City of VALLEJO California

Action Item 10.A

STATE PROHOUSING DESIGNATION PROGRAM

Housing and Community Development Commission
Regular Meeting | May 7, 2026

What is the Prohousing Designation Program?

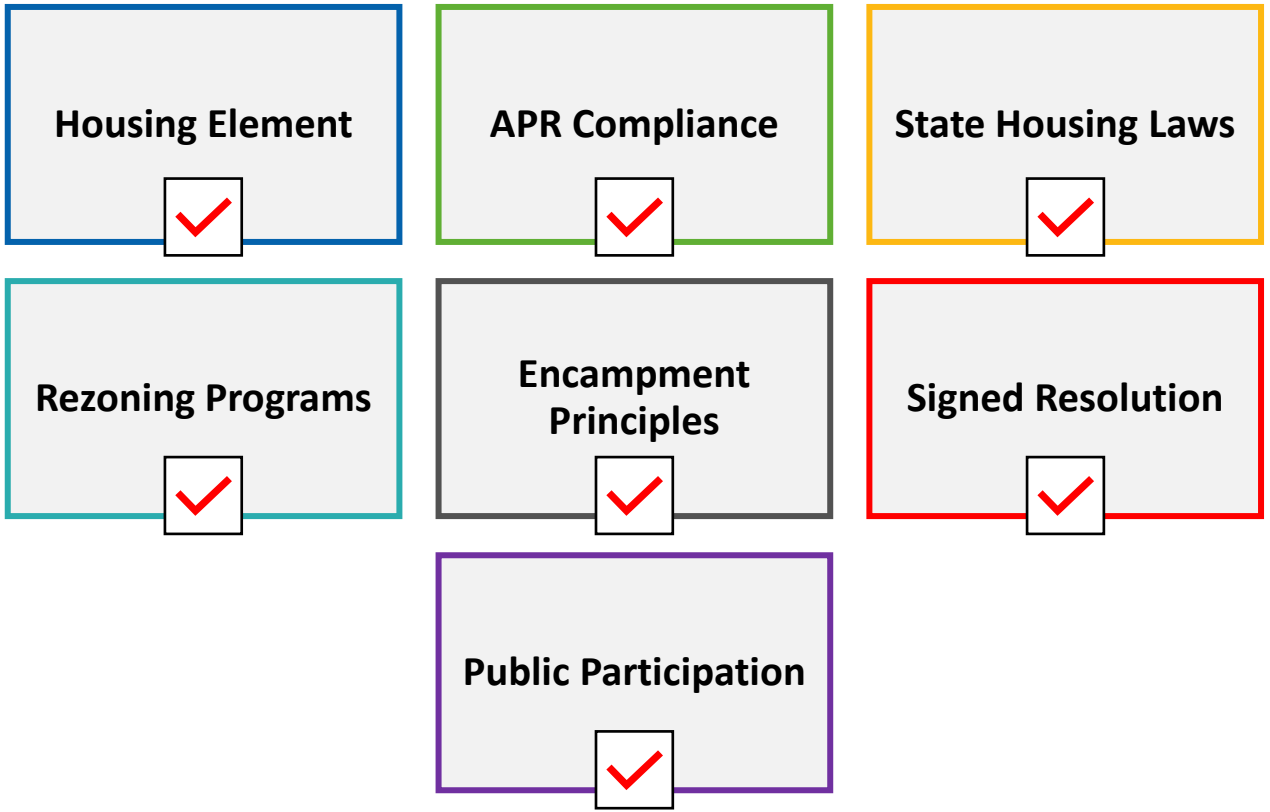
State program administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) intended to recognize jurisdictions that go beyond baseline state housing law to:

Potential Benefits

Jurisdictions with the designation may receive priority processing, preference, and additional points for select State funding programs, including:

- Affordable Housing & Sustainable Communities
- Infill Infrastructure Grant
- Transformative Climate Communities
- Solutions for Congested Corridors
- Local Partnership Program
- Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program
- Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program
- **Prohousing Incentive Program**

Threshold Requirements



Scoring Criteria

Category 1
Favorable Zoning and Land Use
(up to 21 points)

Category 2
Acceleration of Housing Production Timeframes
(up to 20 points)

Category 3
Reduction of Construction and Development Costs
(up to 12 points)

Category 4
Providing Financial Subsidies
(up to 20 points)

Enhancement Factors
(up to 9 points)

Application Process

1. Prepare Application

- Identify qualifying existing and proposed policies
- Compile supporting documentation
- Confirm scoring eligibility:
  - At least 30 pts. total
  - At least 1 policy per category

2. Public Participation

- Post draft application for 30-day public review
- Conduct multilingual and stakeholder outreach
- Present draft application at City Council meeting
- Consider and incorporate comments

3. Submit to HCD

- Submit complete application package
- HCD review: up to 60 days
- Applications reviewed on a rolling basis
- Respond to clarifications, if requested

Nearby Prohousing Jurisdictions

A total of **74 cities have received the designation** as of March 26, 2026. Bay Area jurisdictions with designation include:

Alameda
Benicia
Berkeley
El Cerrito
Emeryville
Fairfield
Hayward
Moraga
Mountain View
Napa
Oakland
Petaluma
Pinole
Redwood City
Richmond
San Francisco
San Leandro
Santa Rosa
Sonoma County
South San Francisco
Sunnyvale
Vacaville (pending)
Walnut Creek

Staff Recommendation

Adopt a resolution recommending that the City Council direct staff to take the necessary steps to pursue the State's Prohousing Designation.

THANK YOU

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