



Founded in 2012 based on a vision to provide the
community at large a
"clean, well- lighted place to play"

Eleven years later, community service
remains at our core

Parks, Recreation, Marina and Cultural Commission

Special Edition May 2023

Agenda

- ▶ Re-introduce NorCal Courts and provide additional client updates
- ▶ Explain who the current LLC members are and our roles
- ▶ Introduce the Sopak family; Beverley, Kelly, Lauren and Leah and hear their vision for keeping what works and adding new energy and additional offerings
- ▶ Learn how familiar the committee might be with NorCal and respond to any feedback. Note that all businesses adapt and change
- ▶ Listen for your ideas!



Reintroduction!



Demographic: Age 5 to 75



Tiny kids: Futsal,
basketball and T-ball



Senior folks: Pickleball



Everyone in between:
Basketball, Futsal,
Volleyball, Baton



Martinez provided the shell NorCal Courts built the facility



Three maple basketball floors



Two sport courts



Open seven days per week



Whom we serve

More than 15 youth club programs including

Girls Clubs

- Excecleration Volleyball—12 year-round team
- Cal Stars Basketball—Events
- Baton!

Clubs with both boys and girls teams

- Diablo Futsal Club
- NorCal Futsal
- St Catherine's
- Christ the King
- Contra Costa Christian
- West Coast Elite Basketball
- New! Fencing

Adult Futsal every Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
Adult Basketball every Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday



Residential Educational Services
One of our first customers! BACK after the
“Covid Holiday”!

The crew



Joe likes
to help-4
years



David makes
cards and
posters





Xceleration Volleyball

One of the premier girls' volleyball clubs in Northern California

12 teams

145 participants





Various Basketball Programs

Including the...

NIKE sponsored

CAL STARS

Girls Basketball
program

Under Armour's
West Coast Elite





CYO Basketball

West Diablo CYO Winter Basketball programs



Adult Basketball Leagues



Little Folks Futsal



Adult soccer leagues



Baton Twirlers

Girls travel from around the country to train with Sandy!



Summer Camp

Including
visits from
Park & Req!



Occasional Customers



Muslim Community;

EID service twice
per year.

County Election Board

Twice per year
(sorry, no picture!)

Occasional Customers



First Fencing Meet

Perhaps three per year





Current LLC Members

- Dan Middleton; he had the vision and the passion
- John Cowee; our architect
- Senz family; we had a son and bought into the vision
- Our TEAM makes it happen!



New (proposed) Owners

- Sopak Family
 - Beverley Sopak
 - Kelly Sopak
 - Lauren Sopak 24
 - Leah Sopak 21





About Kelly Sopak

- * 23 Year residents of Contra Costa County
 - * Owners of Cal Stars Nike Basketball
 - * Partners w/ Elite is Earned and End of Trail Tournaments
 - * Camp Director of SI20 (Sabrina Ionescu) Camps
 - * Head Girls Basketball Coach Carondelet HS
 - * Owner Kelly Sopak Insurance Agency Inc.
 - * 20+ Years of local coaching experience
 - * Developed over 300+ Female College Basketball Players
 - * 50 Professional Players
- *** All of these players have trained, practiced and played at Nor Cal Courts *****



NEW VISION

- * Maintain the legacy that NCC has developed the past decade
- * Continue to offer a variety of sports & activities for all ages
- * Expand offerings to include Camps, Clinics and Skills Academies
 - * Add additional high level National Basketball Tournaments
 - * Expand Community Recreational Outreach
- * Increase employment & volunteer opportunities for HS/College students
 - * Increase traffic/revenue with local businesses
- * Martinez residents & teams - specialized priority, pricing & discounts

NORCAL

C O U R T S



Cal Stars Basketball Club est. 2006



MISSION STATEMENT

The Cal Stars Basketball Organization was created to improve the game of basketball from the ground up. We continue to demonstrate our ability to train and develop female athletes of all ages.

In addition, our long-standing goal is to provide a platform for young women to showcase their talent in hopes of earning a college scholarship at all levels

NCC/MARTINEZ HOME

Cal Stars are excited to call NCC and the City of Martinez home. We look forward to expanding our program portfolio to include boy's programs at both the elite and recreational level.

