for low-income or homeless seniors. The six-story *Howard and Irene Levine Senior Community* is within walking distance of stores, transit, and medical clinics.
- In San Francisco, *Mason On Mariposa* was built on a 3.4-acre parking lot at the base of San Francisco’s Potrero Hill neighborhood. The development includes a mixed-use building and two apartment buildings, with a total of nearly 300 market-rate units.
- In 2023, the City of Eureka initiated the redevelopment of two surface parking lots (*City-4 and City-5*). The lots will be developed with 93 units affordable to very low-, low-, and moderate-income households.

Moderate and Above Moderate Income Site Requirement

For jurisdictions that are considered Metropolitan, State law requires that the element identify at least 25 percent of the remaining moderate and above moderate RHNA on sites that allow at least four units of housing

(e.g., four-plex or greater). (Gov. Code, § 65583.2, subd. (c)(4).) After accounting for ADUs and entitled projects, and project under review, the remaining moderate need is 115 units, and the remaining above moderate need is 116 units. The site inventory shows that the remaining moderate income RHNA was met with 192 units on high density sites (at least 40 du/ac) and that the remaining above moderate income RHNA was met with 458 units on high density sites (at least 40 du/ac).

G. ENVIRONMENTAL CONSTRAINTS AND AVAILABILITY OF INFRASTRUCTURE

Environmental Constraints

None of the housing sites identified to accommodate the RHNA are located in a high fire severity zone or 100-year flood plain. No other environmental constraints are known for these sites. There are no known environmental constraints on the identified sites. The sites in the inventory are vacant, urban infill sites. As such, there are no known environmental features or hazards that have the potential to impact the development viability of the identified sites.

Sewer Availability

The City of Compton relies on the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts for managing its wastewater. This agency oversees a vast system, maintaining 1,400 miles of sewers, 49 pumping plants, and 11 treatment facilities that handle about half of the County's wastewater. Downstream from Compton lies the A.K. Warrant Water Resource Facility, previously known as the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant. This facility isn't just a standalone treatment plant; it's a crucial part of a larger network called the Joint Outfall System, encompassing seven treatment centers and over 1,200 miles of main sewer lines. The Warren Facility, within this system, currently manages up to 400 million gallons of wastewater per day and serves a population of over 4.8 million people, businesses, and industries.

The City's 2008 Sewer Master Plan evaluated capacity based on buildout of the City's land use plan at the time. The housing unit estimates at the time (26,462 units) is close to today's housing stock size (28,247, including the City's internal spheres of influence). The 2008 plan found that 95% of the City's sewer collection system was adequate in terms of capacity. The deficient piping was approximately 5% of the total system, which needed upgrading to meet the performance standards. The City has indicated that the City performs ongoing maintenance and upgrades to the sewer system and expresses the belief that extensive maintenance and upgrades are needed to accommodate future growth. A sewer area or capacity study is required for a new development in the City prior to connection to the County sewer trunk. Sewer plans for construction must be prepared by registered civil engineers and submitted to the City's Department of Public Works for plan check.

In 2024, the City initiated an update to the Sewer Master Plan. The plan will evaluate sewer system capacity under the City's proposed land use plan (2024). Part of the work plan includes the creation of a hydraulic model to identify sewer system hydraulic deficiencies. Using the proposed General Plan land use plan, the City will develop CIP projects to improve and enhance the system capacity such as pipe enlargements or installation of new pipes in areas where future development is anticipated.

The General Plan update, currently underway, and its associated environmental review will include all necessary technical studies including a thorough infrastructure assessment and mitigation program. Updated General Plan infrastructure policies will focus on comprehensive neighborhood preservation and reinvestment strategies for portions of the community with aging and deteriorating housing and infrastructure.

Water Availability

Compton has a gross acreage of approximately 6,378 acres (10.5 square miles), of which the Compton Municipal Water Department (CMWD) serves 7.81 square miles. There are approximately 14,000 service connections. Historically, the primary source of supply for CMWD was groundwater from wells located within its boundaries. CMWD is also a member agency of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and has three connections. The CMWD system is in one pressure zone. Water is pumped from deep wells and flows into a grid system, which then distributes it using a gravity-fed system. These wells, augmented with

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water purchased from the Metropolitan Water District, flow into four 3.3 million gallon reservoir storage tanks. CMWD overlies the Central Basin, a groundwater basin which historically has provided the city with its principal source of water.

The Central Basin has been adjudicated and the annual pumping allocation for CMWD is 5,723 acre-feet per year. Water supplies are currently adequate to meet normal domestic needs. CMWD retails water to approximately 65 percent of Compton. Private water companies and agencies provide service to the remaining residents. These include: California Water Service Company, Suburban Water Company, Liberty Utilities Water Company, Golden State Water Company and Long Beach Water Company.

CMWD participates with the Water Replenishment District in groundwater management of 163 miles of 4- to 24-inch diameter pipelines, four 3.3 million gallon steel reservoirs, with approximately 8 wells: six active wells and two inactive wells.

Based on existing land use, the City projects sufficient water supply available during normal years to meet future demands. According to the 2020 UWMP, the demand during a single dry year, the worst-case scenario of experiencing another severe drought would leave the City with a 32% water deficit. Increases in water demand from site development would increase this deficit and impact the ability of the City to meet its water conservation requirements moving forward. In addition, local water distribution facilities including but not limited to water mains, water service lines, meter, fire service connections, and fire hydrants would require upgrading as a typical part of the development requirements when there is an intensification of uses that affect water demand.

On May 10, 2022 City Council approved Resolution No. 25,662, which authorized the City Manager to amend Water Department's 2021-2022 budget to appropriate \$7,988,000.00 of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds to the Department's operating budget. The appropriation was intended to fund various capital improvement projects that will upgrade the Department's aging infrastructure. The Department will utilize the funds for ongoing projects throughout the current and subsequent fiscal years through December 31, 2026.

The General Plan update currently underway and its associated environmental review will include all necessary technical studies including a thorough infrastructure assessment and mitigation program. To minimize the impacts of any potable water demand increase because of the additional units, all new developments would be required to meet the latest conservation fixture, landscape, and irrigation requirements per the latest plumbing and building code in effect at the time of the development and also maximize use of recycled water where available.

Dry Utilities Availability

Electrical services to the Compton Planning Area are provided by Southern California Edison (SCE) while natural gas is supplied by the Southern California Gas Company (SCGC). Telecommunication services are provided by Time Warner, Charter Spectrum, AT&T, Verizon, and other service providers in the area. While utility and service connections would be needed to accommodate the new housing units, these new connections would not result in a need to modify the larger off-site infrastructure. As a built-out City, future housing in Compton will be on urban infill development/redevelopment sites surrounded by existing development on all sides. All dry public utilities, facilities and infrastructure are in place and available to serve the new housing opportunity sites identified in the site inventory for planning period and infrastructure is not a constraint to development of housing.

H. SUMMARY OF RHNA STRATEGY

The sites inventory presents sites to address the City's 2021-2029 RHNA. The sites inventory shows sufficient capacity to address the City's RHNA. The City's land inventory was developed by a combination of methods, among them, utilizing data available from the City and the LA County Assessor's Parcel Maps, a review of aerial maps, and local knowledge. The City's sites strategy is summarized in Table 4-5.

Overall, the City is meeting its remaining RHNA with primarily vacant sites. Nonvacant sites (parking lots) are used to accommodate less than 8% of the City's lower income RHNA. Accounting for constructed and projected ADUs and approved/entitled projects, the City has already met most of its RHNA (693 units or 69%). With available sites in the Compton Stations Specific Plan (with appropriate zoning), the City has a remaining RHNA

of 186 units (27 very low, 69 moderate and 90 above moderate income). The City is updating its General Plan to be complemented with a comprehensive update to the Zoning Code. The General Plan/Zoning Code updates will provide additional capacity for residential and mixed use development. At least 947 units can be accommodated on vacant sites identified for redesignation and rezoning.

