

HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE GUIDANCE

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An effective housing element provides the necessary conditions to support the development and the preservation an adequate supply of housing, including housing affordable to seniors, families and workers. As the housing element is required to be regularly revised pursuant to a statutory schedule, the update process provides a vehicle for establishing and updating housing and land-use strategies reflective of changing needs, resources, and conditions. The housing element update can provide a mechanism to adopt land-use strategies such as infill, mixed-use, or downtown revitalization. It can also provide a vehicle for local governments to adopt effective housing and land-use strategies while addressing climate change and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

As local governments begin the process to update their housing elements, the following are a few over-arching suggestions:

- Start with the existing plan. The update can build on what has been effective in the past.
- Immediately engage all critical stakeholders including tenants and homeowners, special needs populations, businesses, and real estate and housing providers and developers to ensure participation of all economic segments of the community.
- While the housing element must address specific State statutory requirements, including the local jurisdictions' fair share of the regional housing need, it is ultimately a local plan and should reflect the vision and priorities of the community.

The housing element update can also provide various opportunities for local governments, the state and stakeholders to collaborate on housing and land use plans. By promoting more transparency and partnerships in the process, for example, HCD can promote the efficient use of limited resources. By providing stakeholders with clarity in the update process such as making changes to the housing element available, local governments can better collaborate on key policy issues and save time in the update process.

This Update Guidance is intended to assist local governments and stakeholders with streamlined updates and HCD review for the fifth cycles of the housing element. HCD recognizes all levels of governments and stakeholders are facing resource challenges and HCD is seeking ways to create efficiencies and clarity for all parties in the housing element update process. While all local governments are still required to complete a housing element update, the Update Guidance is designed to reduce the number and scope of housing element submittals per jurisdiction and to focus resources on providing assistance to jurisdictions to ensure compliance and effectively addressing housing needs. For example, the Update Guidance provides clarity on the necessary contents for a complete housing element, necessary steps for updating a housing element and certainty on what will be reviewed by the Department where contents have changed. Further, to provide efficiencies when using the Update Guidance, the Department intends to review draft housing elements in less than 60 days (See Attachment 4) and grant priority for those jurisdictions utilizing the Streamlined Review process.

The Update Guidance is divided into two parts:

1. A Completeness Checklist; and
2. Streamlined Update template (for eligible jurisdictions as described below).

The Department will continue efforts to improve efficiencies and increase clarity such as improving technical assistance, particularly the Building Blocks, to provide more clarity in meeting statutory requirements. For example, technical assistance regarding the adequate sites requirement will be expanded to clarify statutory requirements and include tools and samples to assist meeting statutory requirements. Other efforts will include expanded regional coordination such as pre-approved data packets in coordination with Councils of Government for meeting some requirements under the housing needs assessment (See pages 25 and 26 of the Streamlined Update). Additional tools to assist in the housing element update process are available on the Department's website, including:

- Housing Element Law at:
<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/displaycode?section=gov&group=65001-66000&file=65580-65589.8>
- Building Blocks for Effective Housing Elements at:
http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/housing_element2/index.php
- Links to model housing elements at:
http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/housing_element2/BP_home.php
- Various technical assistance memos regarding statutory amendments and other relevant topics at:
<http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/>
- Housing Element Update schedules, review letters and status information at:
<http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrc/plan/he/>

Housing Element Completeness Checklist Review

Jurisdictions requesting Streamlined Update review (see below for explanation) must complete the Housing Element Completeness Checklist, and all jurisdictions are strongly encouraged to use the Checklist. The Checklist is provided to ensure that the updated element includes all components required by State housing element law. The purpose of the Checklist is to reduce subsequent submittals of draft housing elements by providing a guide for local governments to ensure the updated elements include all statutory components. The Checklist is also intended to be a useful mechanism for informing the public about the various statutory requirements of housing element law. The Checklist is included as Attachment 2 to this document.

HCD will conduct an initial completeness review of the draft housing element based on the contents of the Checklist. HCD's initial review for completeness will be limited to whether the element addresses each component required by the Housing Element statute. This initial completeness review will not evaluate the adequacy of information but merely whether the component was addressed. If HCD review staff finds that a housing element submittal does not include information addressing one or more of the statutory components, HCD will seek to notify the jurisdiction within 2 weeks (See Attachment 4) for immediate revision without further review. HCD will accept revisions within 7 days of notifications and complete its review of the contents of the housing element. If revisions are not received, HCD will complete its review, focusing specifically on those areas where information was provided to address the statutory components as outlined in the Completeness Checklist. Statutory components which are missing will be noted in the Department's letter without further review and the element will be out of compliance with statute. These missing components will be subject to review for content when complete in subsequent review(s) of the housing element.

Streamlined Update

For many local governments, much of the information in housing elements found to be in compliance with the statute for the previous planning period is still current and/or particular conditions and circumstances have not significantly changed since the last update. To provide a streamlined approach, both in the preparation of the updated element as well as in HCD's review, jurisdictions that adopted a housing element in the fourth cycle that HCD found in substantial compliance with State law may opt to use the Streamlined Update template (Attachment 3) to show where changes were made in the previously adopted housing element.¹ The Streamlined Update is a voluntary option and there are no implications in the Department's review of compliance for not using the Streamlined Update. For jurisdictions not choosing to use the Streamlined Update process or not eligible for the Streamlined Update process, the template (Attachment 3) can still be used as a valuable tool for outlining the necessary steps to update a housing element.

