

JULY 2023 POLICY IN ACTION@HOME

The Next 8 Years- Keeping Housing Elements' Promises

Friday, July 28th, 12-1 p.m. via Zoom

The next 8 years hold unique promise for real progress on affordable housing– if cities follow through. Come learn about the opportunity ahead, and how to realize the potential of housing elements to meet the housing needs of all our communities!

Featuring:

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Moderated by Alison Cingolani, Policy Manager for SV@Home



Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the traditional, ancestral, unceded territories of the Ohlone Muwekma, Ramaytush Ohlone, Tamien Nation, and Amah Mutsun on which we are learning, working, and organizing today. We are committed to honoring and making visible the indigenous people and tribes that were intentionally displaced from their land, who remain here in Silicon Valley, and are a part of our community.



Why is the Housing Element important?

- 8-year housing work plan for each city
- Required for cities to meet the housing needs of all their residents, at all income levels
- Required to address
 - housing production (RHNA)
 - affordable housing preservation
 - tenant protections
 - fair housing, disparate need, access to resources

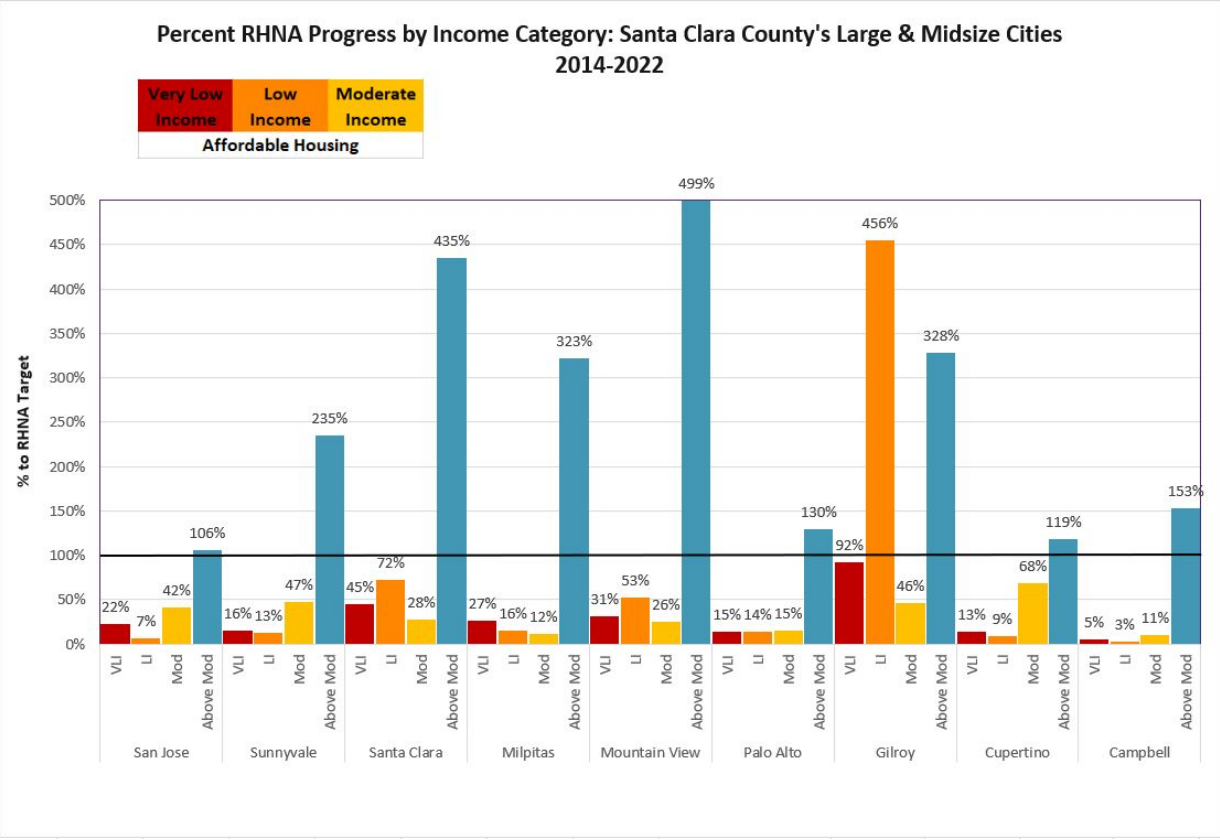


What's in there?

- **Engagement-** Deliberate, broad, meaningful
- **Analysis-** Incorporating lived experience, community knowledge, and data to understand patterns
- **Programs-** Strategies to address unique housing needs and patterns, with clear actions, timelines, and metrics
- **Sites-** Parcels of land the city has identified, paired with policy tools to ensure they can develop with the number of units and affordability the city has planned



How has this been working out?



What makes this planning cycle different?

- Much higher targets, especially for affordable homes, requiring significant rezoning, opening new areas to affordable homes
- Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing
- Laws that help make sure plans respond to needs and have the potential to be effective
- Clear timelines and metrics
- Consequences for cities that don't comply
 - Loss of access to funding
 - Loss of local land use control
 - Fines and legal action



What makes this planning cycle different? YOU!



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When you join SV@Home, we can leverage our resources, magnify our voices, and advance strategic, collaborative solutions to California's affordable housing crisis that meet our local and regional needs.

Help us transform Silicon Valley into the kind of place where all people have access to a safe, stable, and affordable home.

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