Table 4-5: Summary of Sites Inventory and RHNA Strategy					
	Very Low	Low	Moderate	Above Moderate	Total
RHNA	235	121	131	517	1,004
Constructed and Projected ADUs	30	58	3	39	130
Approved/Entitled Projects	37	151	13	362	563
CSSP Sites	141	101	46	26	314
Capacity Available before Rezoning	208	310	62	427	1,007
RHNA Shortfall without Rezoning	27	-189	69	90	186
Sites to be Rezoned	291	15	146	495	947
Total Capacity	499	325	208	922	1,954
Surplus/(Shortfall)	264	204	77	405	950
% Surplus/(Shortfall)	112%	169%	59%	78%	95%

I. IMPLEMENTATION RESOURCES

Compton has access to local, state, and federal financial administrative resources to fund the construction, improvement, and maintenance of housing or the administration of programs. These are described below.

Financial Resources

Federal, State and local agencies provide a variety of resources to help support the construction, acquisition, and rehabilitation of housing units for lower-income households in Compton. Many of these resources are made available to local tenants, owners, and developers of affordable housing through City and County programs and services. Although there is a wide range of programs, the availability of funding through these programs is typically inadequate to satisfy all needs. As a result, there is a fair amount of competition for program funds that are available, and any one development may need to draw upon multiple resources to be financially feasible. Some of the common remaining revenues available to assist the City are:

- **Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA).** In 2017, Governor Brown signed a fifteen (15)-bill housing package aimed at addressing the State's housing shortage and high housing costs. Specifically, it included the Building Homes and Jobs Act (SB 2, 2017), which establishes a \$75 recording fee on real estate documents to increase the supply of affordable homes in California. Because the number of real estate transactions recorded in each County will vary from year to year, the revenues collected will fluctuate.

The first year of SB 2 funds are available as planning grants to local jurisdictions. For the second year and onward, seventy (70%) percent of the funding will be allocated to local governments for affordable housing purposes. A large portion of year two allocations will be distributed using the same formula used to allocate Federal Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). SB 2 PLHA funds can be used to:

- Increase the supply of housing for households at or below 60 percent of AMI.
- Increase assistance to affordable owner-occupied workforce housing.
- Assist persons experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
- Facilitate housing affordability, particularly for lower and moderate income households.
- Promote projects and programs to meet the local government's unmet share of regional housing needs allocation.

- **Low Income Housing Tax Credits.** A nonprofit housing corporation could purchase an at-risk project, rehabilitate it using tax credits, and extend affordability controls. The California Tax Credit Allocation Committee oversees the application and allocation process for all LIHTC projects. Applicants compete for the funds, which are prioritized based on location, affordability, local housing needs, and public housing wait lists. Affordable housing projects in Compton such as the Jasmine Garden Apartments have been rehabilitated with this funding sources.
- **HOME funds.** Compton is an entitlement jurisdiction and receives HOME funds directly from HUD. These funds can be used to create and rehabilitate affordable housing for lower income households or provide direct rental or home purchase assistance to lower income households. The City uses its HOME funds to finance loans for homeowners to rehabilitate their units.
- **Housing Voucher Program.** This program provides rent subsidies to extremely low and very low income households with a housing cost burden or who are at risk of becoming homeless or being displaced. Voucher recipients rent housing from private landlords and pay a portion of their income toward rent (usually up to 30% of their income). The Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles subsidizes the difference in monthly payments to the owner. HACOL allocates more than 660 housing vouchers on an annual basis to Compton residents.
- **Community Development Block Grants.** The CDBG program is a federal program awarded to fund housing and community development activities. Projects must benefit low and moderate income persons, aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight, or meet other urgent needs. Eligible activities include property acquisition, rehabilitation, preservation, economic development, code enforcement, and public facilities and services. Compton is an entitlement city and receives funding from HUD for eligible community development activities.

Administrative Resources

Given the revenue cutbacks in most communities, the City of Compton must also rely on an increasingly wider group of nonprofit and for-profit organizations to help administer and implement housing programs. These include organizations capable of building affordable housing, managing programs, or providing supportive services. Groups active in Compton include:

- **Housing Authority.** The Compton Housing Authority administers three different programs for Compton residents:
 - Housing Choice Voucher
 - Family Self-Sufficiency
 - Project-Based Voucher
- **Homeless Assistance Provider.** Strategic planning to address the needs of homeless persons through a continuum of care system is in place. Organizations active in meeting the needs of homeless people include LAHSA, LA-HOP and Salvation Army. These facilities serve as important resources for the City to provide emergency shelter, transitional housing, meals, social service programs, counseling and therapy, and legal and financial advocacy for adults and children who are homeless due to a number of circumstances.
- **Qualified Housing Entities.** Qualified housing entities are nonprofit organizations approved by the California Department of Housing and Community Development to manage affordable housing. To qualify, an entity must be able to manage the project, maintain affordability for at least 30 years or the remaining term of assistance, preserve the existing occupancy profile, maintain rents at predetermined affordability levels, and also agree to renew rent subsidies if available. Compton partners with several qualified entities, such as Meta Housing, to build and manage projects like the Metro @ Compton Senior Apartments. Other qualified entities are active in the Los Angeles region and in nearby cities.
- **Health Care Services.** The City of Compton is served by HealthCare Partners, a nationally recognized general medical group. Many other health care service providers are located in the community.

5. Housing Plan

A. INTRODUCTION

The Housing Plan identifies the City's goals for 2021 through 2029 related to existing and future housing and establishes the policies and programs for achieving them. The plan consists of the following components:

- *Housing Goals and Policies* lists the goals and policies that will be applicable over the course of the planning period governed by this Housing Element
- *Housing Programs* discusses those specific programs that will be effective in assisting in the conservation of affordable housing, the development of new affordable housing, the identification and provision of new sites for residential development, the removal of governmental constraints, and affirmative actions to further fair housing

B. HOUSING GOALS AND POLICIES

The goals and policies of the Housing Element were developed in response to housing issues identified in the previous chapters of the Housing Element and on issues and opportunities identified in community workshops that were conducted as part of a comprehensive outreach program.

Housing Availability

Goal 1 *Improve the housing supply and the choice of housing opportunities through private investment and, where necessary, through public action and financing.*

Policy 1.1 Encourage public and private investments in the City's housing stock.

Policy 1.2 Evaluate the factors affecting housing costs and examine ways to reduce housing costs where governmental action is appropriate.

Policy 1.3 Promote the development of attractive and safe housing to meet the community's needs.

Policy 1.5 Provide timely processing of housing development applications through objective development requirements and streamlined processing.

Policy 1.6 Encourage the assemblage and consolidation of existing small parcels in areas where higher density development is permitted. Larger parcels can better accommodate an efficient use of space resulting in better on-site amenities and greater use of open space.

Policy 1.7 Work with service providers to serve the homeless population.

Housing Affordability

Goal 2 *Promote affordable housing and shelter for all economic segments of the community.*

Policy 2.1 Utilize community development funds to develop housing, expand economic opportunities through commercial development, improve community facilities and services, prevent deterioration of the housing stock, and redevelop residential areas.

Policy 2.2 Inform residents of the availability of housing assistance programs and community services available in the area (such as Housing Choice Vouchers).

Policy 2.3 Encourage variety in the supply of housing at costs affordable to the various income levels of the population.

Policy 2.4 Pursue local, regional, State, and Federal funds for expanding housing opportunities.

Policy 2.5 Work to conserve existing subsidized housing for lower (including extremely low) and moderate income households.

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- Policy 2.6** Seek funding opportunities and promote rental assistance for lower (including extremely low) and moderate income households.

