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**PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF REPORT**

Meeting: July 8, 2025

**Subject**

Study Session on a state law mandated update to the Health and Safety Element.  
(Application No(s): GPA-2025-001; Applicant(s): City of Cupertino; Location: citywide)

**Recommended Action**

That the Planning Commission receive the report and provide input on the recommended policy areas and/or programs in the Health and Safety Element.

**Discussion**

*Background:*

State law requires cities to initiate an update to the Safety Element (called the Health and Safety Element in the Cupertino General Plan) concurrently with an update to their Housing Element. While the process was initiated at the same time as the update to the 2023-2021 Housing Element update, the timeline for update of the Health and Safety Element has slipped for a variety of reasons, including, due to staff vacancies.

*Analysis:*

The City contracted with Placeworks, a planning consultancy firm, to assist with the preparation of the statutorily required updates to the Health and Safety Element. Placeworks staff has prepared a memo which outlines the topic areas for input from the Planning Commission to incorporate into a public draft of the Health and Safety Element. (See Attachment 1) This information will also be presented to the Public Safety Commission for its input at its regular meeting on July 10, 2025.

It is anticipated that a draft Health and Safety Element will be presented for consideration in late fall 2025.

**Environmental Impacts**

There are no environmental impacts from conducting this study session on a statutorily required update to the City's Health and Safety Element.

### Next Steps

The Planning Commission and public's input will be considered in drafting the Health and Safety Element, which will be presented for adoption by the Planning Commission and City Council later this year.

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### Attachments:

1. Memo from Placeworks dated June 24, 2025