

## Appendix C – Public Participation Summary

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Public participation is an important component of the planning process. Section 65583 of the Government Code states that, "the local government shall make diligent effort to achieve public participation of all economic segments of the community in the development of the housing element, and the program shall describe this effort." Meaningful community participation is also required in connection with the Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH). As part of the 6th Cycle Housing Element Update process, the County of Orange has provided residents and other interested parties numerous opportunities for review and comment. These engagement efforts included community workshops, meetings with Housing Element Resource Team, online and digital outreach, and public hearings This proactive outreach effort invited broad involvement throughout the analytical and policy development phases of the project.

The following is a list of meetings and hearings held during the Housing Element update process.

- February 16, 2021      Community Workshop #1
- February 17, 2021      Resource Team #1
- September 27, 2021      Community Workshop #2
- September 28, 2021      Resource Team #2
- \_\_\_\_\_      Planning Commission hearing
- \_\_\_\_\_      Board of Supervisors hearing

Notices of all Housing Element public hearings were published in the local newspaper in advance of each meeting, as well as posting the notices on the County’s website: <https://ocds.ocpublicworks.com/>. The draft Housing Element was made available for review at County offices and posted on the website. [TO INCLUDE IN THE FINAL DRAFT]

For this upcoming 2021-2029 Housing Element Update, OC Development Services conducted the following:

- Sent invitations to all of the advisory and non-advisory committees within the County of Orange (North Tustin Planning Advisory Committee, Coto de Caza Planning Advisory

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Committee, Orange Park Acres, Foothill Trabuco Specific Plan Review Board, Rossmore Homeowners Association, etc.) for the Community Workshops.

- Requested that Kennedy Commission, Abrazar and La Colonia Independencia community centers send an email notice about the Community Workshops to those on their mailing list.

A community survey was also circulated to various agencies and groups, and translated in Spanish and Vietnamese. Oral translation services were also available upon request. Links to the community survey were posted on the County’s social media outlets. The survey generated 249 responses, and the results were as follows:

- The community was able to select 3 areas where they envisioned growth. 74 responses went to Ladera Ranch, 69 responses went to Rancho Mission Viejo, 62 responses to Foothill/Trabuco, 61 responses to Midway City, 59 responses to Silverado-Modjeska, and 56 responses towards North Tustin.
- The community was then asked to select 3 areas for where they want to see more housing. 165 responses went to areas in older shopping centers, and 140 responses supported areas near transit.
- When asked what type of housing was most needed, 109 responses were for single-family detached homes, 98 for senior housing, and 81 for multifamily housing.
- The community was asked to select 3 housing-related concerns. 103 responses were related to low inventory of available housing, 95 responses were for lack of available sites, and 91 responses were for lack of affordable housing.
- There were 80 write-in comments, which included a need for more affordable housing, density (for and against), maintaining existing neighborhoods, opposing ADUs in single family neighborhoods, opposing development in high fire areas (i.e. canyons), higher density near transit, along with some concerns related to homelessness, and traffic.

Table C-1 provides a summary of public comments and how those comments have been addressed in this Housing Element. [TO INCLUDE IN THE FINAL DRAFT]

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**Table C-1**  
**Summary of Public Comments**  
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**Table C-2**  
**Housing Element Resource Team**  
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