Cal Stars Basketball Club est. 2006

NORCAL

C O U R T S



NOR CAL COURTS TOURNAMENTS



NOR CAL COURTS EXPANDED TOURNAMENTS

CYO LEAGUES

RECREATIONAL LEAGUES/TOURNAMENTS

AAU TOURNAMENTS

ADULT LEAGUES

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER LEAGUES

NCAA VIEWING TOURNAMENTS



CAMPS AND SKILL TRAINING



CAMPS & SKILLS TRAINING

ON-SITE SKILLS TRAINER (MULTIPLE SPORTS)

SI20(SABRINA IONESCU CAMP) 2X Per Year
Boys & Girls – 3rd grade – 8th grade

ELITE IS EARNED ELITE BASKETBALL CAMP
High School Aged Girls

LITTLE BALLERS WEEKEND CAMPS
K-3RD Grade – Boys & Girls

WEEKLY SKILLS ACADEMY
6 - week program – On going registration (Boys & Girls)

**** All Programs DISCOUNTED for Martinez Residents ****

Feedback?

- ▶ Do you know NorCal outside of annual presentation?
- ▶ Any suggestions as we adapt and change?

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
John Muir National Historic Site



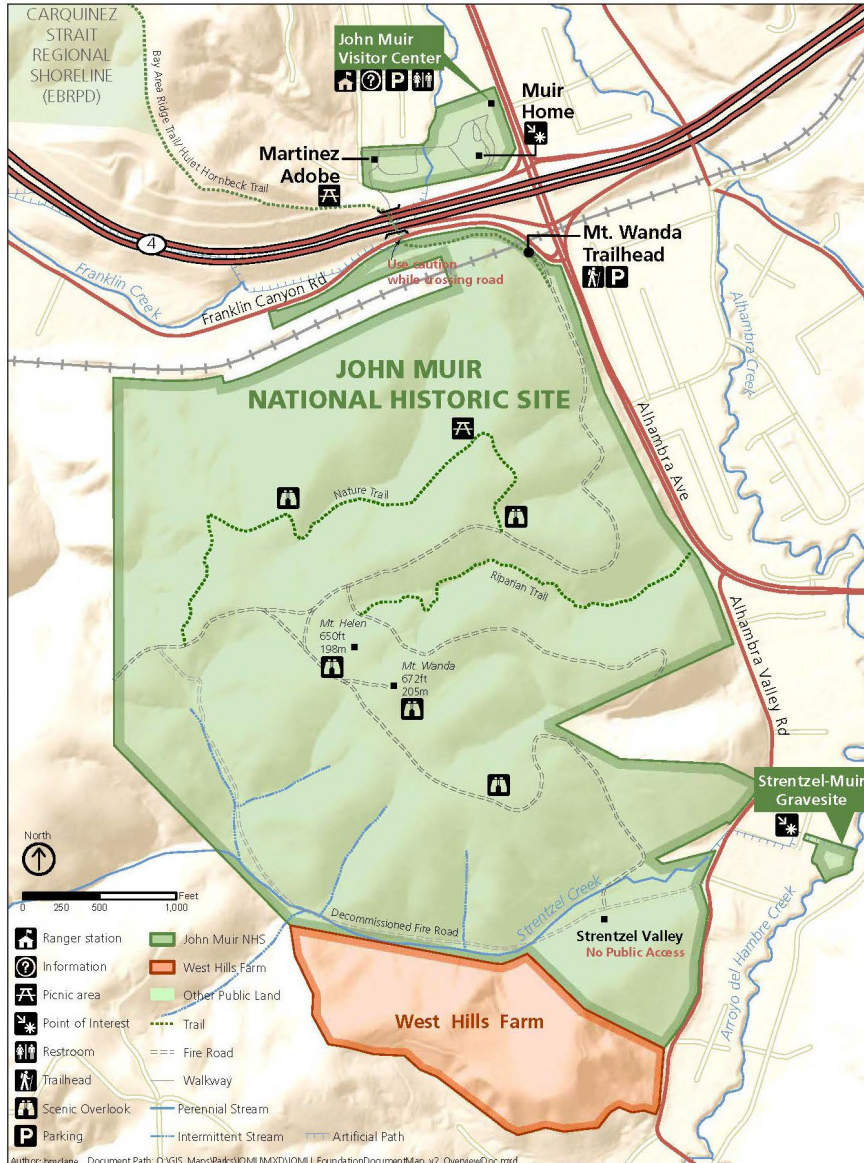
Mt. Wanda Comprehensive Site Management Plan and Environmental Assessment

