

## 5. HOUSING GOALS, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS

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### Introduction

Pursuant to State law, the Housing Element must set forth a series of goals and policies to address the maintenance, preservation, improvement, and development of housing.<sup>1</sup> In addition, the Housing Element must include a program of actions that the County has already implemented, or intends to undertake, to achieve these goals and policies. Public input, economic analysis, and policy studies conducted as a part of this Housing Element update have underscored the importance of three themes that best describe the existing environment to which identified goals, policies, and programs must respond:

- **The current economy has changed the housing market.** The recession that began in 2008 resulted in a broad increase of housing affordability in communities throughout the unincorporated County. Yet, even with a decrease in housing prices, other challenges persist that have kept attainment of decent housing a struggle for some.
- **A new planning paradigm has emerged.** Changes in State housing law and the State's long term planning directive have pushed for a smarter policy framework that emphasizes the need to make the best use of limited land and resources. This new paradigm is one that mirrors many locally held planning traditions—those that help to preserve the County's rural heritage, along with the values expressed in each of the unique community planning areas of the County.
- Ongoing County efforts to increase **customer service** have resulted in the simplification, streamlining, and consolidation of numerous planning documents. Accordingly, the policy framework in the 2003-2008 Housing Element has been evaluated and changes are proposed to consolidate and remove redundant and/or irrelevant program goals, objectives, and policies.

Beyond framing the Housing Element update, these themes have provided the context for a thorough review of the effectiveness of the 2003-08 Housing Element (Appendix C), enabling a transition to a revised and improved set of goals, policies, and programs. Accordingly, the following five goals will guide local housing policy and program development for the duration of the current 2007-2014 Housing Element planning period:

- Enhance the Diversity, Quantity, and Quality of the Housing Supply;
- Provide Housing for Special Needs Groups;
- Provide Fair Access to Housing;
- Preserve the Affordable Housing Stock and Cultivate Financial Resources; and
- Maintain Cooperative Relationships and Efficient Government.

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<sup>1</sup> GC § 65583(b) and (c)

The programs and policies necessary to implement these goals are derived primarily from the 2003-2008 Housing Element, as well as the County's established tradition of community planning. In addition, regulatory updates required by State law are implemented through Housing Element programs.

In total, this policy framework has proven to be an effective means of addressing the housing needs of all economic segments of the unincorporated population, while also upholding local norms and values. In all cases, the County continuously seeks to leverage Federal, State, and local financial resources to fund affordable housing programs and promote new housing opportunities through a balanced regulatory approach.

**Table 5.1 – Proposed Draft Housing Element 2009-2014 Goals, Policies and Programs**

<b>Goal 1: Enhance the Diversity, Quantity, and Quality of the Housing Supply</b>	
<p><b>Policy 1.1:</b> Promote new housing opportunities adjacent to employment centers, and the revitalization of existing housing to meet the needs of all economic segments of the community, including extremely low income households, while bolstering the County's rural heritage and supporting each unincorporated community's unique character.</p>	<p><b>Program 1.1:</b> Promote housing opportunities adjacent to employment centers through regional and local planning efforts, including the development of a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) and Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), as facilitated by the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments. This will help ensure that community values are preserved, commute pressures and vehicle trips are reduced, rural areas are protected, fiscal and economic interests are upheld, and adequate housing is provided for each jurisdictions' workforce.</p> <p><b>Funding Source:</b> General Fund</p> <p><b>Timeline:</b> Ongoing</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Planning &amp; Development, Redevelopment Agency</p>
	<p><b>Program 1.2:</b> Increase the effectiveness of the Inclusionary Housing Program by establishing an IHP ordinance and relocating all IHP programmatic details from the Housing Element to the Land Use and Development Code (LUDC). This modification will improve the pre-existing program by: 1) allowing greater flexibility for the Board of Supervisors to modify the IHP when warranted, 2) eliminating the need for a General Plan update when changes to the IHP are required, and 3) allowing for sufficient detail to support a greater understanding of the program by the public and County staff. Based upon public feedback, best-practices, and third-party analysis, programmatic revisions of the IHP ordinance will then be considered. From the adoption of this Housing Element, until such time that the forthcoming IHP ordinance is approved by the Board of Supervisors, the existing IHP, as included in Appendix A – <i>IHP Background, Policy and Implementation</i> of this Housing Element shall apply.</p> <p><b>Funding Source:</b> General Fund</p> <p><b>Timeline:</b> Within Two Years of the Adoption of the Element</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Planning &amp; Development, County HCD</p>
	<p><b>Program 1.3:</b> Implement community enhancement and revitalization tools where warranted through the community planning process using strategies that promote affordability by design such as mixed-use, infill, and adaptive reuse. Currently,</p>