Housing Maintenance and Conservation

Goal 3 *Support and provide incentives for the maintenance and rehabilitation of the existing housing stock.*

- Policy 3.1** Encourage, support, and provide incentives for the maintenance, conservation and revitalization of existing residential units.
- Policy 3.2** Develop strategies and programs to reduce the costs incurred by the homeowner for rehabilitation.
- Policy 3.3** Encourage prompt rehabilitation or demolition and replacement of vacant and abandoned properties.
- Policy 3.4** Identify substandard and deteriorating housing in Compton and take appropriate code enforcement actions to correct deficiencies.
- Policy 3.5** Promote housing rehabilitation and conservation through public education and awareness programs.
- Policy 3.6** Increase code enforcement property maintenance to promote quality design, public safety, and energy conservation.
- Policy 3.7** Work with the County or non-profit agencies in conserving existing low-income housing units and subsidized housing projects.
- Policy 3.8** Preserve existing single-family, lower density residential neighborhoods and encourage the development of new low density single-family development.

Neighborhood Preservation

Goal 4 *Encourage new development consistent with the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance to provide high quality living environments, with access to employment, community facilities, and services.*

- Policy 4.1** Preserve the existing residential neighborhoods and provide areas to accommodate new residential development.
- Policy 4.2** Coordinate regional and local public works and capital improvement programs in declining neighborhoods and in neighborhoods experiencing increased population due to redevelopment or land conversion activities.
- Policy 4.3** Encourage the application of high quality urban design standards to create safe, attractive, functional, high quality housing units and neighborhoods.
- Policy 4.4** Conserve existing residential areas and prevent the intrusion of incompatible land uses that create increased traffic and noise into the neighborhoods.
- Policy 4.5** Increase residential property maintenance efforts through strong code enforcement to enhance the quality of residential neighborhoods.
- Policy 4.6** Identify the locations for future residential development and encourage a high quality environment for family life.

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing

Goal 5 Take meaningful actions to ensure equal access and opportunity to housing.

Policy 5.1 Promote equal access and opportunities to housing through the provision of consumer information, assistance and protection online, and through public involvement in the design and implementation of housing programs.

Policy 5.2 Promote housing mobility by expanding housing choices and increasing housing opportunities throughout the City.

Policy 5.3 Provide fair housing outreach and education, counseling, investigation, and resolution services online.

Policy 5.4 Advise tenants seeking relief from discriminatory housing practices and displacement of the resources available through various housing organizations.

Policy 5.5 Promote the integration of affordable and special needs housing projects in existing neighborhoods.

C. HOUSING PROGRAMS 2021–2029

The City of Compton will implement the following housing programs to achieve the goals, policies, and objectives in the 2021-2029 Housing Element planning period.

1. Adequate Sites for RHNA and Monitoring of No Net Loss

For the 2021-2029 planning period, the City of Compton has an assigned RHNA allocation of 1,004 units (235 very low income, 121 low income, 131 moderate income, and 517 above moderate income units). As of February 2025, the City has already made progress toward its RHNA (see Table 4-5):

- 130 ADUs were permitted between July 1, 2021 and December 31, 2022 or are projected for the remaining years of the Housing Element cycle (2023-2029)
- 563 units approved and entitled

The remaining RHNA is 399 units (168 very low, 115 moderate income, and 116 above moderate income units) that the City must identify adequate sites to allow for future development. Vacant sites within the Compton Station Specific Plan can accommodate 314 units, resulting in a RHNA shortfall of 186 units (27 very low, 69 moderate and 90 above moderate income units).

Table 5-1: Summary of Sites Inventory and RHNA Strategy					
	Very Low	Low	Moderate	Above Moderate	Total
RHNA	235	121	131	517	1,004
Constructed and Projected ADUs	30	58	3	39	130
Approved/Entitled Projects	37	151	13	362	563
CSSP Sites	141	101	46	26	314
Capacity Available before Rezoning	208	310	62	427	1,007
RHNA Shortfall without Rezoning	27	-189	69	90	186
Sites to be Rezoned	291	15	146	495	947
Total Capacity	499	325	208	922	1,954
Surplus/(Shortfall)	264	204	77	405	950
% Surplus/(Shortfall)	112%	169%	59%	78%	95%

The General Plan update proposes to realign the land use policy and zoning and increasing densities across the various land use designations/zoning districts. Sites identified for rezoning to accommodate the remaining RHNA in the low, moderate, and above moderate income categories shown in Table 4-2. To meet the RHNA shortfall of 186 units in the low, moderate, and above moderate income categories, the City will rezone at least:

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- Very Low Income RHNA Shortfall – 27 units – at least two acres at:
 - HDR (25.1-40 du/ac)
 - MU-Community (25-40 du/ac)
 - MU-Neighborhood (35-45 du/ac)
- Moderate Income RHNA Shortfall – 69 units – at least three acres at:
 - MU-Community (25-40 du/ac)
 - MU-Neighborhood (35-45 du/ac)
- Above Moderate Income RHNA Shortfall - 90 units – at least two acres at:
 - MU-TOD (60-80 du/ac)

The rezoned sites to address any lower income shortfall will meet the requirements of Government Code 65583.2, including but not limited to a minimum density of 20 units per acre, minimum site size to permit at least 16 units on site, and zoned to allow ownership and rental housing by right in which at least 20 percent of the units are affordable to lower income households. Rezoned sites to meet the moderate and above moderate income shortfall are not subject to these requirements. As part of the rezoning, appropriate development standards (including but not limited to setbacks, lot coverage, height, and parking, among others) will be established to ensure the allowable maximum density of each zone can be achieved.

To further encourage and facilitate the development of affordable housing, the City will offer state required administrative processing, state-required density bonus incentives, state-required reductions in development and parking standards.

To ensure that the City complies with SB 166 (No Net Loss), the City will monitor the consumption of residential and mixed-use acreage to ensure an adequate inventory is available to meet the City's RHNA obligations. To ensure sufficient residential capacity is maintained to accommodate the RHNA, the City will develop and implement a formal ongoing (project-by-project) evaluation procedure pursuant to Government Code Section 65863. Should an approval of development result in a reduction in capacity below the residential capacity needed to accommodate the remaining need for lower and moderate-income households, the City will identify and if necessary, rezone sufficient sites to accommodate the shortfall and ensure "no net loss" in capacity to accommodate the RHNA.

Responsibility: City of Compton Community Development Department
Funding: Available Grant Funding

Implementation Schedule:

- By the end of 2024:
 - Update the General Plan and Zoning Code to provide adequate sites for RHNA as outlined above. Establish appropriate development standards to ensure high quality residential development.
 - Comply with SB 166 (No Net Loss) by monitoring the consumption of residential and mixed use acreage to ensure an adequate inventory is available to meet the City's RHNA obligations. To ensure sufficient residential capacity is maintained to accommodate the RHNA, the City will develop and implement a formal ongoing (project-by-project) evaluation procedure pursuant to Government Code Section 65863 by the end of 2024. Should an approval of development result in a reduction of capacity below the residential capacity needed to accommodate the remaining need for lower income households, the City will identify and if necessary, rezone sufficient sites to accommodate the shortfall and ensure "no net loss" in capacity to accommodate the RHNA. Monitoring will be conducted annually to ensure the City maintains an adequate buffer for the remaining RHNA.
- Annually:
 - Outreach to developers and property owners to facilitate development on RHNA sites.

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- Maintain an inventory of the available sites for residential development and make it available on City website. Update sites inventory annually.
- Pursue funding available for affordable housing development from County, regional, State, and Federal programs, prioritizing opportunities for housing for special needs and ELI households.
- Monitor pipeline and potential RHNA projects annually. If pipeline projects identified to meet the RHNA are not developed or trending to be developed within the planning period, by the end of 2027, identify new sites or strategies to maintain adequate sites to meet the City's RHNA.

Quantified Objectives: Accommodate at least 1,004 housing units (235 very low income, 121 low income, 131 moderate income, and 517 above moderate income units).