¹ If the Completeness Checklist (Attachment 2) and the Streamlined Update template (Attachment 3) are submitted to HCD or, as part of an agenda packet to a governing body or Planning Commission, they are considered public records.

The eligibility requirements to use the Streamlined Update are:

- A housing element for the previous planning was adopted and found to be in compliance with State housing element law by the Department (Housing Element compliance status for all jurisdictions is available on the Department's website at <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrc/plan/he/status.pdf>).
- A complete updated housing element is submitted showing all changes. The changes can be shown through a variety of mechanisms as long as the changes can be identified such as by using strikeout, underline, redline, highlighting or other designation.
- Submittal of a Completeness Checklist (Attachment 2) and Streamlined Update template (Attachment 3).
- Answer Yes (or N/A as appropriate) to all questions in the Implementation Review (Attachment 1).
- Completion of the Streamlined Update template (Attachment 3), making revisions to the housing element, as necessary, to analyze changes in conditions, processes and program implementation actions. If it is determined no changes are necessary to a specific section, the Streamlined Update template must indicate such.

Use of the Streamlined Update does not relieve the jurisdiction of its obligation to address all statutory requirements of State housing element law, but rather provides a guide to updating the necessary portions of the housing element and facilitates State review of housing element submittals. For eligible jurisdictions, HCD review will rely upon the element in compliance in the prior planning period and will be limited to changes that have occurred since the prior planning period as indicated in the Streamlined Update template of Attachment 3. HCD will not review areas that have not changed since their content continues to be sufficient to meet statutory requirements. For example, a sites inventory and analysis includes a listing of sites and various analyses demonstrating suitability of those sites for development, among other requirements. The listing may only have minor changes and the various analyses such as how residential capacity is calculated can continue to be used in the updated housing element. HCD will not review the areas that have not changed and will focus its review on the minor updates, if any, to the inventory and analyses. However, any changes to the required analyses must be included for HCD review. HCD will also consider public comments as part of this review. See Attachment 4 for steps in the HCD review process and the process for submitting and considering public comments. Specifically, the Streamlined Update template option is applicable to the following areas only:

- Sites Inventory and Analysis
- Analysis of Governmental and Non-Governmental Constraints
- Housing Needs Assessment, including special needs groups (excluding the quantification and analysis of homeless individuals and families)
- Units At-Risk of Conversion to Market Rate
- General Plan Consistency
- Coastal Zone Housing

A jurisdiction may utilize the Streamlined Update process for any and all of these requirements as detailed in the Streamlined Update Template (Attachment 3). Part of the purpose of the Streamlined Update template is to provide guideposts for the necessary steps to update the housing element. For example, under Governmental Constraints there are several different types of constraints to be identified and analyzed including, but not limited to, fees, permit processing and land use controls. To update the Governmental Constraints section, a jurisdiction should evaluate if changes have occurred and whether the analyses require revision to analyze those changes. The guideposts in the Streamlined Update template show the necessary steps to evaluate changes. For instance, if a jurisdiction has not adopted changes to its permit processing procedures or land use controls, then the Streamlined Update should indicate that no changes have been made. If fees were increased since the adoption of the previous element, the Streamlined Update should indicate such by filling in the appropriate response in the applicable section and including the location of red lined or other highlighted revisions made to describe and analyze the fee schedule increases, if necessary. In some cases, the conclusion and analysis might not change. In this case, the Streamlined Update template would simply need to indicate Not Applicable (N/A).

Please note, however, the statute requires certain areas to be completely updated. These areas must be newly addressed every planning period. For example, a jurisdiction cannot simply update a public participation process from 8 years ago. It must be started again. For the following areas, the Streamlined Update is not available:

- Review and Revise
- Public Participation
- Programs and Quantified Objectives
- Any new statutory requirements since the prior update, including:
 - ✓ Government Code Section 65584.09 (Unaccommodated Need). See the Department's memo at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrc/plan/he/ab_1233_final_dt.pdf. *
 - ✓ Government Code Section 65583 (a)(1) and others (Extremely Low Income Households).*
 - ✓ Government Code Sections GC 65583(a)(4) and others (Emergency Shelters and Transitional and Supportive Housing). See the Department's memo at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/sb2_memo050708.pdf. *
 - ✓ Government Code Sections 65583(f), 65588(e) (SB 375 Rezoning and Update Schedule). See the Department's website at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrc/plan/he/he_review_adoptionsteps110812.pdf.
 - ✓ Government Code Section 65583.1 (Alternative Adequate Sites). See the Department's memo at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrc/plan/he/alt_adeq_sites082412.pdf
 - ✓ Government Code Section 65583(e) (Persons with Development Disabilities). See the Department's memo at <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/NoticeCoverLtrSB812.pdf>.

* These requirements may not be new for most jurisdictions. However, as these sections were enacted during the 4th cycle update for some jurisdictions, particularly those in San Diego County, they may not have been addressed in the 4th cycle updates.

