## Attachment C







## Action

- Consider the 2024 Housing Report for Monterey County; and
- Consider and provide direction regarding priorities for the 2025-2026 Housing Strategic Plan.

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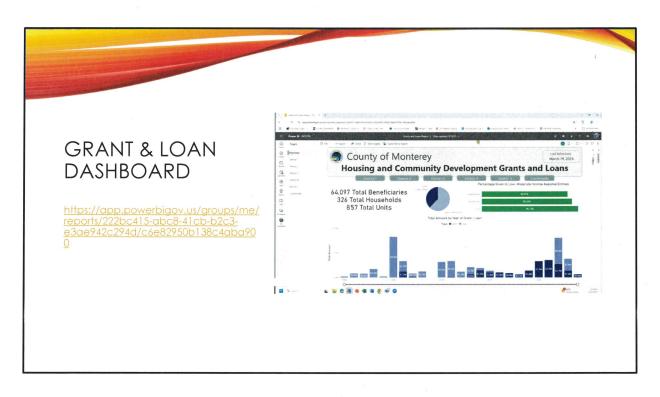
### WHAT WE HAVE HEARD

- Inclusionary Housing Ordinance does not work.
- IHO is disincentive/impediment to housing development.
- What is it going to take to get private developers to build more housing?
- Affordable housing is not what we build.
- Getting an owner-occupied inclusionary unit is like winning the lottery.

- What have places like Monterey County done to stimulate affordable housing production?
- We need more coordination between County departments to maximize impact of County funding.
- Need to invest in County properties, Kents Court
- Prioritize and create back-up list of projects for County controlled funds.

I want to begin by acknowledging some of the things that we have heard over the last five-years.

I am not going to address all these topics today but know that they are on our radar, and we will be reporting back to the 4H Committee, Urban County Committee and the Board of Supervisors.



HCD receives a variety of grants and must provide at least annual reports to the state and federal agencies that provided the funding.

This dashboard is an attempt to standardize reporting and provide like-for-like comparisons between funding sources.

A few things about this information.

Nearly all grant programs used by the County require reporting of "unduplicated" beneficiaries. This gets challenging when we start funding housing projects with multiple sources. Each source counts the same unit, but for our purposes the County has only assisted one household.

Also, when we provide CDBG assistance to remove architectural barriers for those with disabilities, how should we count them. Theoretically every disabled person in the County benefitted when CDBG funds were used for ADA improvements at the Monterey Courthouse. But they also benefitted when we used CDBG funding for ADA improvements at San Lorenzo County Park. If we counted the theoretical

number of beneficiaries for each ADA project, they would rapidly exceed the County's actual population, so we only counted these beneficiaries once.



I want to acknowledge comments that have been made at the Board's Health, Housing, Homelessness, and Human Services Committee and before the Board when it considered the 2025-26 CDBG Annual Plan that we need to do a better job coordinating how County financial resources are used and outcomes reported.

The image on the left is Appendix 12 from the Housing Report.

The image on the right is from the DSS presentation to this Committee last month.

The images are just to show how DSS and HCD funding may overlap with agencies.

We will revisit this slide later when we cover the administrative and operational aspects of the Affordable Housing Strategic Plan.



# AFFORDABLE HOUSING – UNINCORPORATED AREAS

#### County Inclusionary Housing

- 318 For-Sale Units Constructed
- 908 Rental Units Constructed
- \$6.1 Million In-Lieu Fees Collected
- 448 Rental Units and Emergency Shelter Beds Assisted with In-Lieu Fees

#### County Assisted Housing

- 354 Owner-Occupied Units
  - Downpayment Assistance Loans
  - · Rehabilitation Loans
  - Energy Efficiency Grants
- 1,187 Rental Units
  - Acquisition/Rehabilitation Loans
  - Construction & Permanent Financing Loans
  - Energy Efficiency Grants

The actual numbers of units supported is hard to pin down because the Housing Authority managed the Inclusionary Housing program during the 1980's and their files were destroyed when their basement flooded.

Not all inclusionary rental or inclusionary assisted units are in unincorporated areas of County.

The County has used County controlled financing to assist Interim, Inc. with projects in Marina, Monterey, and Salinas, close to where services are available.



# AFFORDABLE HOUSING - COUNTYWIDE

#### Owner-Occupied Units

- 1,339 total units
  - 698 Self-Help Units

Probably underrepresents total units because only some city data is available.