	<p>five community plan updates are underway in the communities of Los Alamos, Eastern Goleta Valley, Summerland, Mission Canyon, and Orcutt. One community plan, for the Santa Ynez Valley, was recently completed. Through the update process, staff will continue to provide information, analysis, and recommendations regarding how such tools may contribute to achieving the community's expressed goals and vision for housing.</p> <p>The County shall utilize the community planning process to identify new potential housing sites. As part of the ongoing community planning process, the County shall explore options to address housing needs by considering the use of form-based codes, overlays, or rezones which are compatible with the surrounding community character. In the context of the community planning process, the County should consider rezones which would establish housing opportunities on 20-30 acres within the County. Within these housing opportunity areas the County should consider establishing sites which are approximately 2-10 acres in size and have an effective density of 20 units an acre or greater, if such rezones can be found compatible with surrounding development and serviceable by infrastructure capacity.</p> <p><b>Funding Source:</b> General Fund</p> <p><b>Timeline:</b> Schedules for projects as complex as Community Plans are subject to fluctuation, due to uncontrollable variables such as environmental review processes, hearing agendas, and funding limitations. However, the County will attempt to adopt updated community plans within the following estimated timelines, as fiscal and staffing resources allow: Los Alamos Community Plan- December 2010 Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan- July 2012</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Planning &amp; Development, Redevelopment Agency</p>
	<p><b>Program 1.4:</b> The following land use tools shall continue to be considered and/or used through the community planning and development review processes, as well as the zoning ordinance, to provide housing opportunities for all economic segments of the population, including extremely low income households:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The Affordable Housing Overlay (AHO) zone.</li> <li>2) Policies to encourage the development of unit types that are affordable by design, such as Residential Second Units, Farm Employee Dwellings, infill, and Mixed-use Development.</li> <li>4) Permit streamlining efforts overseen by Planning and</li> </ol>