2. Publicly Owned Land

The City identifies a number of Successor Agency owned properties with potential for development during the planning period. Specifically, the following approved projects are being developed on Agency-owned land:

- City Ventures (930 W. Compton Boulevard) –Ten of the project's 60 units will be deed restricted as housing affordable to moderate income households. This project was approved prior to 2020 and not subject to the Surplus Land Act (SLA) of 2020. The project development agreement was approved by the City Council on April 2, 2024.
- Olson Company (250 N. Central Avenue) –Two of the project's 57 units will be deed restricted as housing affordable to low income households. The project will yield an average density of 22 units per acre on a 2.55-acre site.
- Landspire (1434 W. Compton Boulevard) – The City is already entitled for 75 units and expected to begin construction in 2024. Project is exempt from SLA. The City provided 37 Project-Based Vouchers to assist in the development of this project.
- KBK (501-601 E. Compton Boulevard) – This project was approved prior to 2020 and not subject to the SLA of 2020. The proposed project includes assembly of 11 parcels for a 288-unit development.

Additional properties have been identified in the sites inventory for future development. The City will ensure compliance with the SLA for disposition of these properties. The City works with land use attorneys and financial consultants with a long history in working with HCD and Department of Finance (DOF) regarding former Redevelopment Law compliance. The City reviews development proposals through the prism of SLA compliance and/or exemption.

Responsibility: Successor Agency
Funding: Successor Agency funds

Implementation Schedule:

- In compliance with SLA:
 - Annually review available publicly owned sites in the sites inventory and issue RFPs to solicit housing development opportunities.
 - Pursue partnerships with housing developers to include affordable housing for extremely low and lower income households, and households with special housing needs.
 - If by the end of 2027, disposition and redevelopment of these publicly owned sites have not initiated to allow development to occur within the Housing Element planning period, within six months (by the end of June 2028), the City will determine the adequacy of its sites inventory in meeting the remaining RHNA and to identify replacement sites if necessary.

Quantified Objectives: Facilitate the development of 500 units on publicly owned sites.

3. Lot Consolidation

The sites inventory for meeting the RHNA includes some small parcels (smaller than 0.5 acre) that are feasible for lot consolidation based on factors such as adjacency of properties, common ownership, and shared access. To facilitate development of small parcels that require lot consolidation, the City will:

- Process lot line adjustments ministerially, provided no other discretionary decisions are needed for the project.
- Provide flexibility in lot line adjustments, access agreements, etc. to help facilitate infill development and lot consolidation.
- Ongoing outreach to property owners regarding lot consolidation incentives. Facilitate communications between interested property owners and developers.
- As part of the Zoning Code update to implement the General Plan, develop additional incentives to encourage lot consolidation.
- Facilitate lot consolidation by assisting interested developers in identifying feasible sites.

Responsibility: City of Compton Community Development Department

Funding: Available Grant Funding

Implementation Schedule:

- Develop incentives as part of comprehensive Zoning Code update by the end of 2025.

Quantified Objectives: Facilitate the development of 400 units on sites feasible for consolidation.

4. Accessory Dwelling Units

The City will facilitate the development of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units (JADUs). The City last updated its ADU standards in December 2021 to comply with California Government Code Sections 65852.2 and 65852.22. However, additional changes in State law since that time necessitate another update to the City's ordinance. Most notably, AB 2221 amended the height restrictions to allow ADUs a height of up to 18 feet in some cases and up to 25 feet in other cases. In order to help facilitate the development of ADUs, the City will amend the Zoning Code to comply with State law and provide information about ADUs and the approval process on the City website.

Responsibility: City of Compton Building and Community Development

Funding: General Fund

Implementation Schedule:

- Annually, update submittal and processing information on City website regarding ADUs and JADUs, including building requirements, the permitting process, and currently available preapproved plans (<https://www.comptoncity.org/departments/community-development/accessory-dwelling-units>).
- By the **August 2025**:
 - Update the Zoning Code as necessary to comply with State requirements for ADUs, including AB 2221 and SB 897, within six months, if deemed necessary by HCD, as a result of the currently ongoing review of the City's ADU regulations by HCD.
 - Develop pre-approved ADU plans and other resources to reduce costs of development.
 - Update City website to provide a link to California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA) ADU Grant Program.
 - Develop and include a Fair Housing Factsheet, especially on Source of Income protection (i.e., use of public subsidies such as Housing Choice Vouchers for housing payments) in the ADU application packet.

- By the end of 2025, as part of the comprehensive Zoning Code update to implement the proposed General Plan, develop incentives and/or remove constraints to ADU development, such as encouraging inclusion of ADUs in new single-family home development.
- Explore the possibility of an ADU amnesty program for illegal ADU's that can meet current Planning, Building and Fire codes. If feasible, establish an ADU amnesty plan by December 2026.
- Establish a separate web page within the Community Development web page exclusively providing ADU information.
- Conduct an annual PSA on the City cable channel and brochures at City Council meetings to promote ADU development.
- By the end of 2026, pursue grant money to provide fee waivers for ADUs with deed restrictions on affordability.
- Ongoing, provide technical assistance to interested property owners and expedite review of ADU applications.
- If by the end of 2027, the City is not meeting its projected trend for ADUs, the City if feasible will develop additional incentives to facilitate ADU production within six months.

Quantified Objectives: Provide clear information on the development of ADUs to facilitate construction of 90 ADUs/JADUs over six years, targeting lower density neighborhoods.

5. Housing Choice Voucher Program

Rental: The Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program provides monthly rental assistance to participants who want to rent from a private landlord but cannot afford the full monthly rental payment. All types of rental units are eligible for this program. The elderly and disabled may also choose to live in an assisted living facility. The unit must be privately owned, and the family receiving assistance cannot have any financial interest in the unit, unless it is a participant in the Homeownership Voucher program.

Portability: The portability feature of Housing Choice Vouchers allows voucher-holders to move to a rental unit of their choice, including one located outside the jurisdiction of the local Housing Authority.

Homeownership: The Housing Choice Voucher Homeownership Program allows families receiving HCV rental assistance to use their subsidies for homeownership rather than for rental purposes.

Responsibility: Local Housing Authority of Compton/Community Development Department
Funding: US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Implementation Schedule:

- Annually promote HCV program online to property owners and encourage owners to list available units on CHA website: <https://www.comptoncity.org/departments/housing-authority/documents-and-reports/-folder-231>
- By the end of 2025, the Building Department to include HCV program information brochures with building permit application materials.

Quantified Objectives: 620 households assisted on an annual basis (rental), ongoing (portability), 2 households assisted on an annual basis based on funding availability (homeownership).

6. Family Self-Sufficiency Program

Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) is a HUD program that encourages communities to develop local strategies to help assisted families obtain employment that will lead to economic independence and self-sufficiency. Services provided through the FSS program include: budgeting, child care, transportation, education, job training and employment counseling, substance/alcohol abuse treatment or counseling, household skill training, homeownership counseling, parenting skills, and healthy living. Participants have up to five years to reach self-sufficiency. Program completion occurs when the family head of household reaches his/her employment goal and the family has been welfare-free for 12 consecutive months.

Responsibility: Local Housing Authority of Compton
Funding: US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Implementation Schedule:

- Annually promote FSS to income-eligible households.

Quantified Objectives: 10 households assisted on an annual basis.

7. First-Time Homebuyers Program (Homeownership)

The City has established a First-Time Homebuyers Program to provide financial assistance to individuals and families with the dream of homeownership. The financial assistance consists of a second mortgage, which is in the form of a deferred silent second deed of trust loan. The loan provided to the homebuyer is interest-free and does not require monthly payments. The homeowner is required to annually provide proof and certify that the subject property is their primary residence. However, the program has not been launched since 2021 due to staff changes.

Responsibility: City of Compton Grants Division
Funding: HOME funds

Implementation Schedule:

- The City will if feasible reinstate the program by the end of 2025.
- Continue to collaborate with Grants division and Los Angeles Neighborhood Housing Services (LANHS) to provide mortgage assistance for homeownership projects on an annual basis.
- Annually pursue additional funding to provide affordable homeownership to low income households.
- Provide homeownership education classes to educate homeowners in the aspects of maintaining their home every other year.

Quantified Objectives: 4 households with homebuyer assistance on an annual basis and homeownership education for 30 homeowners annually.

8. Residential Rehabilitation Grant Program

The Home Repair Grant is offered to assist low-income, owner-occupied households with repairs such as painting, windows, screens, smoke alarms, handicapped grab bars, ramps, toilets, termite treatment, and other repairs deemed appropriate by the City, such as electrical, roofing, and plumbing.

