



**Targeted General Plan
Program EIR Scoping Session
Planning Commission**

March 15, 2022



AGENDA

- Meeting Purpose
- Targeted General Plan Background & Overview
- Environmental Review Content and Process
- Next Steps
- Recommendation and Contact

Meeting Purpose

- To share information about the process for preparing the Environmental Impact Report for the Focused General Plan update.
- Receive comments on the scope and content of the EIR. No decision will be made at this hearing.

What is a Housing Element?



Goals, Policies and Implementation Strategies

Housing
Needs
Assessment

Constraints
Analysis

Identification
of Sites to
Build
Housing

Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) – Redwood City



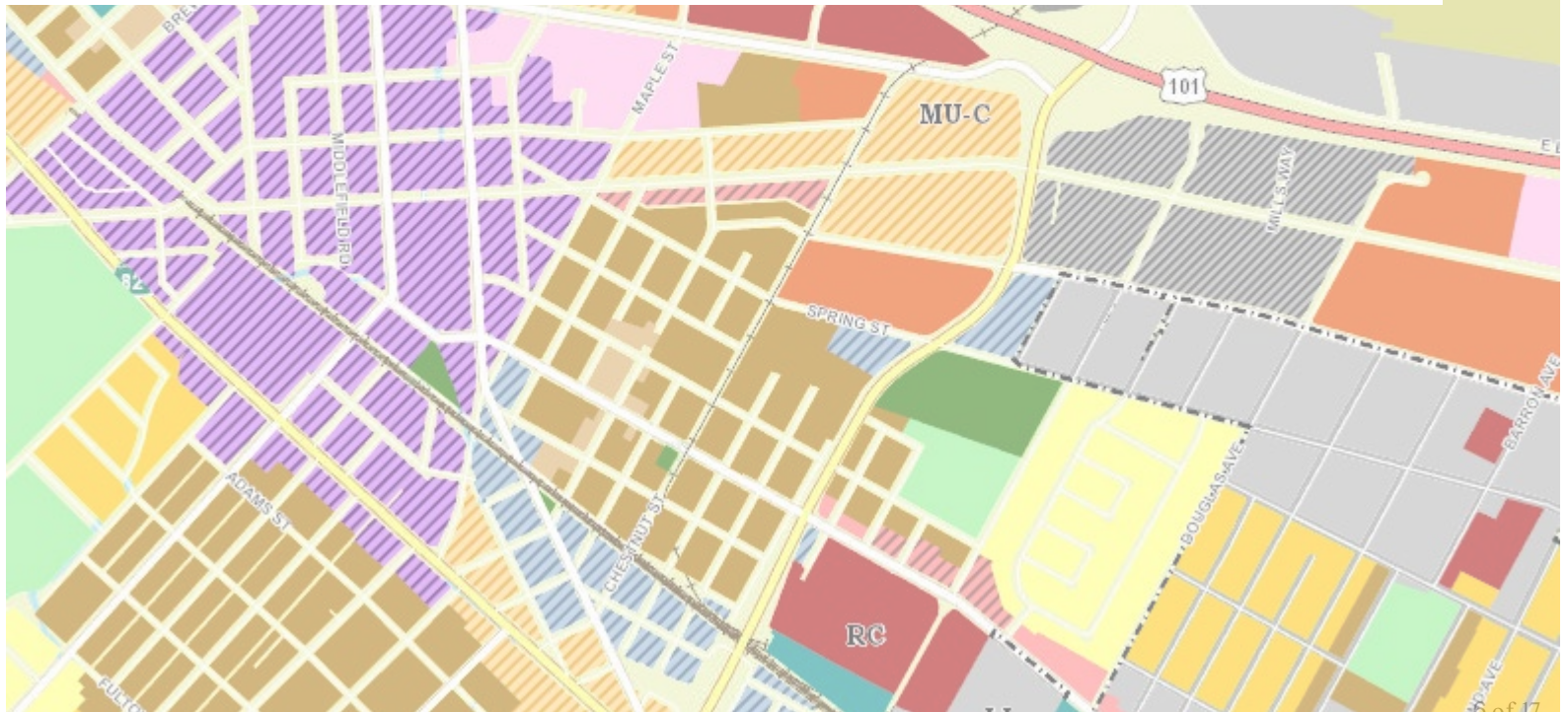
	RHNA Allotment 2014-2022	RHNA Allotment 2023-2030	150% RHNA 2023-2030
Very Low Income	706	1,115	1,672
Low Income	429	643	965
Moderate	502	789	1,183
Above Moderate (Market Rate)	1,152	2,041	3,062
TOTAL	2,789	4,588	6,882

The City has issued building permits for 2,945 units this cycle and is expecting to exceed 4,000 units by the end of 2022. Low income and abovemoderate unit targets will be met.

Related Land Use Element Amendments with Zoning and Municipal Code



Also review and update the Land Use Element of the General Plan, which includes both the Land Use Map and goals, policies, and programs to ensure consistency with the Housing Element.



Environmental Justice and Safety Elements



Required to update the Safety Element and create an Environmental Justice element as part of the Housing Element process.

Safety Element	Environmental Justice Element
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Fire risk✓ Sea level rise,✓ Climate adaptation✓ Vulnerability assessment,✓ Local hazard mitigation, and✓ Resiliency strategies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Pollution burden,✓ Socio-economic characteristics,✓ Health and wellness,✓ Food access,✓ Physical activity/ park access,✓ Health and equity initiatives.

