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PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Meeting: October 25, 2022

Subject

Work Session on the General Plan Annual Review of the Land Use Section (through Policy LU-27.4).

Recommended Action

Provide Input on the Land Use Section of the Annual General Plan Review.

Discussion

Background:

State law (Government Code Section 65400) requires that the City provide an annual report, on or before April 1 of each year, to the legislative body (the City Council in the case of Cupertino) regarding the status of the General Plan and progress in its implementation, including meeting its share of regional housing needs, and local efforts to remove governmental constraints to the maintenance, improvement, and development of housing. The report must also be sent to the Office of Planning and Research and Department of Housing and Community Development¹. See Government Code § 65400(a)(2)(A)-(J). This report is mainly focused on the state requirements of the General Plan Annual Report and not the Housing Annual Progress report, which will be presented at a later time.

In March 2022, the General Plan Annual Review/Implementation Plan was presented to the City Council in compliance with State law and past practice. Councilmembers did not have any substantial comments on the report but did acknowledge the Commission's hard work on the report.

Analysis:

The current General Plan Annual Review/Implementation Plan format has been used for the past few years. The Policies and Strategies that support the General Plan Goals in each Element have been arranged in tabular form as the General Plan

¹ This housing element of the annual report must be made using standards, forms, and definitions adopted by HCD. For 2019, this report was presented to the Council on March 15, 2022 and submitted to the HCD by April 1. Government Code § 65400(a)(2)(B).

Implementation Plan (See Attachment 1). Most Strategies and Policies are implemented on an ongoing process through the Municipal Code and through development project review, and are identified in the Implementation Plan. Another purpose of the Implementation Plan is to identify potential future Work Plan items to ensure that the policies and strategies in the General Plan are implemented, and appropriate funding is allocated.

Edits have been made to the Land Use section of the Annual Report (through General Plan Policy LU-27.4) and reflected in the attached document in bold and underlined text However, updates/comments in other policy sections have not been made yet and will be made available at a future Planning Commission meeting.

It should be noted that the City manages growth in the City by adopting development allocations in several development categories – residential (in units), commercial (in sq. ft.), office (in sq. ft.) and hotel (in rooms). Since this report covers the 2022 calendar year, development allocations are not known at this time and will be updated prior to presenting this report to the City Council.

Next Steps

Upon receiving comments from the Planning Commission, this item will be brought back for review. Upon Planning Commission review, the 2021 General Plan Annual Review will be presented to City Council in March 2022.

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Attachments:

1. Draft 2022 General Plan Annual Report (*updates available through Policy LU-27.4*)