Responsibility: City of Compton Grants Division
Funding: CDBG

Implementation Schedule:

- Annually promote program to income eligible households in targeted neighborhoods (in census tracts with concentration of units constructed prior to 1980).
- Provide information on local, state, and federal resources for home improvements through the Code Enforcement program.

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Quantified Objectives: 8 households assisted on an annual basis.

9. Extremely Low-Income and Special Needs Households

The City will encourage the development of housing for extremely low-income (ELI) households through a variety of activities such as coordinating with potential housing developers, providing financial assistance (when feasible) or in-kind technical assistance or land write-downs, providing expedited processing, identifying grant and funding opportunities, applying for or supporting applications for funding on an ongoing basis, considering local funding, and/or offering additional incentives beyond the density bonus.

Responsibility: City of Compton Grants Division and Compton Housing Authority
Funding: General Fund, CDBG, HOME, Housing Bond Funds

Implementation Schedule:

- Annually outreach to housing developers regarding opportunity sites in the City and incentives and assistance for ELI and special needs housing.
- Annually apply for funding as Notices of Funding Availability are released, targeting funding sources that benefit lower income (including ELI) and special needs households.
- Support funding applications by housing developers to provide housing for ELI and special needs households, provided the proposed projects further the goals and objectives of the General Plan.
- By the end of 2025, explore additional incentives to facilitate the development housing for ELI and special needs households, including:
 - As funding permits, provide funding to gap finance the development of affordable housing, prioritizing projects that set aside units for ELI and special needs households.
 - Prioritize publicly owned sites for projects that include housing for ELI and special needs households. Leveraging the land as a contribution to the project, thereby subsidizing the project for affordability.
 - Provide expedited processing.
 - State density bonus.
- Pursue and allocate Project-Based Vouchers (PBVs) for 100 percent affordable Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects for very low and extremely low income households. (The City allocated 141 PBVs to two Project Home Key projects that are under construction and 1434 W. Compton Boulevard received 37 PBVs.)

Quantified Objectives: Assist with the development of 50 ELI/special needs households over eight years.

10. Preservation of At-Risk Housing Units

The City will monitor the at-risk units and use the list contained in the Housing Element for at-risk units in the ten-year inventory and analyses (conversion risk, costs, and resources) for possible conversions within the current and next planning period. Staff maintain contact with HUD, property owners, and California Housing Preservation Commission to monitor the status of the “at risk” housing projects.

The City will bi-annually coordinate with HUD to monitor projects approved to convert to ensure that any required assistance (or assistance that the owner has agreed to provide) to displaced tenants is carried out in a timely manner. The City will also ensure projects are monitored to see if they are subject to other state or local requirements regarding the provision of assistance to displaced tenants.

In future years, the City will continue to allocate funds from various grant funding sources towards affordable housing preservation.

Responsibility: Local Housing Authority of Compton
Funding: Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds

Implementation Schedule:

- Bi-annually coordinate with HUD to monitor projects.
- Annually monitor the status of at-risk units annually by maintaining contacts with HUD and property owners.
- Should a Notice of Intent be filed by the property owners to convert to non-low income housing use, ensure owners comply with the noticing requirements (three years, one year, and six months prior to conversion).
- Through the Annual Action Plan and 5-Year Consolidated Plan Strategic Plan process, allocate funding towards housing preservation.

Quantified Objectives:

Preserve all 1,345 affordable housing units in the City, specifically focus on maintaining the affordability of the at risk units at Whitfield Manor (40 units) and New Wilmington Arms-2 (164 units).

11. Zoning Code Amendments

The City's residential zoning regulations have not been updated in decades. A Zoning Update Program to adopt new regulations is necessary to address the following areas: emergency shelters, single-room occupancy units, transitional and supportive housing, residential parking requirements, residential minimum unit size, residential objective design standards, and accessory dwelling units.

Responsibility:

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Funding:

General Fund

Implementation Schedule:

By **July 2025**, comprehensively update Zoning Code to implement the new General Plan and address the following:

- **Farmworker Housing:** Amend the RA zone to define farmworker housing up to 36 beds or 12 units as an agricultural use to be similarly permitted as other agricultural uses in the same zone, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 17021.6 on farmworker housing requirements. There is no commercial agriculture or farms anywhere in the City and all of the RA land, except one lot, is developed with a home.
- **Employee Housing:** Permit employee housing for six or fewer employees as a residential use subject to the same development standards and design as single-family residences, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 17021.5 on employee housing requirements.
- **Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU):** Update the ADU ordinance to comply with current State laws if necessary and submit the adopted ordinance to HCD for review.
- **Findings for CUP:** Modify the required findings for CUP approval to ensure objectivity and certainty in outcomes. Specifically, the finding requiring the use not be detrimental to the surrounding area (Finding 2) and the finding requiring compatibility with existing patterns of land use and development in the surrounding area (Finding 3) can be considered subjective. The Zoning Code amendment will modify or remove these findings to ensure objectivity in evaluation. Furthermore, the City is considering to remove the CUP requirement for small multi-family housing projects or affordable housing projects with 50 percent affordable units.
- **Emergency Shelters:** In compliance with AB 2339, amend the CL zone as the zone to permit emergency shelters by right without discretionary review, revise the parking standards to base on staffing level, and expand the definition of emergency shelters to include navigation centers. The CL zone conditionally permits a variety of residential uses and are located along transportation corridors, offering access to services and public transportation. In addition, amend the Zoning Code to ensure parking requirement is based only on staffing level pursuant to AB 139. Make updates to the Zoning Code related to emergency shelters as part of the General Plan/Zoning Code update in February 2025.

- **Low Barrier Navigation Centers (LBNC):** Amend the Zoning Code to permit LBNC as a use by right in areas zoned industrial and nonresidential zones permitting multi-family uses, subject to development standards.
- **Transitional and Supportive Housing:** Amend the regulations ensure transitional and supportive housing is similarly permitted as other residential dwellings of the same type in the same zone where residential uses are permitted, including mixed use zones. Amend regulations pursuant to AB 2162, which requires supportive housing projects meeting specific criteria to be allowed by-right in multifamily and mixed-use zones, including non-residential zones permitting multifamily uses. Additionally, if the project is located within ½ mile of transit, no minimum parking can be required.
- **Residential Parking Requirements:** Adopt new regulations to update and reduce current requirement of 1.5 covered spaces per unit to one enclosed parking space per multi-family family unit under two bedrooms, consistent with the City's TOD standards, and remove the requirement for enclosed garage parking for very and low income affordable units to allow flexibility for development projects to meet the parking requirements (such as via surface parking).
- **Residential Minimum Unit Size:** Adopt new regulations to reduce current requirement of 600 sf (one-bedroom unit) to 400 sf to facilitate the development of small units (live/work, SRO), particularly housing for special needs populations.
- **Residential Objective Design and Development Standards:** Adopt new objective residential standards. As part of this review and comprehensive update to the Zoning Code to implement the new General Plan, the City will prepare design and development standards (height, parking, setbacks, architectural design, open space, etc.) enabling the maximum density of each zone can be achieved with good design, including Urban Design Framework standards in the Compton Station TOD Specific Plan.
- **Administrative Multi-Family Review:** Reduce the CUP requirement for residential use citywide from four to twelve units.
- **Density Bonus:** Delete the existing Density Bonus Ordinance and comply with State law.
- **Manufactured Homes:** Amend the Zoning Code to allow manufactured homes built on a permanent foundation in the same manner and same zones as conventional or stick-built homes.
- **SB 35:** Establish written procedures for implementing SB 35 including a method to identify qualifying projects and facilitate development consistent with the Permit Streamlining Act. The City will also include infill projects that qualify for the streamlined review process offered under CEQA Section 15183.3 in written procedures.
- **Residential Care Facilities:** Revise the Zoning Ordinance to allow care facilities of seven or more residents in districts that permit residential uses, approved subject to objective design and development standards. Zoning and permit procedures will be amended to permit these housing types in all zones allowing residential use with objective standards to facilitate approval certainty similar to other residential uses.
- By March 2025, adopt an updated planning fee schedule consistent with the Cost of Services Study being developed as of September 2024.