Using the Streamlined Update Template

As noted above, the Streamlined Update template is intended to show the necessary steps for updating a housing element. To use the template, relevant page numbers need to be entered where changes have been made. Where no changes have been made or no changes in circumstances have been identified, the jurisdiction should indicate “N/A.” Additional documentation, description or other narration is not necessary. For example, below is a sample section of a Streamlined Update template (Refer to Attachment 3 for the complete Streamlined Update Template form):

Potential Governmental and Non-governmental Constraints (Section 65583(a)(5 and 6)) (See Building Blocks at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/housing_element2/CON_home.php)		
	Page(s) Where Changes Made	Indicate N/A If No Changes
<p><u>Land Use Controls</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update to show changes to land use controls including changes in residential zoning and/or development standards (e.g., heights and lot coverage, parking requirements, minimum unit sizes) 	Page 12	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update to describe changes to growth controls or similar measures such as population caps or voter required general plan re-designations or voter required approval of changes in land use laws or regulations 	N/A	N/A

Identifying Changes in the Housing Element: For jurisdictions using the Streamlined Update template, the housing element must indicate where changes have been made. The changes can be identified in a variety of ways. For example, the element could highlight changes, electronically or manually. An asterisk or other indicator can be placed in the margin. Redlining/strikeout and underline is not required. Some elements might re-format tables or recalculate percentages due to updating data. In this case, redlining might not appear very useful. An alternative approach could be to simply highlight the table title or include a highlight in the margin or bold new text. The same approach would also be acceptable for jurisdictions re-formatting the entire document. Contact HCD for feedback on approaches to identifying changes.

Implementation Review

As noted above, jurisdictions must answer Yes (or N/A as appropriate) to all questions in the Implementation Review (Attachment 1) to be eligible for the Streamlined Update. The Implementation Review will be conducted by HCD to determine if jurisdictions are eligible for the Streamlined Update and will be completed within 2 weeks of receipt (See Attachment 4). Jurisdictions may contact HCD for feedback on meeting the Implementation Review requirements prior to submittal of the housing element.

The Implementation Review is not intended to result in additional analysis or evaluation than already required under housing element law nor is additional documentation required to complete the Implementation Review. Only Yes, No or N/A, program numbers and page numbers need to be entered into Attachment 1 and submitted to HCD. The Implementation Review should reference the relevant portions of the Review and Revise section which is already included in the housing element update (See Attachment 1, page 18). However, as required by statute, HCD will consider public comment on the Review and Revise section of the housing element.

To be eligible for the Streamlined Update, jurisdictions should complete the pertinent programs prior to submittal of the draft housing element. In some cases, jurisdictions may still be processing zoning amendments or other actions to meet the eligibility criteria under the Implementation Review. HCD will consider unique circumstances where amendments or actions are still in process but the jurisdictions would need to provide adequate documentation to ensure completion of the amendments prior to the housing element due date.

HCD will allow flexibility in meeting the rezoning and density bonus ordinance criteria under the Implementation Review. Specifically, for the density bonus ordinance, the jurisdiction must only have adopted an ordinance after January 1, 2005 (although agencies may want to update their ordinance to meet the latest 2008 amendments).

For rezoning, in some cases, a jurisdiction might not have completed rezoning precisely as envisioned in the program. In these cases, the jurisdictions will continue to meet the eligibility criteria in the Implementation Review as long as the statutory requirements for rezoning were met pursuant to Government Code Sections 65583(c)(1) and 65583.2(h) and (i) or if the shortfall of adequate sites was by some other means or action met such as sufficient units being built to accommodate the entire regional housing need for lower income households. In these cases, the jurisdiction must provide documentation in the Review and Revise section to demonstrate the objectives of the Implementation Review have been met.

Standard Review

If a housing element does not qualify for the Streamlined Update, HCD will review the housing element in its entirety rather than focusing its review on changes. However, HCD's goal is to provide more efficient housing element review of all housing elements and the Checklist and Streamlined Update are useful tools for all local governments, HCD and stakeholders to reduce time necessary to update, review and comment on a housing element. For example, use of the Checklist can reduce multiple reviews by ensuring all the statutory components are included and the Streamlined Update provides a useful guide to update the housing element and to highlight the changes made to the element from the 4th cycle.

Attachments

[Attachment 1 – Implementation Review](#)