#### Rental Units

- 142 affordable projects
- 7,314 total units
- 90% of units located in cities
- \$1,525,216,258 development costs
- \$72,431,059 city and county financial assistance

Most of these units are from Tax Credit developments.

The count of affordable units is understated because of difficulties merging multiple data sources with inconsistent purposes, formats and standards.

The \$1.5 billion value has not been adjusted to current value.

### INCLUSIONARY EXAMPLE

	% Required	Required Affordability	Waterfall 1	Waterfall 2	Net Affordability
Planned Units		28			
Existing Potential		-1			
Units for Calculation		<u>27</u>			
Moderate	8%	2.16		2.4	2
Low	6%	1.62	2.24	2	2
Very Low	6%	1.62	1		1
Fractional Units					0.4

Since 1980, the County has evaluated at least 412 projects for compliance with the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance.

The average project subject to the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance results in 28-units.

Under the current Ordinance, the average project would result in 5.4 Inclusionary Units.

The Inclusionary Housing Ordinance requires the 23 market rate units to subsidize the difference between the restricted sale price and the cost to construct the unit, a gap of approximately \$671,400.

This subsidy increased the cost of a market rate unit by approximately \$29,190.

## INCLUSIONARY -EAST GARRISON

#### The "Project"

- 244 acres of County-owned land
- Approved for 1,400 Units + 70 "carriage" units
- 25% Affordability
  - Ownership
    - 5% Workforce II (150%-180% AMI)
  - 6% Moderate (80%-110% AMI
  - Rental
    - 8% Low (50%-80% AMI)
    - 6% Very Low (>50% AMI)
- County shares "profits" after developer achieves 21.5% Internal Rate of Return

#### **Implementation**

- Essentially Inclusionary Ordinance 20% affordability
  - 1 change, swapped moderate and low-income percentage requirements
- Units built in at least 3 Housing Element Cycles
- 78-Units/Year Between 2010-2023
- Developer has not paid to construct the very low or low-income units

  CHISPA and Mid-Peninsula Housing raised \$69,803,100 through public financing programs to construct first 130 very low- and low-income units

Construction of very low- and low-income units could have potentially added \$84,500 to the cost of each market rate home if the developer had to construct these affordable units.

The long absorption period for this project increases the developer's holding costs and decreases the overall profit. Which increases the likelihood that the developer will not hit the 21.5% IRR required to trigger profit sharing.

## 6<sup>TH</sup> CYCLE H.E. RHNA

	Very Low- Income	Low- Income	Moderate- Income	Total Affordable Units
Cities	3,342	2,183	3,608	9,133
County	1,070	700	420	2,190
Total	4,412	2,883	4,028	11,323

8,653 Affordable Units Constructed Since 1990-2024 – Countywide

At least \$1.5 Billion

Inclusionary – Self-Help – Tax Credit

# AFFORDABLE HOUSING CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

#### Challenges

- Lack of locally controlled financial resources
- Carrying costs during entitlement and construction period
- County may not have surplus property appropriate for housing
- High cost of programs to support ownership opportunities

#### **Opportunities**

- Monterey County Local Housing Trust Fund
- Pooling financial resources w/cities
- "New" MPWMD water allocation to County
- City-Centered Growth & Unincorporated Community Centers

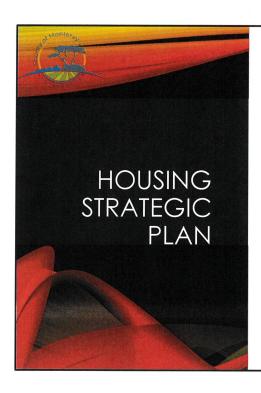
Traditional non-profit housing developers are much less willing to purchase and hold real estate during the entitlement and fund-raising stages of development.

Most 100% affordable developments are now done in partnership with local government owning land.

State programs, such as the Permanent Local Housing Allocation, mean that the state can dictate the kinds of programs and activities the County funds as opposed to what County policy makers may see as more important investments.

Long development horizons make project financing more challenging and do not bring many units to market each year.

For example, the Gonzales Vista Lucia Specific Plan lays out a plan to develop 3,000-units over 30-years, 300-units annually.



Affordable Housing Plan

Monterey County Local Housing Trust Fund

5 Elements Kents Court

6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element Implementation

Program Administration & Staffing

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## AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGIC PLAN

#### Considerations

- Public desire to see more privately built affordable housing.
- Development community belief that 20% affordability is upper limit of maximum affordability requirement.
- Perception that those able to purchase inclusionary homes have "won the lottery".
- Where should housing be built?

