



PROHOUSING DESIGNATION DRAFT APPLICATION OVERVIEW

EDHPM STANDING COMMITTEE

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What is the Prohousing Designation Program (PDP)?

- Program of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)
- Recognizes and supports jurisdictions that go above and beyond State housing law to help accelerate housing production
- Helps City receive priority processing or extra points in a range of grants
- City may apply for Prohousing Incentive Program



Grants and Funding Opportunities

- **Grants where Prohousing Designation improves standing:**

- Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC)
- Infill Infrastructure Grant (IIG)
- Transformative Climate Communities (TCC)
- Local Partnership Program (LPP)
- Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP)
- Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program (STPG)

- **Prohousing Incentive Program**

- Annual grants for Prohousing jurisdictions
- Minimum \$250,000, maximum \$2 million
- Eligible uses:
 - Predevelopment and development of affordable housing
 - Accessibility modification
 - Homeownership opportunities
 - Assisting individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness

Prohousing Designation Application



- Draft released; revisions pending
- Includes:
 - Proof of eligibility
 - Policy scoresheet
 - Documentation of current and proposed prohousing policies
 - Summary of homeless encampment policies

Current Status

- Initial draft application undergoing revisions
- 30-day public review upon release of updated draft
- Upcoming City Council authorization of submittal to HCD on July 20th 2026
- Several new policies and revisions proposed as part of the prohousing program



ADU Revisions

- Further revisions to ADU ordinance forthcoming
- Must comply with new revisions to ADU State Law
- Will allow ADUs with size and height beyond the minimum state law requirements
- Details to be presented at July Planning Commission



Objective Design Standards

- Design Review process to be replaced with ministerial Objective Design Standards
- More housing reviews for single-family, duplexes, and multifamily housing will be ministerial; fewer Planning Commission hearings
- Planning Commission hearings only for projects not consistent with zoning and general plan (i.e. variances), as well as use permits and policy changes/long range plans.
- Removes subjective review of new housing projects
- Increases predictability for developers

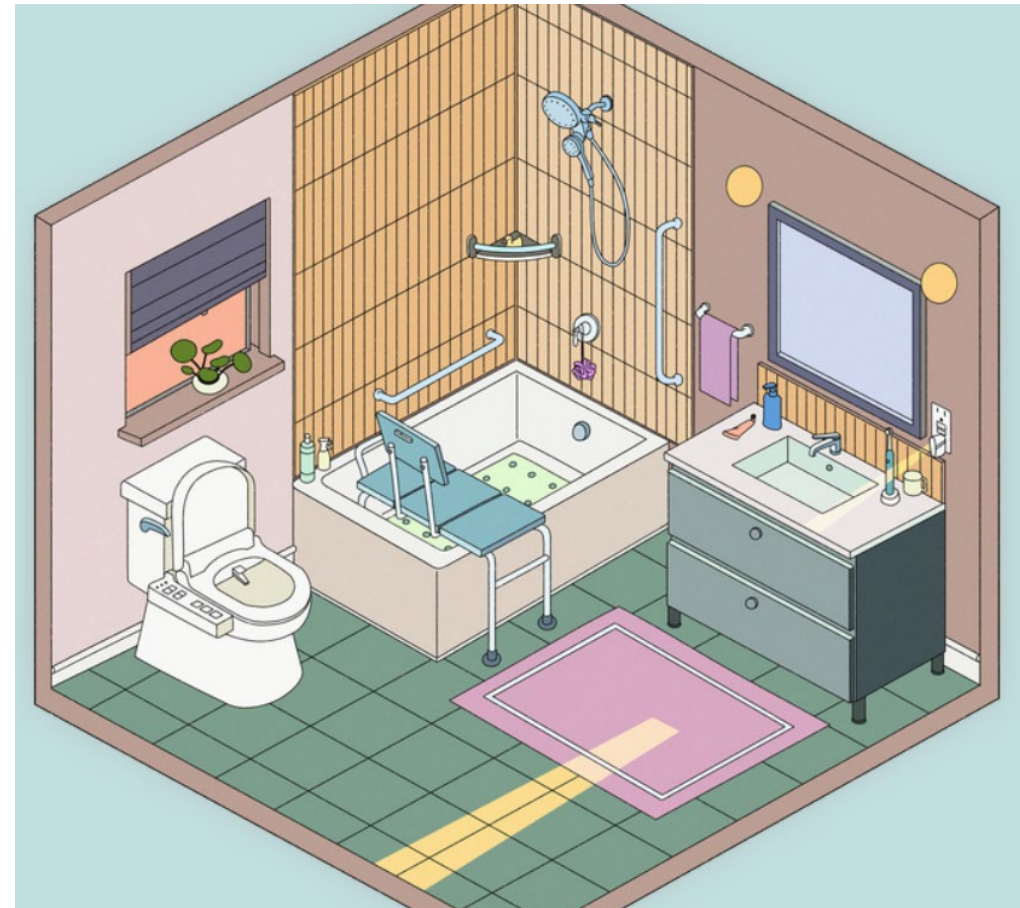
Revised Parking Standards



- New parking standards to comply with state law and in some instances go above state law to meet prohousing policy
- Potential options:
 - Reduced parking standards
 - Removal of parking minimums
 - Establishment of parking maximums

Universal Design Ordinance

- Ordinance will formally adopt Universal Design standards
- Standards concern accessibility, aging-in-place
- Ensures that new housing is accessible for all



QUESTIONS?

**See the full Draft
Application here:**