Focused General Plan Update

CEQA Goals and Purpose

- **Analyze and disclose** the potential range of physical environmental effects of implementation of the project (Housing and Safety Elements)
- **Inform** decision-makers, agencies, and the public of the range of possible environmental impacts of a project
- **Recommend** measures to mitigate significant adverse impacts
- **Invite** public participation

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

A EIR is warranted as there is reasonable project may result in new or more significant environmental effects in one or more of the following CEQA topics:

- Land Use & Planning
- Population & Housing
- Aesthetics & Shadows
- Cultural & Historic Resources (including Paleontological & Tribal Cultural Resources)
- Public Services (including Recreation)
- Transportation
- Utilities & Infrastructure (including Hydrology & Water Quality)
- Noise & Vibration
- Air Quality
- Climate Change (Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Energy & Sea Level Rise)
- Hazards & Hazardous Materials
- Biological Resources
- Geology & Soils

Next Steps for the EIR



Mar 4 – Notice of Preparation Released

Spring

Mar 15 PC Scoping Session

Draft EIR Released with Comment Meeting at Planning Commission

Summer

Fall

Final EIR Prepared

Recommendation and Adoption of EIR and GP and Zoning

Late Fall

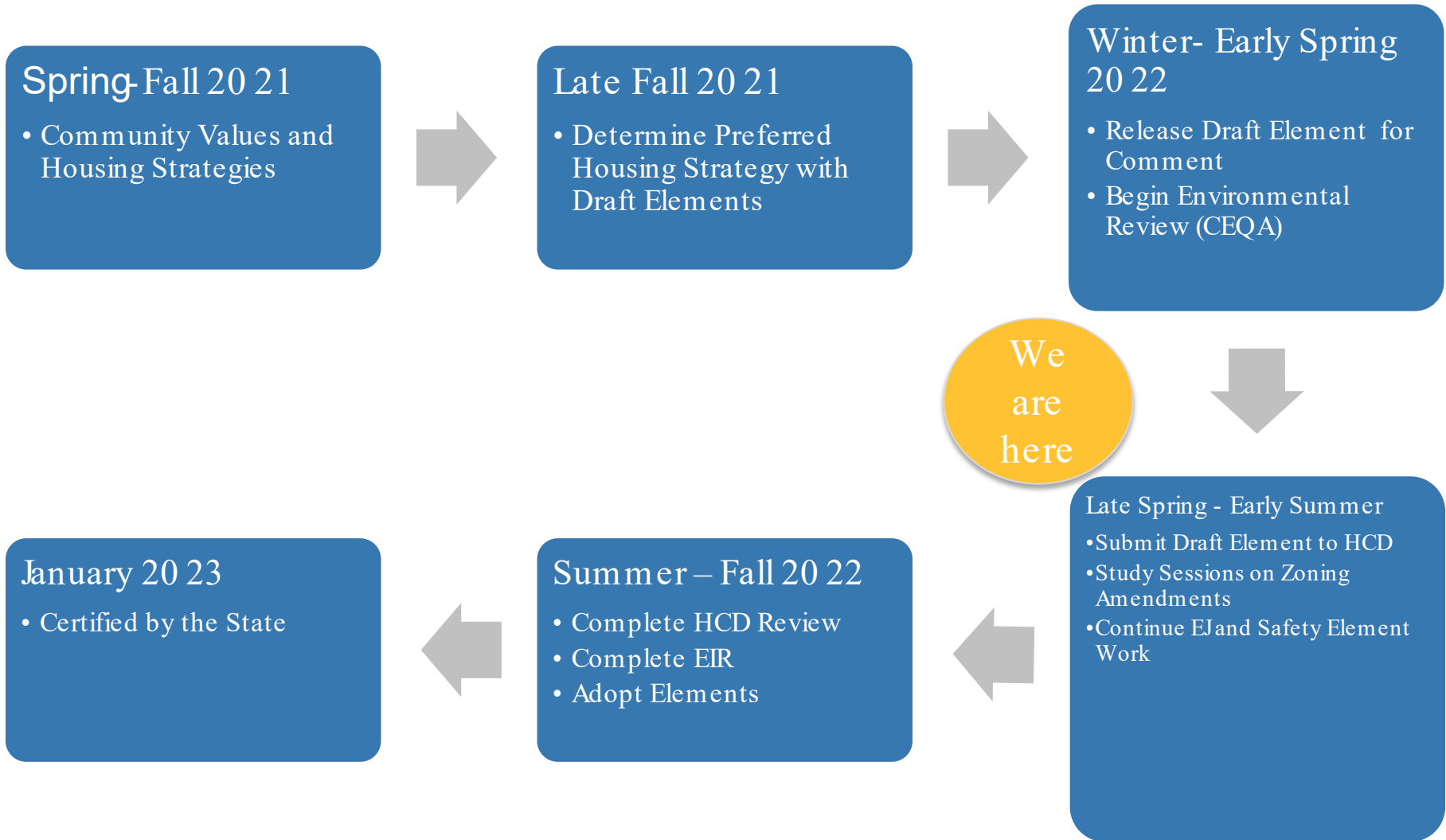
Content of Scoping Contents

Public Comments on Scope of EIR

- Range of Environmental Topics
- Specific Issues of Concern
- Approaches to Certain Analysis
- Potential Alternatives
- Other Environmental Considerations

“I request that the EIR for the project consider...”

Housing Element Process



Written Comments

Due Monday, April 4, 2022 by 5:00 pm

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Please put *“Focused General Plan EIR”* in the
subject line

Recommendation

Open the public hearing and receive public comments on the scope and content of the Environmental Impact Report.

For More Information



- See our website at www.welcomehomerwc.org
- Sign up for updates at housingupdate@redwoodcity.org



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