The County is currently reviewing two Builder's Remedy projects where the applicants have raised the possibility of increasing the number of units in their projects if the County gives them water.

But they have stated that even with the increase in units, they cannot go above 20% affordability and still have financially viable projects.

This is like the argument put forward by East Garrison Partners in 2002-03, and they were not going to be responsible for constructing the 14% of the units that would be very low- or low-income. The DDA specifically identified the non-profit developers who would fundraise and construct those units.



## AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGIC PLAN

#### Questions we want answered

- Why do so many projects appear to take so long to develop AFTER they are approved?
- What policies and programs have communities like Monterey County used to increase supply of affordable housing?
- What role should the County's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance play in creating affordable housing?
- Is there a path toward creating a countywide affordable housing plan?

It appears that many inclusionary housing ordinances were copied from other jurisdictions without taking local conditions into account.



## MONTEREY COUNTY LOCAL HOUSING TRUST FUND

#### Background

- Established by Board of Supervisors in May 2022
- 8 sources of capital, none with guaranteed annual funding
- Approximately \$7.2 million available for affordable housing projects

#### Moving Forward

- Developing a permanent source of ongoing funding
- How should capital be deployed ownership assistance or multifamily projects?
- Underwriting criteria
- Governance structure

MCLHTF can be a challenge to use funding because of different sources, affordability requirements, grant agency/legislative expectations.



## KENTS COURT

#### Background

- 19-Units of manufactured housing
- Not originally intended to be part of permanent housing stock

#### Moving Forward

- Maintain as County-owned
- Transfer to community land trust to manage and sell units to residents
- Establish manufactured park cooperative and sell units to residents
- Relocate tenants and redevelop/sell property

Tenants would like to own their units.

Staff has reached out to the California Center for Cooperative Development to see if Kents Court might be a good candidate for a cooperative and if financing is potentially available to make it happen.

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGIC PLAN - SCOPE

#### Context

- Development environment & considerations in Monterey County
  - Types of projects
  - · Timing of projects
  - ROI expectations
- What have communities like Monterey County done to encourage affordable housing
  - In and outside of California

#### Policies & Recommendations

- Concessions & Incentives
- Regional Policy Making
- Evaluation of Finance Models
  - Emphasis on quantifiable impacts both pro and con
- MCLHTF
  - Governance
  - ROI expectations



### 6<sup>TH</sup> CYCLE HOUSING ELEMENT

#### Background

- 5 Goals
- 38 Policies or Programs

Overlap with Affordable Housing Strategic Plan & MCHLTF

- Goal H-1.2 housing rehabilitation programs
- Goal H-2.7, .11, .13, & .14 Regular assessment of Inclusionary Housing Ordinance, funding for multifamily and ownership loan programs
- Goal H-3.8 & 9 regional growth strategies & RHNA allocation process for jobs-housing balance

Many of the programs identified in the Draft 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element require identification of new sources of funding, which ties back to the Affordable Housing Strategic Plan and potentially the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance and the MCLHTF.

The Housing Advisory Committee wants to have an active role in reviewing and helping to implement the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle programs to ensure timely implementation.

## ADMINISTRATIVE IMPROVEMENTS

#### Program & Asset Management

- Grant Management System to handle applications & reporting
- Loan Servicing System to manage loan portfolio
- Portfolio Management System to track and manage affordable housing projects where the County has a financial investment or security interest

#### Operational Management

- Develop written policies and procedures and update the Inclusionary Housing Administrative Manual
- Develop new templates for loan documents used in County programs



The duplication of efforts and coordination between County departments came up during the 4H Committee's March meeting when HCD and DSS made presentations on their organization and programs and at the Urban County Committee when it discussed how CDBG funds are allocated.

We are still trying to figure out how the new County financial system will handle grants, but a grant management system could offer a platform for collecting all grant and CBO information in one place.

What the financial system won't do is track the impact of the County's financial investments in CBOs and programs.

A big part of any effort to improve cross-departmental reporting will be producing standardized terms and ways to report on investment outcomes, e.g. number of people receiving services, number of loans made, etc.

This information could then be fed into a system like Microsoft PowerBI to create information dashboards that cross departmental lines and give the public a total picture of how County programs spread throughout the community.



#### Recommendation

- Receive the 2024 Housing Report for Monterey County; and
- Consider and provide direction regarding **priorities for the 2025-2026 Strategic Planning Program**.

Staff is available for questions or to provide additional detail, as may be desired by the Commission.

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