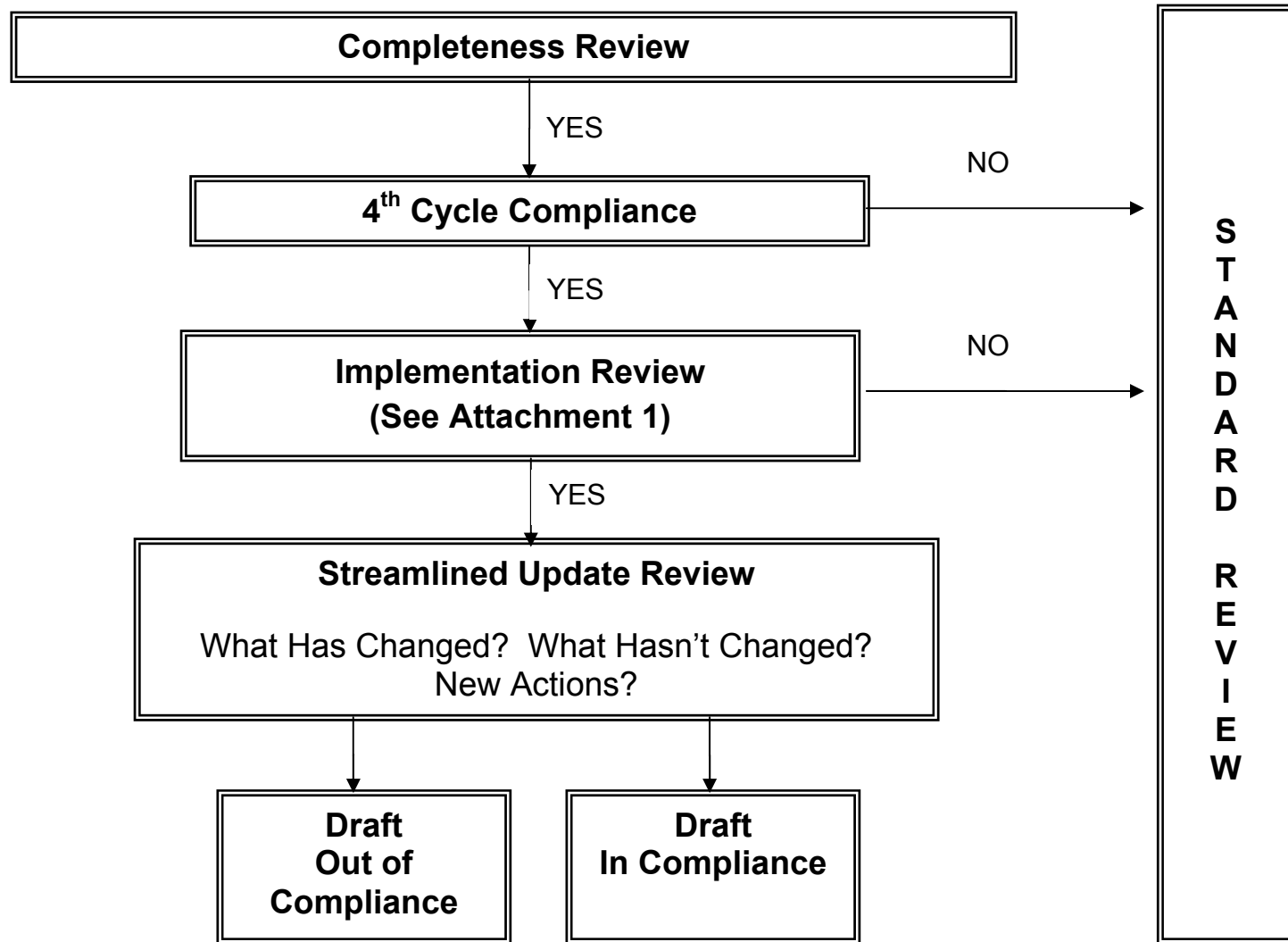
[Attachment 2 – Housing Element Completeness Checklist](#)

[Attachment 3 – Housing Element Streamlined Update Template](#)

[Attachment 4 – Housing Element Review Process and Timeframes](#)

CHART 1

Review Steps for HCD Standard and Streamlined Update Draft Reviews



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Attachment 1: Implementation Review



Implementation Review

Jurisdiction Name:			
	Implementation Status	Program Number (If Applicable)	Page(s) Where Found
If the local government’s previous housing element included a rezone program pursuant to GC Sections 65583(c), 65583.2 and 65584.09 to address a shortfall of adequate sites, has the program(s) to rezone been completed?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		
Does zoning permit emergency shelters without discretionary action or has a multijurisdictional agreement pursuant to Section 65583(d) been approved? ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
Does zoning permit transitional and supportive housing as a residential use and only subject to those restrictions that apply to other residential dwellings of the same type in the same zone? ²	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
Are policies, ordinances or procedures established to allow reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities in the application of zoning and land use policies, ordinances or procedures?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
Has a density bonus ordinance been adopted pursuant to Government Code Section 65915 (since January 1, 2005)?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		

¹ These are not required where agencies adopted housing elements in the fourth cycle before the effective date of SB 2 (January 1, 2008). These agencies are primarily in San Diego County. Agencies should note “Housing Element Adopted Prior to SB 2” if this is the case.

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Attachment 2: Completeness Checklist



Public Participation (Section 65583(c)(8))		
<small>(See Building Blocks at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/housing_element2/GS_publicparticipation.php)</small>		
	Page(s)	Comments
Description of diligent effort to include all economic segments of the community and/or their representatives in the development and update of the housing element (e.g., types of outreach, meetings, appropriate languages, list of invitees and general comments and how they were incorporated)		

Review and Revise (Section 65588)		
<small>(See Building Blocks at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/housing_element2/GS_reviewandrevise.php)</small>		
	Page(s)	Comments
Progress in implementation – A description of the actual results or outcomes of the prior element’s goals (i.e., what happened), objectives, policies, and programs. Include quantification of results where possible (e.g., number of units rehabilitated) and may be qualitative where necessary (e.g., mitigation of governmental constraints)		
Effectiveness of the element – For each program, include an analysis comparing significant differences between what was projected or planned in the earlier element and what was achieved. Analyze the differences to determine where the previous housing element met, exceeded, or fell short of what was anticipated		
Appropriateness of goals, objectives, policies and programs – A description of what has been learned based on the analysis of progress and effectiveness of the previous element. A description of how the goals, objectives, policies, and programs in the updated element are being changed or adjusted to incorporate what has been learned from the results of the previous element		