	<p>Development, and priority permit processing for projects with affordable units built on site.</p> <p>5) Incentives for special types of housing, as illustrated in Appendix F – <i>Quality Housing Design and Development Incentives</i>.</p> <p>6) Administrative zoning modifications for new development approved via Development Plans.</p> <p>7) Board-approved discretionary reductions of development impact fees for projects with demonstrated public benefits, including the provision of on site affordable housing.</p> <p><b>Funding Source:</b> General Fund and Permit Fees</p> <p><b>Timeline:</b> Ongoing</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Planning &amp; Development</p> <hr/> <p><b>Program 1.5:</b> Utilize community plan updates as opportunities to consider and develop solutions for infrastructure constraints, which can be a barrier to the development of housing throughout the unincorporated County. Specifically, when updating a community plan, the future residential development allowed by the plan should be supported by either existing service infrastructure, or the plan should anticipate how this infrastructure can be improved and/or expanded to foster future housing opportunities. Additionally, the County will consider the need for infrastructure expansion when reviewing the future use or sale of County-owned land. Prior to the sale of County-owned land, the subject property shall be evaluated for potential land use conflicts and other constraints that may make the property inappropriate for expansion of service infrastructure. If the property is determined to be appropriate for infrastructure facilities/improvements, the County shall contact applicable public and or private agencies and/or private to determine the level of interest and/or financial feasibility of developing the site with the appropriate level of service infrastructure.</p> <p><b>Funding Source:</b> General Fund and Permit Fees</p> <p><b>Timeline:</b> Ongoing</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Planning &amp; Development</p> <hr/> <p><b>Program 1.6:</b> Ensure quality housing design and community</p>
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	<p>compatibility via the continued use of regional BAR and Community Plan Design Guidelines.</p> <p><b>Funding Source:</b> General Fund and Permit Fees</p> <p><b>Timeline:</b> Ongoing</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Planning &amp; Development</p>
	<p><b>Program 1.7:</b> Continue working with the Redevelopment Agency to support programs aimed at catalyzing community renewal through: 1) incentivizing investments in underutilized urban property (i.e., parking lots, church sites, commercial property, irregularly shaped lots), 2) infrastructure (i.e., streetscape improvements and parking), and 3) affordable housing, including homeless support infrastructure. Encourage cooperation between County HCD and Redevelopment Agency to provide funding and opportunities for redevelopment and economic enhancement. Continue to support the use of the Isla Vista Master Plan to contribute to the diversity and affordability of the housing stock in the County, adjacent to the County's largest employer, University of California Santa Barbara.</p> <p><b>Funding Source:</b> General Fund and Redevelopment Funds</p> <p><b>Timeline:</b> Opportunities to be Reviewed on an Annual Basis</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Planning &amp; Development, Redevelopment Agency</p>
	<p><b>Program 1.8:</b> Continue to support and expand the use of the Innovative Building Review Program to streamline the permit process for projects meeting energy efficiency requirements. The existing IBRP supplies public information regarding energy efficient construction techniques and allows fast track permitting for projects with energy efficient designs. The program shall continue to be updated in response to changing development trends and technological progress regarding energy efficient building design.</p> <p><b>Funding Source:</b> Permit Fees</p> <p><b>Timeline:</b> Ongoing</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Planning &amp; Development</p>
	<p><b>Program 1.9:</b> Seek opportunities to finance and support energy</p>

	<p>efficiency and renewable energy improvements for the market-rate and affordable housing stock in the County. Examples to be considered as part of this program include adoption of a Climate Action Strategy as directed by the Board in the Long Range Planning 2009-10 Work Program, implementation of a municipal energy efficiency financing district, and strategies to prioritize County affordable housing resources for projects that encourage energy efficiency improvements.</p> <p><b>Funding Source:</b> General Fund</p> <p><b>Timeline:</b> Within Three Years of the Adoption of the Element</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Planning &amp; Development</p>
	<p><b>Program 1.10:</b> Amend applicable County regulations to comply with the provisions of State Density Bonus Law, which is intended to increase the economic feasibility of affordable housing development for extremely low, very-low and low-income households. Specifically, amend Article II (Local Coastal Plan) to allow up to a 35% density bonus for applicable projects. The current Article II regulations only allow a 25% density bonus.</p> <p><b>Funding Source:</b> General Fund</p> <p><b>Timeline:</b> Within Three Years of the Adoption of the Element</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Planning &amp; Development</p> <hr/> <p><b>Program 1.11:</b> Provide consultations for project applicants who want to incorporate the use of the State Density Bonus Law (SBDL) as part of their housing project. Staff will provide general knowledge on the use and applicability of the SBDL and assist project applicants in utilizing SBDL to enhance their housing project.</p> <p><b>Funding Source:</b> General Fund</p> <p><b>Timeline:</b> Ongoing</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Planning &amp; Development</p>