Quantified Objectives: Comply with applicable state requirements.

12. Expedited Permit Procedures

In an effort to expedite permit procedures, the City will revise the Architectural Review Board process for residential development of any size to shorten the timeline for processing. The City will also develop comprehensive objective design standards for multi-family housing to facilitate streamlined review. Additionally, the use of CEQA exemptions (15332) can significantly reduce the processing cost for developers/applicants and eliminate CEQA-prescribed steps that may extend the approval time for projects by several months. The City will also ensure that CEQA determinations are made in a manner that is consistent with PRC 21080.1 and 21080.2.

Responsibility: City of Compton Community Development Department
Funding: General Fund
Implementation Schedule: Complete by August 2025, in line with the General Plan/Zoning Code Update.
Quantified Objectives: Updated permitting procedures.

13. Reasonable Accommodation Program

Households with persons with disabilities often require reasonable accommodations and/or modifications, including physical alterations and changes to regulatory requirements, to afford an equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling unit. Under this program, the City will adopt a Reasonable Accommodations Ordinance to provide greater flexibility to persons with disabilities and to comply with applicable fair housing laws. Currently, the City's Zoning Ordinance contains no such provisions.

Responsibility: City of Compton Community Development Department
Funding: General Fund
Implementation Schedule: Complete by August 2025, in line with the General Plan/Zoning Code Update
Quantified Objectives: Facilitate the development, maintenance, and improvement of housing for persons with disabilities and revising the zoning code to grant greater power to administrative variances.

14. Fair Housing Program

The City will continue to contract with a qualified fair housing service provider (currently the Fair Housing Foundation) to provide fair housing services to its residents, property owners, and housing professionals.

Responsibility: City of Compton Grants Division
Funding: Community Development Block Grant
Implementation Schedule:

- Annually:
 - Making public service announcements via different media (e.g. newspaper ads and public service announcements at local radio and television channels) at least two times a year.
 - Conducting public presentations with different community groups.
- Bi-annually:
 - Post at all City buildings open to the public educational materials to property owners, apartment managers, tenants, and housing professionals.
- Ongoing:
 - Responding to complaints of discrimination (e.g., in-taking, investigation of complaints, and resolution).
 - Referring services to appropriate agencies.

Quantified Objectives: Distribute educational materials every two years. Produce public service announcements once a year. Meet annually with the Fair Housing Foundation

in Long Beach for update on issues and strategies. Assist up to 120 persons annually.

15. Homelessness Plan

The City will update the Homeless Plan every two years. The plan will comprehensively assess homelessness in Compton, assess the resources currently available to address the challenge, identify opportunities for City collaboration with various partners and stakeholders and identify implementation strategies to address homelessness such as construction of a homeless shelter and creation of a safe parking program for homeless.

Responsibility: City of Compton Homeless Task Force/Housing Authority

Funding: CDBG, ESG

Implementation Schedule:

- Annually through the annual action plan process, allocate CDBG and ESG funds to provide assistance to homeless persons and those at risk of homelessness. Services may include:
 - Literacy program to provide academic support to students who live in motels/hotels, shelters or shared living housing sites.
 - Domestic Violence Prevention program to assist victims of domestic violence.
- Annually pursue funding available to allow private agencies to construct a homeless shelter and creation of a safe parking program.
- By the end of 2025:
 - Update the Plan to Combat Homelessness.

Quantified Objectives: Assist up to 600 homeless persons through a variety of services, and work with private non-governmental organizations to create a homeless shelter and safe parking program.

16. Neighborhood Improvements

CDBG funds, when available, will be used to improve public facilities and infrastructure to benefit lower income residents in primarily residential neighborhoods and those with disabilities who need ADA accessibility improvements.

Responsibility: City of Compton Grants Division

Funding: CDBG

Implementation Schedule:

- Annually through the annual action plan process, allocate funding to pursue residential street improvement, park improvement, and other community facility improvement projects. Planned projects include:
 - Heritage House Restoration as a neighborhood facility and/or as a museum.

Quantified Objectives: Pursue 10 improvement projects over eight years, benefitting an average of 3,000 residents annually.

17. Water and Sewer Services

The Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts provide wastewater services to the City of Compton. Water services are provided by the Compton Municipal Water Department (CMWD), which is a member of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

Responsibility: City of Compton Public Works and CMWD

Funding: General fund

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Implementation Schedule:

- Pursuant to the requirements of SB 1087:
 - Within one month of Housing Element adoption, provide a copy of the adopted Element to the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts.
 - By the end of 2026, as part of the General Plan adoption, include a policy to prioritize the provision of water services if feasible to affordable housing development for lower income households.
- By the end of 2026, update the City's sewer and water master plans to implement the proposed General Plan.

Quantified Objectives: Not applicable

D. QUANTIFIED HOUSING OBJECTIVES

Table 5-2 summarizes the City's quantified objectives for the period of January 1, 2014, to October 1, 2021. These objectives represent a reasonable expectation of the maximum number of new housing units that will be constructed, households that will be assisted through housing rehabilitation or first-time homebuyer programs, and affordable units at risk that will be preserved over the 8-year period based on the goals, policies, and programs outlined in the Housing Element. According to the HCD income limits, extremely low income is described as 30 percent below the median household income. However, SCAG does not utilize an extremely low-income category. Based on the City's needs, it is anticipated that 50 percent of the very low-income category will be utilized for extremely low-income households.

Table 5-2: Summary of Quantified Objectives			
Income Category	New Construction	Rehabilitation	Conservation/Preservation
Extremely Low	117	16	672
Very Low	118	16	673
Low	121	32	0
Moderate	131	0	0
Above Moderate	517	0	0
Total	1,004	32	1,345

E. ACTIONS TO AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHER FAIR HOUSING

Under State law, affirmatively further fair housing means “taking meaningful actions, in addition to combating discrimination, that overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics.” The following table outlines the City's commitments to affirmatively further fair housing (AFFH).

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Table 5-3: Summary of Meaningful Actions to Further Fair Housing

Program	Meaningful Action	Timeline	Geographic Targeting	8-Year Metric
Fair Housing Outreach and Education				
Program 1: Adequate Sites for RHNA and Monitoring of No Net Loss	Outreach to developers, maintain inventory of available sites, and pursue funding for affordable housing development.	Annually	Citywide	Accommodate 1,004 housing units including 356 affordable units.
Program 14: Fair Housing Program	Distribute educational materials and produce public service announcements. Meet with the Fair Housing Foundation for updates on issues and strategies.	Annually	Citywide	Assist 120 residents annually.
AFFH: Public Services for Low Income Families and Special Needs Households	Allocate if feasible CDBG funding toward the following organizations, providing public services for low income families and special needs populations: Fair Housing Foundation, Champions of Caring Connection, Compton Youth Build, Community Legal Aid SoCal, The Maker's Hub, The Children's Clinic.	Annually	Citywide	Conduct marketing and allocate funding, if feasible, with the goal of serving 150 residents annually.
	Conduct marketing efforts for services provided by the organizations outlined above, through the City's social media, newspapers, public service announcements, public meetings/workshops, and/or at the City hall counter.	Annually		
AFFH: Gateway Cities COG Regional Coordination Efforts	Work with the GCCOG to coordinate on regional efforts which may include, but are not limited to, an action plan for outreach to underserved community members, national fair housing month activities, affordable housing developers database, missing middle housing strategies, and naturally occurring affordable housing (NOAH) efforts.	Annually	N/A	At least annually if feasible participate in GCCOG meetings or correspondence to implement regional strategies to affirmatively further fair housing. Utilize GCCOG tools and resources, such as an Affordable Housing Hub and/or sample ordinances/best practices, as they become available.
Place-based Strategies for Neighborhood Improvement				
Program 6: Family Self Sufficiency Program	Promote FSS to income-eligible households.	Annually	Citywide with emphasis on western tracts with more single-parent families.	Assist 10 households annually.
Program 8: Residential Rehab Grant Program	Promote program to income eligible households in targeted neighborhoods.	Annually	Citywide with emphasis on western tracts with	Assist 8 households annually.