Housing Needs Assessment (Section 65583(a)(1 and 2))

(See Building Blocks at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/housing_element2/HN_home.php)

	Page(s)	Data Source (if not identified in the housing element)	Comments
Quantification and analysis * of existing and projected housing needs			
Populations and employment trends, including documentation of projections			
Housing and Household characteristics, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level of payment compared with ability to pay (overpaying households) • Housing stock conditions • Overcrowded households 			
Existing and projected needs for all income levels, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) • Existing housing need for extremely low income households • Projected housing need for extremely low income households based on RHNA or Census (see Section 65583(a)(1)) 			

* Analysis is defined as a description and evaluation of specific needs, characteristics and resources available to address identified needs



Persons with Special Needs (Section 65583(a)(7)) (See Building Blocks at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/housing_element2/HN_SHN_home.php)			
	Page(s)	Data Source (if not identified in the element)	Comments
Identification and analysis of any special housing needs including:*			
• Elderly			
• Persons with disabilities, including developmental disabilities (See Memo at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/NoticeCoverLtrSB812.pdf)			
• Large households			
• Farmworkers (seasonal and permanent)			
• Female headed households			
• Homeless (annual and seasonal) **			
• Other			
* Analysis is defined as a description and evaluation of specific needs, characteristics and resources available to address identified needs ** See Section 65583(a)(7) for additional information regarding this requirement			

At-risk Units (Section 65583(a)(9)) (See Building Blocks at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/housing_element2/EHN_atrisk.php)		
	Page(s)	Comments
Inventory of at-risk units (10 years from the housing element due date) (Section 65583(a)(9)(A))		
Estimate of replacement versus preservation costs (Section 65583(a)(9)(B))		
Identification of qualified entities Section 65583(a)(9)(C))		
Identification of potential funding Section 65583(a)(9)(D))		
Note: Section 65583(a)(9) has many detailed requirements. Agencies with at-risk units should review the specific statutory requirements to ensure a complete analysis.		



Potential Governmental and Non-governmental Constraints (Section 65583(a)(5 and 6))

(See Building Blocks at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/housing_element2/CON_home.php)

	Page(s)	Comments
<u>Potential Governmental Constraints</u>		
Include an analysis of actual and potential governmental constraints for each of the following:		
Land use controls (e.g., parking, lot coverage, heights, unit sizes, open space requirements, floor area ratios, growth controls (e.g., caps on units or population or voter approval requirements))		
Building codes and their enforcement (e.g., current CBC, any local amendments and local code enforcement programs)		
Site improvement requirements (e.g., street widths, etc.)		
Fees and other exactions (e.g., analyze all planning and impact fees and impact on total development costs)		
Local processing and permit procedures (e.g., typical processing times, permit types by housing type, decision-making criteria and bodies)		
Housing for persons with disabilities (e.g., definition of family, concentration requirements, reasonable accommodation procedures)		
Potential and actual constraints on the development of a variety of housing types for all income levels, including multifamily rental housing, factory-built housing, mobiles homes, housing for agricultural employees, supportive housing, single-room occupancy units, emergency shelters and transitional housing		



	Page(s)	Comments
Local efforts to remove governmental constraints that hinder the locality from meeting its share of the regional housing need		
Local efforts to remove governmental constraints that hinder meeting the need for housing for persons with disabilities, supportive housing, transitional housing and emergency shelters		
Transitional housing and supportive housing as a residential use of property and subject only to those restrictions that apply to other residential dwellings of the same type in the same zone		
<u>Potential Non-governmental Constraints</u> Include an analysis of actual and potential non-governmental constraints for each of the following:		
Availability of financing		
Price of land		
Cost of construction		



Sites Inventory and Analysis (Section 65583(a)(3) and 65583.2))		
(See Building Blocks at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/housing_element2/SIA_home.php)		
	Page(s)	Comments
<p>Listing of properties by parcel number or other unique, reference showing for each parcel (Section 65583.2(b)(1) – (3):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Size • General plan designation • Zoning category • For non-vacant sites, description of existing uses • Number of units that can be accommodated on each site 		
* Sites available for Above Moderate income households and not served by public sewer need not be identified on a site specific basis (Section 65583.2(b)(6))		
<p>General description of environmental constraints to the development of housing (Section 65583.2(b)(4)</p>		
<p>General description of infrastructure (planned/available) including water, sewer and other dry utilities, including availability and access to distribution facilities (Section 65583.2(b)(5)</p>		
<p>In determining the number of units on each site, indicate how the number of units was determined.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If development is required at minimum density, indicate the number of units at the minimum density. No further analysis is required. • If development is not required at minimum density, demonstrate how the number of units were determined and adjust, if necessary, for local land use controls. 		