	<p><b>Program 1.12:</b> The County shall continue, and where feasible expand, its partnership with nonprofit housing providers such as the Housing Authority and People’s Self-help Housing. This partnership should be specifically leveraged to provide additional housing opportunities which are affordable at extremely-low income levels. Opportunities such as the use of State Density Bonus Law and the County’s Development Incentives listed in Appendix F should be utilized to encourage the development of such affordable housing. The County shall also consider the use CDBG, Housing Trust Fund, or similar funding sources to support the development of housing which is affordable at extremely-low income levels.</p> <p><b>Funding Source:</b> CDBG and Redevelopment Funds</p> <p><b>Timeline:</b> Provide Opportunity for Annual Consultations upon Stakeholder Request</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> County HCD and RDA</p>
	<p><b>Program 1.13:</b> The County shall continue to utilize the Isla Vista Master Plan in combination with redevelopment funds and equivalent resources to promote the creation of additional housing stock within the South Coast housing market area. Specifically, the County shall encourage the development of varied housing types which assist in satisfying the full spectrum of the County’s housing needs, including housing for families (e.g. two-bedroom units or larger) and low income households.</p> <p><b>Funding Source:</b> CDBG and Redevelopment Funds</p> <p><b>Timeline:</b> Annually review the effectiveness of the IVMP to provide housing units which satisfy the County’s various housing needs. Specifically, the Annual Report process should evaluate the IVMP’s effectiveness in providing a variety of housing types including housing for families (e.g. two-bedroom units or larger) and multifamily developments suitable in size (at least 20-30 units) to facilitate an assisted housing project with 100% of the units affordable to lower-income households. If Annual Reports on housing indicate that the IVMP is continually producing less housing than anticipated in the County’s Land Inventory, or a predominance of a single housing type which fails to meet the housing needs of the community, then additional rezones, overlays, or similar actions for the purpose of creating additional housing opportunities should be considered as part of the community planning process.</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> County HCD and RDA</p>

<b>Goal 2: Expand Housing for Special Needs Groups</b>	
<p><b>Policy 2.1:</b> Encourage housing that meets the requirements of special needs households, as identified per State law, and promotes housing diversity (i.e., size, type, tenure, location, and affordability levels).</p>	<p><b>Program 2.1:</b> Provide housing consultation services to assist applicants understanding of the regulatory environment, applicable State laws and incentives, and local policies and incentives impacting the development of special needs housing, including the County reasonable accommodation procedure.</p> <p><b>Funding Source:</b> General Fund</p> <p><b>Timeline:</b> Ongoing</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Planning &amp; Development</p>
	<p><b>Program 2.2:</b> Continue to facilitate ministerial permit opportunities for emergency shelters and supportive housing, consistent with the provisions of Chapter 633, Statutes of 2007 (SB 2) which amended Government Code Sections 65582, 65583, and 65589.5. Currently, emergency shelters and supportive housing are treated as residential uses, are allowed with a ministerial Land Use Permit, and are subject to the same permitting process as other housing within the C-3 zone. As discussed in Chapter 3 of this Housing Element, adequate sites exist within this zoning designation to accommodate new emergency shelters and permit procedures are in compliance with State housing law.</p> <p><b>Funding Source:</b> General Fund and Permit Fees</p> <p><b>Timeline:</b> Ongoing</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Planning &amp; Development, County HCD</p>
	<p><b>Program 2.3:</b> Amend the County’s Land Use and Development Code (LUDC) to be consistent with Health and Safety Code Sections 17021.5 and 17021.6 regarding farmworker housing developed by <u>State-licensed</u> agricultural operators. Section <b>17021.5</b> requires that any employee housing providing accommodations for six or fewer employees be deemed a single-family structure, while Section <b>17021.6</b> requires that employee housing consisting of no more than 36 beds in a group quarters or 12 units or spaces designed for use by a single family or household be deemed an agricultural use. As such, no conditional use permit, zoning variance, or other zoning clearance or business taxes, local registration fees, use permit fees, or other fees shall be subject to these housing types which are not typically subject to uses of the same type in the same zone. The County will amend the necessary LUDC sections, with policy assistance provided</p>