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			larger proportions of aging housing units.	
Program 16: Neighborhood Improvements	Allocate funding to pursue residential street improvement, park improvement, and other community facility improvement projects including the Heritage House Restoration project.	Annually	Citywide (all lower resource areas with similar populations of persons with disabilities and LMI households).	Pursue 10 improvement projects over eight years
AFFH: Environmental Justice Element – Air Pollution	Adopt and begin implementing an Environmental Justice Element, including policies related to pollution reduction and air quality. Strategies may include enforcement and monitoring, investment in public infrastructure, and land use/transportation policies/strategies.	By end of 2025	Citywide (all Disadvantaged or Environmental Justice communities) with emphasis on tracts 5424.02, 5432.02, 5422, and 5424.01 with the highest CES percentile scores.	Adopt and implement an Environmental Justice Element.
	Promote active and inclusive community involvement in decision-making and development processes.	Annually		Facilitate at least one outreach effort related to the Environmental Justice Element implementation annually such as a town hall meeting.
	Implement land use and transportation strategies aimed at decreasing public exposure to toxic air contaminants within neighborhoods and sensitive uses adjacent to industrial areas.	Annually upon adoption of the Environmental Justice Element	Citywide (all lowest percentile for environmental factors)	Implement strategies related to toxic air contaminants with the goal of improving tracts' CalEnviroScreen scores by at least five percentile points.
	Consult with California Air Resources Board and the South Coast Air Quality Management District to ensure the appropriate monitoring of stationary source emissions and to receive aid and assistance to reduce exposures to harmful air pollutants, especially in Disadvantaged Communities.		Disadvantaged communities identified in the Environmental Justice Element (Citywide)	
	Ensure heavy industrial activities are sufficiently separated from residential neighborhoods, schools, and other sensitive areas by requiring new industrial developments to incorporate measures such as vegetative barriers to mitigate air pollution from stationary and mobile sources.	Ongoing upon adoption of the Environmental Justice Element	Citywide (all lowest percentile for environmental factors)	
	Develop Zoning Code performance standards for new industrial and commercial projects to minimize adverse effects on air quality, noise, and safety, particularly in Disadvantaged Communities	Concurrent with adoption of the Environmental Justice Element	Disadvantaged communities identified in the Environmental Justice Element (Citywide)	

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	Enforce more rigorous permitting standards and restrict variances for new high-intensity industrial or commercial activities near sensitive areas in Disadvantaged Communities.	Concurrent with adoption of the Environmental Justice Element	Disadvantaged communities identified in the Environmental Justice Element (Citywide)	
	Establish a comprehensive air quality monitoring framework to track key indicators, conduct regular assessments of emission levels, and publicly report findings to ensure transparency and accountability.	Concurrent with adoption of the Environmental Justice Element	Citywide (all lowest percentile for environmental factors)	
	Develop a citywide air quality monitoring program to identify areas with high levels of air pollution, including diesel-powered emissions, and to track changes over time. Establish a community-based monitoring program where volunteers collect environmental data using low-cost sensors or monitoring kits. Focus on priority areas near industrial uses and major transportation facilities (freeways and highways).	Upon adoption of the Environmental Justice Element and annually thereafter	Priority areas near industrial uses and major transportation facilities	
	Implement vegetation management programs along freeways and rail corridors to reduce emissions by promoting green buffers and planting air-purifying vegetation.	Upon adoption of the Environmental Justice Element and annually thereafter	Priority areas near industrial uses and major transportation facilities	
AFFH: Environmental Justice Element – Illegal Dumping and Blight	Neighborhood Clean-up Programs. Encourage residents to participate in neighborhood clean-ups, beautification efforts, and community-building activities to foster a sense of ownership and pride in their city.	Upon adoption of the Environmental Justice Element and annually thereafter	Disadvantaged communities identified in the Environmental Justice Element (Citywide)	Implement actions related to illegal dumping and blight with the goal of reducing code enforcement violations and/or complaints by 10 percent during the planning period.
	Proactive Illegal Dumping Cleanup Initiative. Expand the deployment of proactive cleanup teams to target areas prone to illegal dumping within Disadvantaged Communities.	Upon adoption of the Environmental Justice Element and annually thereafter		
	Priority Areas. Compile a list of priority areas to enforce illegal dumping enforcement and vacant property maintenance.	Concurrent with adoption of the Environmental Justice Element		
AFFH: Environmental Justice Element – Healthy Food Access	Collaborate with community-based organizations focused on connecting residents, employees, and students to quality, nutritious, culturally relevant and affordable food.	Annually	N/A	Implement health food initiatives with the goal increasing providing three new facilities or programs offering

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				healthy food opportunities during the planning period.
	Expand and attract high-tech and indoor vertical farms to increase access to fresh, reliable, year-round supply of healthy foods to the Compton area.	Concurrent with adoption of the Environmental Justice Element and annually thereafter	Citywide	
	Provide resources and support for the development of community gardens and urban agriculture initiatives including Richland Farms, Compton Community Garden, Alma Farms, and People's Garden. Allocate more land for community garden plots, offering technical assistance and training to gardeners, and facilitating partnerships with local organizations and schools.	Concurrent with adoption of the Environmental Justice Element and annually thereafter	Citywide	
	Expand opportunities for urban and community food growing activities by removing barriers that exist in the current zoning code and creating a clear development framework. Establish clear, and easy to understand development standards that communicate how urban agricultural activities are allowed and where.	Concurrent with adoption of the Environmental Justice Element	N/A	
	Expand access to food assistance programs, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program, by increasing outreach efforts and streamlining enrollment processes. Work with community organizations to provide additional support services, such as food pantries and meal delivery programs, for residents in need.	Concurrent with adoption of the Environmental Justice Element and annually thereafter	Citywide	
	Conduct regular assessments to identify food deserts and areas of limited food access within Compton. Use this data to inform decision-making, prioritize resource allocation, and target interventions to areas with the greatest need.	Concurrent with adoption of the Environmental Justice Element	Citywide	
AFFH: Environmental Justice Element – Services and Infrastructure	Incentivize the creation of new childcare facilities, increase the supply of affordable childcare options, and support the needs of working families in the community.	Concurrent with adoption of the Environmental Justice Element and annually thereafter	Disadvantaged communities (Citywide)	Initiate Environmental Justice Element actions related to services and infrastructure with the goal of increasing the supply of affordable

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				child care options by one facility during the planning period.
	Collaborate with community-based organizations and local health providers engaged in improving public health and wellness, expanding access to affordable quality health care, and providing medical services for all segments of the community, as well as assigning priority to expand or improve health services to underserved areas.	Concurrent with adoption of the Environmental Justice Element and annually thereafter	Disadvantaged communities (Citywide)	Initiate Environmental Justice Element actions related to services and infrastructure with the goal of increasing access to health care by five percent during the planning period.
AFFH: Environmental Justice Element – Physical Activity	Increase community access to safe, high-quality park and recreational facilities by expanding pedestrian and bicycle amenities, increasing connections to Compton Creek and Los Angeles River, and creating parks as safe places for community of all ages.	Concurrent with adoption of the Environmental Justice Element	Disadvantaged communities (Citywide)	Implement Environmental Justice Element actions related to increasing access to physical activity opportunities with the goal of initiating at least two parks or mobility improvements during the planning period.
	Implement an active parks initiative to improve park infrastructure and safety by including walking trails with distance markers, challenging and fun playgrounds, sports fields, and fitness equipment that accommodate diverse community needs and promote active recreation for residents of all ages.	Concurrent with adoption of the Environmental Justice Element		
	Invest in the development of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, including sidewalks, bike lanes, and multi-use trails, to create safe and accessible routes for active transportation by prioritizing projects that connect parks, schools, residential areas, and commercial districts to promote walking and cycling as viable transportation options.	Concurrent with adoption of the Environmental Justice Element and annually thereafter		
AFFH: CIP Projects	Facilitate the development of CIP projects to improve community conditions, including, but not limited to: street rehabilitation projects, Wilmington Avenue Pedestrian/Bicycle Improvement project, Compton Boulevard project, Wilmington Avenue Regional Bikeway Corridor, and Alondra Gateway Project.	By 2029	Citywide with emphasis on areas of high segregation and poverty (central and northern Compton) and areas around Compton Boulevard, Alondra Boulevard, and Rosecrans Avenue where sites accommodating the lower income RHNA	By 2029, facilitate the development of at least 5 CIP projects, including 2 serving areas of high segregation and poverty.