	Page(s)	Comments
<p>For Non-vacant sites, specify the additional development potential for each site within the planning period and provide an explanation of the methodology to determine development potential considering factors, including the extent to which existing uses may constitute an impediment to additional residential development, development trends, market conditions and regulatory or other incentives to encourage additional residential development (Section 65583.2(b)(7))</p>		
<p>Demonstration of zoning to accommodate the housing need for lower income households (Section 65583.2(c)(3)) and (d) – (f))</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indicate those sites that can accommodate lower income households • Indicate those sites where the density allowed is at the “deemed appropriate” [default] density (65583.2(c)(3)(B)) • For sites that can accommodate lower income households, but with allowed densities less than the “deemed appropriate” density, provide analysis demonstrating how the adopted densities accommodate the need for lower income housing. The analysis must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Market demand ○ Financial feasibility ○ Project experience within a zone providing housing for lower income households (65583.2(c)(3)(A)) 		
<p>Map of Sites included in the inventory (Section 65583.2(b)(7))</p>		
<p>Number of units built between the start of the projection period and the deadline for adoption of the housing element (Government Code Section 65583.1(d))</p>		
<p>Number of units proposed using alternative provisions such as rehabilitation, conversion, preservation or second units (Section 65583.1). See checklist at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/housing_element2/examples/655831Checklist.pdf)</p>		



	Page(s)	Comments
Identification of zoning for a variety of types:		
Multifamily rental housing		
Factory-built housing		
Mobilehomes		
Housing for agricultural employees		
Emergency shelters (See Section 65583(a)(4) and the Department’s memo at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/sb2_memo050708.pdf)		
Transitional and supportive housing (See Section 65583(a)(5) and the Department’s memo at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/sb2_memo050708.pdf)		
Carryover obligation (AB 1233: Section 65584.09 – See memo at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrc/plan/he/ab_1233_final_dt.pdf)		



Quantified Objectives and Housing Programs (Section 65583(b) and (c)(1 through 6)) (See Building Blocks at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/housing_element2/PRO_home.php)		
	Page(s)	Comments
Provide statement of quantified objectives (Section 65583(b)):		
<p>Maximum number of units, by income group, including extremely low-income of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • new construction; • rehabilitation; and • conservation. 		
Include programs (Section 65583(c) and (c)(7)) with:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule of specific actions; • Timeline for implementation with a beneficial impact in the planning period; and • Identification of agencies and officials responsible for implementing each program. 		
Program(s) providing adequate sites (Section 65583(c)(1)):		
Programs to rezone and any other programs needed to address a shortfall of sites to accommodate the regional housing need, if applicable, and any programs included pursuant to Section 65583.2(h) and (i) or carryover obligation pursuant to Section 65584.09		
Programs to rezone and any other programs needed to address a shortfall of capacity for housing for farmworkers that could not be accommodated on sites identified in the inventory, if applicable.		
If applicable, programs to facilitate a variety of housing types, including multifamily rental, factory-built housing, mobilehomes, housing for agricultural employees, supportive housing, single room occupancy, emergency shelters and transitional and supportive housing		



	Page(s)	Comments
Programs to assist in the development of housing for extremely low, very low, low and moderate income households (Section 65583(c)(2))		
Program(s) to address governmental constraints (Section 65583(c)(3)):		
Programs to address governmental constraints and where appropriate and legally possible, to remove constraints to the maintenance, improvement and development of housing		
Program to remove constraints on housing for persons with disabilities and provide reasonable accommodation for housing for persons with disabilities		
Program(s) to conserve and improve the condition of the existing affordable housing stock (Section 65583(c)(4))		
Program(s) to promote housing opportunities for all persons (Section 65583(c)(5))		
Program(s) to preserve at-risk units (Section 65583(c)(6))		



Other Requirements		
(See Building Blocks at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/housing_element2/OR_home.php) and http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/housing_element2/SIA_conservation.php)		
	Page(s)	Comments
Description of general plan consistency (Section 65583(c)(7))		
Analysis of construction, demolition and conversion of housing for lower income households in the Coastal Zone (Section 65588)		
Description of opportunities for energy conservation in residential development (Section 65583(a)(8))		
Water and Sewer Priority (Section 65589.7) See the HCD Memo at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/memo_sb1087.pdf . *		
SB 5 and AB 162 (Flood Hazard Land Management) See the HCD Memo at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrc/plan/he/ab_162_stat07.pdf *		
SB 244 (Disadvantaged Communities) See Governor’s Office of Planning and Research for technical assistance at http://opr.ca.gov/ *		
* These are not required for a complete housing element and are not required to be part of the housing element and have been include as an information item to assist local governments in meeting requirements triggered by the housing element update schedule.		

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Attachment 3: Streamlined Update Template



Housing Needs Assessment (Section 65583(a)(1 and 2)) (See Building Blocks at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/housing_element2/HN_home.php)		
	Revised Page(s)	Indicate N/A If No Changes Were Necessary
Update quantification of population, employment, and housing stock needs including:		
• Population		
• Employment		
• Households		
• Overpayment (including lower-income)		
• Overcrowding		
• Extremely Low Income Households		
• Housing conditions		
Sources of information:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2010 Census at http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/searchresults.xhtml?refresh=t • American Community Survey at http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/searchresults.xhtml?refresh=t • Department of Finance at http://www.dof.ca.gov/research/demographic/ • Applicable Federal Consolidated Plan • Available local and regional data (e.g., local census of homeless persons or shelter beds) 		
Special Note: If a jurisdiction has utilized a data packet pre-approved by HCD such as in SANDAG, SCAG and SACOG, mark N/A above where appropriate and indicate the data packet has been utilized. The Department will not review the portions noted in the applicable correspondence to the Council of Governments. Contact HCD for more details or questions.		
Update analysis and conclusions as necessary due to changes in population and households characteristics or other dynamics for population, employment, households, overpayment, overcrowding, extremely low income households and housing conditions		
Update policies and programs as necessary to reflect changes in the analysis and conclusions and other pertinent assessments of need such as the federal Consolidated Plan		