	<p>by the Office of Long Range Planning.</p> <p><b>Funding Source:</b> General Fund</p> <p><b>Timeline:</b> Within Four Years of Housing Element Adoption</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Planning &amp; Development</p>
	<p><b>Program 2.4:</b> The County shall provide increased opportunities for the development of farmworker housing. This should include the provision of funding sources such as the Joe Serna Jr Farmworker Housing Grant Program, where available. Additionally, the County should continue to consider actions which will further streamline the permit process for agricultural employee housing. The County shall also provide opportunities for stakeholder input from growers, ranch owners, and other agricultural operators regarding the need and opportunities for additional farmworker housing.</p> <p><b>Funding Source:</b> General Fund &amp; Federal and State Housing Funds</p> <p><b>Timeline:</b> Provide Opportunity for Annual Consultations upon Stakeholder Request</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Planning &amp; Development and County HCD</p>
	<p><b>Program 2.5:</b> Provide opportunities for administrative relief for housing projects that accommodate the needs of persons with disabilities and their families, consistent with Chapter 671, Statutes of 2001 (SB 520), which amended Government Code Section 65583(c)(3). Subject to Appendix B of this Housing Element, the requirements of applicable County zoning ordinances shall be waived by the Director of Planning &amp; Development (or applicable Review Authority), if necessary, to comply with Federal and/or State fair housing and disability laws relating to reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities.</p> <p>To increase the effectiveness of this practice, the County "Reasonable Accommodation" procedure shall be incorporated into the County Land Use and Development Code. The procedure will identify applicability, application requirements, review authority, the review procedure, and findings that will serve as the basis for the decision to grant or deny requests for reasonable accommodation. In addition, it will identify the process for appeals of the determination.</p> <p><b>Funding Source:</b> General Fund</p> <p><b>Timeline:</b></p>

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<b>Goal 3: Provide Fair Access to Housing</b>	
<p><b>Policy 3.1:</b> Promote equal housing opportunities for all persons in all housing types (ownership and rental, market-rate and assisted).</p>	<p><b>Program 3.1:</b> Continue existing programs to provide a referral process and/or contracts with legal services for fair housing issues. The County currently contributes General Fund resources to the City of Santa Barbara for regional fair housing legal services. Additionally, the County will consider contributing additional funding to appropriate private legal service agencies to provide active fair housing legal services countywide.</p> <p><b>Funding Source:</b> General Fund and CDBG</p> <p><b>Timeline:</b> Ongoing</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> County HCD</p>
	<p><b>Program 3.2:</b> Bolster support of the existing Fair Housing Public Outreach program by providing increased information via County websites, public pamphlets, informational handouts, and other means. In addition to public outreach conducted by the County, any contract for private fair housing legal services will require a public outreach component. This public outreach program shall be conducted in multiple languages and designed to provide information to community members from all special needs, ethnic, cultural, and economic spectrums.</p> <p><b>Funding Source:</b> General Fund &amp; CDBG</p> <p><b>Timeline:</b> Within Three Years of Housing Element Adoption</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> County HCD</p>

<b>Goal 4: Preserve the Affordable Housing Stock and Cultivate Financial Resources</b>	
<p><b>Policy 4.1:</b> Preserve the affordable housing stock, maintain its affordability, improve its condition, and prevent future deterioration and resident displacement. Participate in available Federal and State housing subsidy and assistance programs and use the County's own resources in order to leverage maximum funding for the provision of affordable housing.</p>	<p><b>Program 4.1:</b> Continue to access HOME, Community Development Block Grant, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, and other resources provided by Federal, State, or regional entities to increase the efficiency of locally-generated IHP in-lieu fees collected for the express purpose of providing new and preserving existing affordable housing opportunities.</p> <p><b>Funding Source:</b> General Fund</p> <p><b>Timeline:</b> Ongoing</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> County HCD</p>
	<p><b>Program 4.2:</b> The County will consider the need for affordable housing when reviewing the future use or sale of County-owned land. Prior to the sale of County-owned land, the subject property shall be evaluated for potential land use conflicts and other constraints that may make the property inappropriate for residential development. If the property is determined to be appropriate for residential development, the County shall contact applicable departments (such as County HCD and the Redevelopment Agency) as well as private and non-profit affordable housing agencies to determine the level of interest and/or feasibility of developing the site with affordable housing.</p> <p><b>Funding Source:</b> N/A</p> <p><b>Timeline:</b> Ongoing</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> General Services</p>
	<p><b>Program 4.3:</b> The County will continue to track affordable rental developments with expiring use restrictions and work with owners to ensure maintained affordability. County HCD will continue to manage a database which tracks the expiration dates of affordable housing covenants and restrictions. Prior to the expiration of these affordability restrictions, County HCD shall explore all opportunities to maintain this affordability. Such opportunities include but are not limited to: provision of rehabilitation funding to the property owner contingent upon an extension of the affordability restrictions, assistance to non-profit housing agencies or any other entities seeking to acquire and maintain government-assisted housing developments at risk of converting to market rate housing, or acquisition of the housing units with available local financing.</p>