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			are located. There is no one bad area. There is equal need citywide.	
New Opportunities in High Resource Areas				
Program 1: Adequate Sites for RHNA and Monitoring of No Net Loss	Update the General Plan and Zoning Code to provide adequate sites for RHNA and comply with SB 166.	By 2025	N/A	Accommodate 1,004 housing units including 356 affordable units.
Program 2: Publicly Owned Land	Review available publicly owned sites in the sites inventory and issue RFPs to solicit housing development opportunities.	Annually	Publicly owned sites	Facilitate the development of 500 units in publicly owned sites.
	Pursue partnerships with housing developers to include affordable housing for extremely low and lower income households, and households with special housing needs.			
Program 4: ADUs	Dedicate building technician for ADU inquiries and plan review and develop pre-approved plans. Develop a fair housing fact sheet for ADU application packets.	By 2025	Citywide (no high resource areas) with emphasis on single-family neighborhoods.	Facilitate the development of 90 ADUs/JADUs
	Provide technical assistance with ADU application submittal to interested property owners and expedite review of ADU applications.	Ongoing		
	Establish an exclusive web page-to promote ADU development during the planning period-	By end of planning period.		
	Conduct an annual PSA on the City cable channel and brochures at City Council meetings to promote ADU development.	Annually		
	Explore the possibility of an ADU amnesty program. If feasible, establish an ADU amnesty plan.	by December 2026 if feasible.		Establish an ADU amnesty plan and if feasible legalize up to three ADUs annually during the planning period beginning in 2026.
Housing Mobility				
Program 5: Housing Choice Vouchers	Promote HCV program to property owners and encourage owners to list available units on CHA website	Annually	Citywide	Assist 800 households (rental) and two households with ownership housing annually.
	Include HCV program information in ADU application packet	By end of 2025		

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	Explore language accessibility of the HCV program and offer a Spanish translation for HCV outreach efforts and informational postings.			
Program 7: First-Time Homebuyers Program	Pursue additional funding to provide affordable homeownership to low income households and provide homeownership education classes to educate homeowners in the aspects of maintaining their home.	Annually	Citywide with emphasis on single-family neighborhoods.	Assist up to 4 households with homebuyer assistance annually and provide educational opportunities to 30 homeowners annually.
	Reinstate the First-Time Homebuyers Program if possible.	By end of 2025		
	Continue to collaborate with Grants division and Los Angeles Neighborhood Housing Services (LANHS) to provide mortgage assistance for homeownership projects.	Ongoing		
Program 9: Extremely Low-Income and Special Needs Households	Apply for funding as Notices of Funding Availability are released, targeting funding sources that benefit lower income (including ELI) and special needs households.	Annually	Citywide	Facilitate the development of 50 units for ELI/special needs households over eight years.
	Develop incentives to facilitate the development housing for ELI and special needs households	By end of 2025		
	Outreach to housing developers regarding opportunity sites in the City and incentives and assistance for ELI and special needs housing.	Annually		
	Support funding applications by housing developers to provide housing for ELI and special needs households, provided the proposed projects further the goals and objectives of the General Plan.	Ongoing, as opportunities arise		
	Pursue and allocate Project-Based Vouchers (PBVs) for 100 percent affordable Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects for very low and extremely low income households. (The City allocated 141 PBVs to two Project Home Key projects that are under construction and 1434 W. Compton Boulevard received 37 PBVs.)	Annually		
Program 13: Reasonable Accommodation Program	Adopt a Reasonable Accommodation Ordinance.	By end of 2025	N/A	

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AFFH: CSSP	Facilitate the buildout of the Compton Station Specific Plan, including housing units, to promote mobility and connectivity through new transit-oriented developments	By 2029	Compton Station Specific Plan area	Facilitate the development of 314 housing units, including 242 affordable to lower income households, in the CSSP.
AFFH: Mixed-Use Development	Promote mixed-use development to improve access to public transportation, amenities, and jobs through identification of potential sites that can accommodate mixed-use developments and incentives outlined in this Housing Element, including density bonus and expedited processing.	By 2029	Citywide with emphasis on areas of high segregation and poverty (central and northern Compton) and areas around Compton Boulevard, Alondra Boulevard, and Rosecrans Avenue	Facilitate the development of 200 housing units on land zoned for mixed-use including 20 in areas of high segregation and poverty.
AFFH: CIP Projects	Under the City's CIP plan, facilitate mobility improvements such as street rehabilitation efforts, ADA improvements, and transit station improvements.	By 2029	Citywide with emphasis on areas of high segregation and poverty (central and northern Compton)	Facilitate 5 transit improvements/mobility projects citywide during the planning period, including two serving areas of segregation and poverty.
Tenant Protection and Anti-Displacement				
Program 10: Preservation of At-Risk Housing Units	Coordinate with HUD to monitor projects.	Annually	Citywide	Preserve all 1,345 affordable housing units including the 204 at-risk units.
	Monitor the status of at-risk units annually by maintaining contacts with HUD and property owners and allocate funding towards housing preservation.	Annually		
Program 15: Homelessness Plan	Pursue allocation of CDBG and ESG funds to provide assistance to homeless persons and those at risk of homelessness and pursue funding available for the construction of a homeless shelter and creation of a safe parking program.	Annually	Citywide	Assist up to 600 persons through homeless services during the planning period.
	Update the Plan to Combat Homelessness	By 2026		
AFFH: Tenant Protections	Analyze and evaluate renter protections, including anti-displacement measures. Where possible, partner with the County to implement anti-displacement measures.	By the end of 2026	Citywide	During the planning period, conduct a complete analysis including outreach on anti-displacement strategies. If feasible, implement at least one identified strategy during the planning period.
	Research approaches by other cities to prevent displacement and hold a workshop consisting of	By the end of 2026		

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	residents, stakeholders, and members of protected classes to provide recommendations to the City Council.			
AFFH: Home Inspection	Conduct a study on the feasibility of a rental unit inspection program. If implemented, annually convene to share information and review data to identify properties in violation and increase the frequency of inspections on these properties.	Explore feasibility by the end of 2026. If implemented, complete inspections every five years.	Citywide	Explore the feasibility of a rental unit inspection program and initiate this program during the planning period.
AFFH: Economic Opportunities to Reduce Displacement	To improve economic conditions and reduce the risk of displacement in areas of high segregation and poverty, as well as other high-poverty areas of the city, conduct targeted outreach by December 2026 to identify the economic development resources and programs that best address community needs. Based on community feedback, host outreach events, such as job fairs and information sessions about job training opportunities. Aim to host at least two events per year, including one event per year in these areas.	By the end of 2026 and annually thereafter.	Citywide including areas identified by outreach efforts	Host at least two events per year, including one event per year in these areas.
AFFH – Mobile Homes	Explore the feasibility of a mobile home rent stabilization ordinance to limit the annual standard increase in space rent, require sufficient notice for tenants of all proposed rent increases, and establish other procedures for rent increases for mobile home park spaces.	Complete a feasibility study by July 2027 and if feasible, implement within a year of completion.	Mobile home parks	Explore and, if feasible, implement a mobile home rent stabilization ordinance and/or a mobile home zoning overlay with the goal of reducing displacement of mobile home residents.
	Explore a Mobile Home Zoning Overlay to strengthen anti-displacement protections for mobile home park residents.			