Persons with Special Needs (Section 65583(a)(7)) (See Building Blocks at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/housing_element2/HN_SHN_home.php)		
	Revised Page(s)	Indicate N/A If No Changes Were Necessary
Update quantification of special housing needs groups, including:		
• Persons with disabilities, including developmental		
• Elderly		
• Large households		
• Farmworkers (seasonal and permanent)		
• Female headed households		
• Homeless Individuals and Families		
Sources of information:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2010 Census at http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/searchresults.xhtml?refresh=t • American Community Survey at http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/searchresults.xhtml?refresh=t • Department of Finance at www.dof.ca.gov/research/demographic • CA Department of Developmental Services at www.dds.ca.gov • Agricultural Census at http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/Publications/index.php • Applicable Federal Consolidated Plan and local and regional data (e.g., local census of homeless persons or shelter beds) 		
Special Note: If a jurisdiction has utilized a data packet pre-approved by HCD such as in SANDAG, SCAG and SACOG, mark N/A above where appropriate and indicate the data packet has been utilized. The Department will not review the portions noted in the applicable correspondence to the Council of Governments. Contact HCD for more details or questions.		
Update analyses and conclusions, as necessary, due to changes in housing needs or other dynamics, for persons with special needs		
Quantify and analyze persons with developmental disabilities as required by Government Code Section 65583 (e) (See the Department’s memo at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/NoticeCoverLtrSB812.pdf)		
Revise programs as appropriate including pursuant to Section 65583(e) (Developmental Disabilities) to address need based on revised data/analyses		



At-risk Units (Section 65583(a)(9)) (See Building Blocks at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/housing_element2/EHN_atrisk.php)		
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Update the inventory of at-risk units , removing units no longer at risk and adding any additional units that are at-risk of conversion within 10 years from the start of the housing element planning period		
Special Note: If a jurisdiction has utilized SACOG's Housing Element Data to update the inventory, mark N/A where appropriate above and indicate the data has been used. The Department will not review the updated inventory. Contact HCD for more details.		
Analyze risk of updated inventory of at-risk units		
Evaluate the loss of any at-risk units		
Revise policies and programs as appropriate based on update analysis and conclusions		

Potential Governmental and Non-governmental Constraints (Section 65583(a)(5 & 6)) (See Building Blocks at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/housing_element2/CON_home.php)		
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<u>Land Use Controls</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update to show changes to land use controls including changes in residential zoning and/or development standards (e.g., heights and lot coverage, parking requirements, minimum unit sizes, floor area ratios, density limits,) 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update to describe changes to growth controls or similar measures such as population or unit caps or voter required general plan re-designations or voter required approval of changes in land use laws or regulations 		



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<p><u>Building Codes and Enforcement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update to describe changes to local building code, amendments and enforcement programs 		
<p><u>Site Improvements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe changes to site improvement requirements 		
<p><u>Permitting Processes and Procedures</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update to show revisions to processing and permit procedures for residential development (e.g., design review process, change in level of review (administrative vs. legislative review: ministerial vs. discretionary review)) 		
<p><u>Fees and Exactions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update changes to fee schedules Update changes to other exactions 		
<p><u>Housing for Persons with Disabilities</u></p> <p>Update to describe any new restrictions or revisions regarding approval of housing for persons with disabilities such as concentration requirements, limits on the number of unrelated persons or provisions for making reasonable accommodations</p>		
<p><u>Non-governmental Constraints</u></p> <p>Update land costs, financing availability and construction costs as necessary and consider other potential non-governmental constraints, such as resident or business opposition to development, as appropriate</p>		



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<p><u>General (Changed Circumstances)</u></p> <p>For each category above, update analyses, as needed, to reflect changes in conditions or circumstances such as market conditions, land costs, financing availability, and construction costs that effect the conclusions of the analyses on potential governmental constraints in the prior element</p>		
<p><u>Programs to Mitigate Identified Constraints</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe programs to mitigate identified constraints in the prior housing element Revise policies and programs as appropriate to address identified constraints 		

Sites Inventory and Analysis (Section 65583(a)(3) and 65583.2)) (See Building Blocks at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/housing_element2/SIA_home.php)		
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Identify any changes to the sites inventory		
Update or include analysis or description as necessary to demonstrate zoning appropriate to accommodate housing for lower income households pursuant to Section 65583.2(c)(3) and (d) – (f)		
Update or include analysis or description as necessary to demonstrate the potential for redevelopment pursuant to Section 65583.2(b)(7)		
Analyze any new known environmental constraints or changed conditions and circumstances such as market conditions that affect the suitability of identified sites		
Update methodologies as necessary to estimate the residential capacity on identified sites		



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Revise analysis of existing and/or planned infrastructure capacity (e.g., water and sewer) to accommodate the regional housing need, if needed (e.g., capacity or availability has changed)		
Include a summary table of sites included in the inventory by income category in comparison to the RHNA and, if applicable, any carryover obligation (Section 65584.09)		
Add programs to rezone and any other programs needed to address a shortfall of sites to accommodate the regional housing need, if applicable, and any programs included pursuant to Section 65583.2(h) and (i) or carryover obligation pursuant to Section 65584.09		
Update analysis as necessary to demonstrate sufficient capacity to accommodate the need for emergency shelters		