	<p><b>Funding Source:</b> General Fund</p> <p><b>Timeline:</b> Ongoing</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> County HCD</p>
	<p><b>Program 4.4:</b> The County will continue to work with non-profit organizations to implement a housing rehabilitation program for low-income homeowners. County HCD and Redevelopment Agency will continue their existing programs, as funding allows, and partner with local private and non-profit groups to acquire and/or rehabilitate rent-restricted or otherwise affordable housing. As previously discussed in this Housing Element, these programs will support projects similar to the Parkview project in Isla Vista, which rehabilitated 20 low income housing units.</p> <p><b>Funding Source:</b> CDBG and Redevelopment Funds</p> <p><b>Timeline:</b> Ongoing</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Redevelopment Agency, County HCD</p> <hr/> <p><b>Program 4.5:</b> Continue to support County and private non-profit programs which provide “soft” second mortgages or other financial tools to assist moderate-income, and in some cases, low-income home buyers. The County has already provided a letter of support to the Santa Barbara County Housing Authority enabling continued participation in its existing “soft” second mortgage program. The County shall continue to explore opportunities to support and secure additional funding for such programs.</p> <p><b>Funding Source:</b> Various</p> <p><b>Timeline:</b> Ongoing</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Planning &amp; Development, County HCD, Redevelopment Agency</p>

<b>Goal 5: Foster Cooperative Relationships and Efficient Government</b>	
<p><b>Policy 5.1:</b> Form collaborative professional working relationships with the public and providers of housing; and assist with the process of accessing and/or providing affordable housing opportunities. Identify and, where feasible, eliminate or reduce governmental constraints to the development of housing.</p>	<p><b>Program 5.1:</b> Work cooperatively and form partnerships with Federal, State, and regional agencies, as well as private and non-profit entities to apply for public funding to support projects demonstrating creative strategies to address affordable housing needs.</p> <p><b>Funding Source:</b> Various</p> <p><b>Timeline:</b> Provide Opportunity for Annual Consultations upon Stakeholder Request</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Planning &amp; Development, County HCD, Redevelopment Agency</p>
	<p><b>Program 5.2:</b> Participate in regional planning and housing programs with incorporated cities, public and private housing agencies such as the Housing Authority, Habitat for Humanity, as well as other stakeholders as appropriate. As part of this effort the County shall pursue further partnership programs such as the 10-year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness.</p> <p><b>Funding Source:</b> General Fund</p> <p><b>Timeline:</b> Ongoing</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Planning &amp; Development, County HCD, Redevelopment Agency</p>
	<p><b>Program 5.3:</b> Facilitate public outreach regarding housing opportunities such as Residential Second Units, Farm Employee Dwellings, and permit streamlining. In addition, the County shall provide information on its website and provide literature detailing the opportunities to develop housing which is affordable by design or with price restrictions.</p> <p><b>Funding Source:</b> General Fund</p> <p><b>Timeline:</b> Ongoing</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Planning &amp; Development</p>

	<p><b>Program 5.4:</b> Continue to utilize Planning and Development's process improvement efforts to streamline the County's permit process and remove regulatory barriers to the development of new housing. Planning and Development will continue to meet, and incorporate input from, community stakeholders and housing developers regarding appropriate streamlining efforts to encourage the permitting of additional housing.</p> <p><b>Funding Source:</b> General Fund</p> <p><b>Timeline:</b> Ongoing</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Planning &amp; Development</p>
	<p><b>Program 5.5:</b> Continue to utilize new technology and data to monitor and assess housing development and the affordability of housing. The County shall continue to develop more efficient housing tracking options in its Accela permit tracking system. The County will also provide support to Federal, State, and regional authorities to successfully implement the 2010 Census which will provide valuable information regarding population and housing.</p> <p><b>Funding Source:</b> General Fund</p> <p><b>Timeline:</b> Ongoing</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Planning &amp; Development, County HCD</p>