Other Requirements

(See Building Blocks at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/housing_element2/OR_home.php) and http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/housing_element2/SIA_conservation.php)

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Update description to ensure consistency with other elements of the general plan if policies or programs have been adopted in other elements of the general plan affecting internal consistency		
Update to describe, as necessary, housing for lower or moderate income households that has been constructed, demolished or converted in the Coastal Zone		

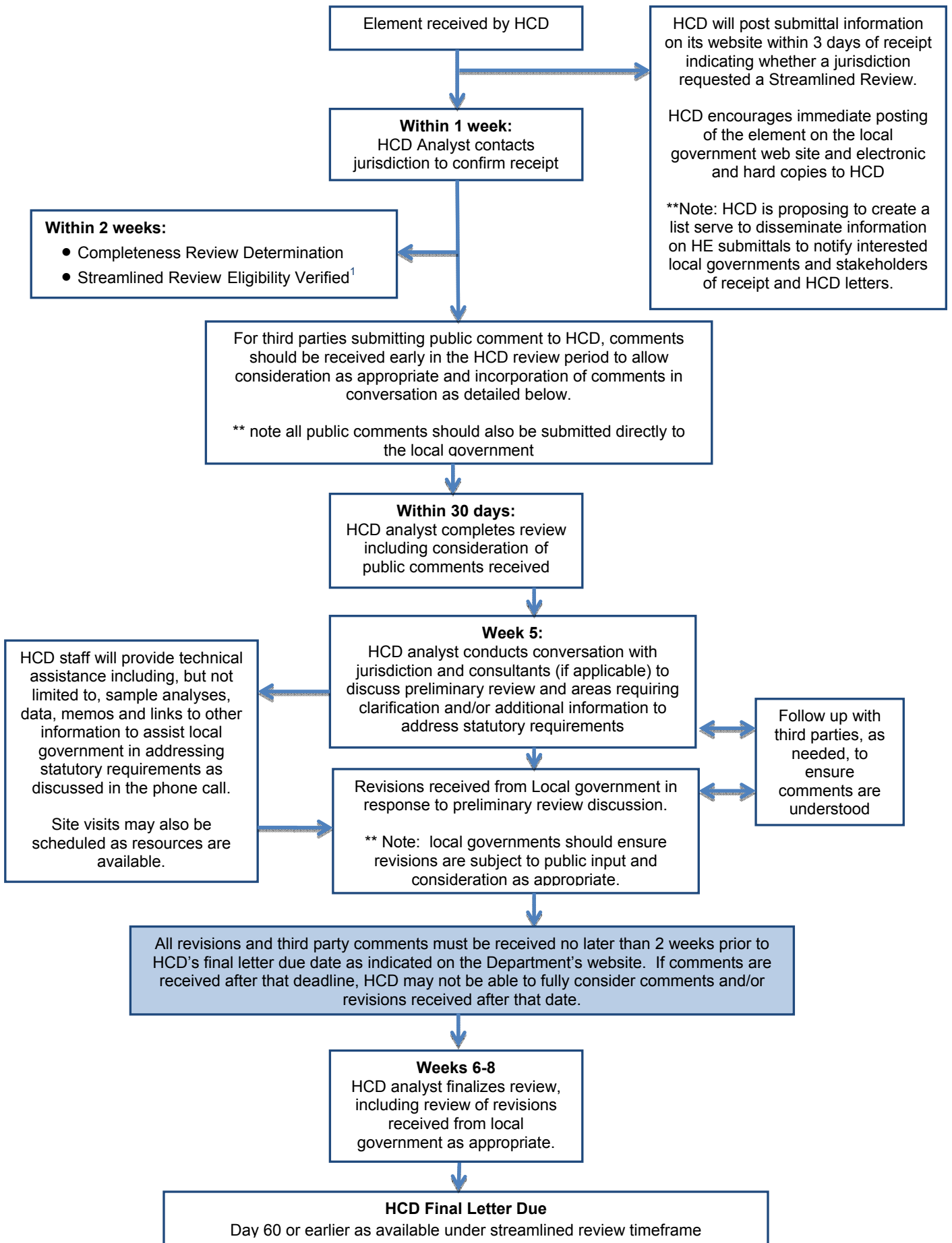
Housing Element Update Guidance



Attachment 4: HCD Housing Element Review Process

HCD Housing Element Review Process

The chart below is provided to detail general steps and applicable timeframes for typical draft housing element submittals and is meant to complement the flow chart provided in HCD’s Housing Element Update Guidance detailing review steps for standard and streamlined draft reviews. The statute provides 60 days for HCD’s review of draft housing element submittals. Uncertainty of workload and the number of submittals under review at a given time makes it difficult to commit to shorter timeframes for review of streamlined reviews. The Department will, however, grant priority review status for elements eligible to receive a streamlined update based on the criteria provided in the Department’s Update Guidance. Provided resources are available, the Department anticipates streamlined reviews would be completed in less time than the timeline presented below.



¹ HCD is available to verify Streamlined Update eligibility in advance of submittal. If advance eligibility determination has been made, initial review step would consist of completeness review only.