City Council – City of Martinez

K. Lynn Berry, Superintendent

June 7, 2023

Current Conditions

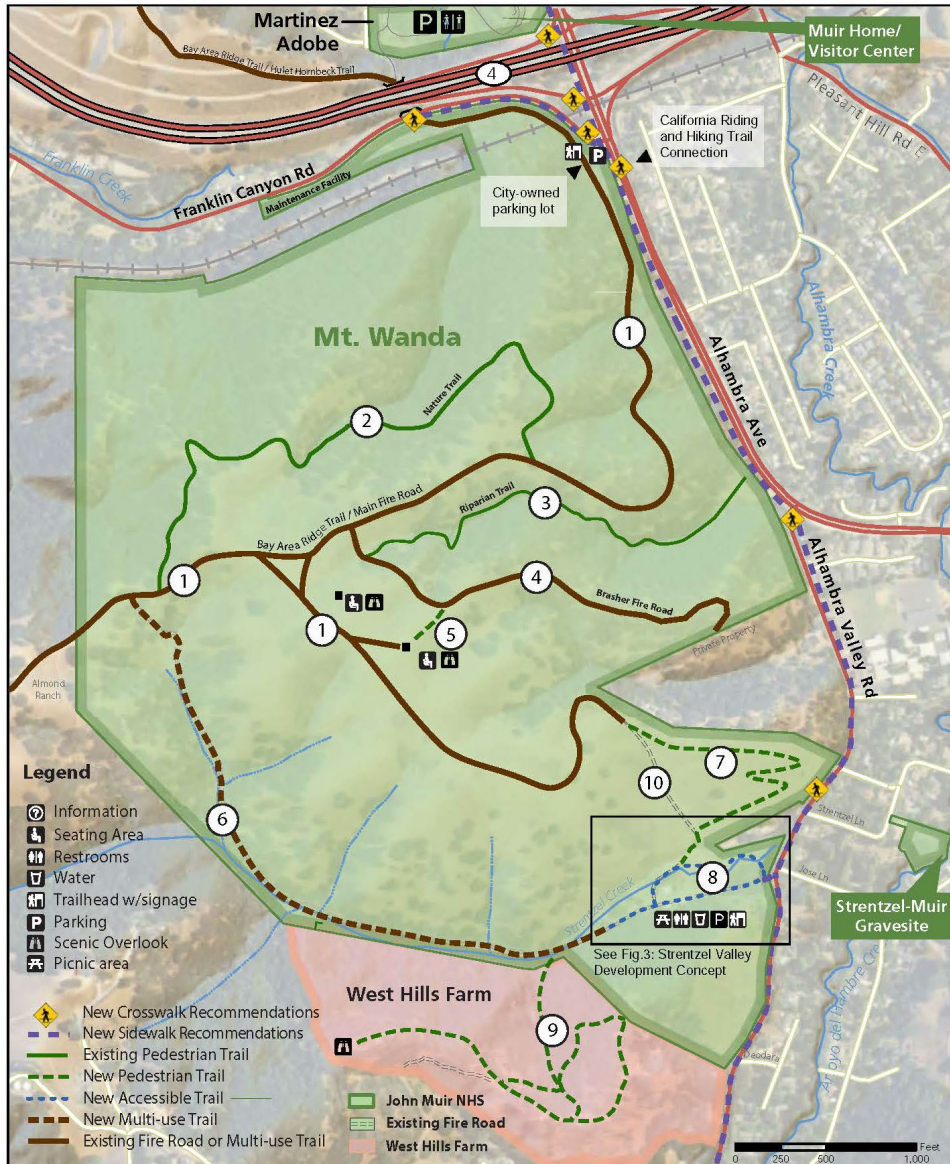


- John Muir NHS Units
 - House Site
 - Mt. Wanda
 - Gravesite
- Planning Area
 - Mt. Wanda (326 acres)
 - West Hills Farm (44 acres)

Plan Process

- Background
 - 2018: Preliminary Concepts public engagement
 - 2022: Scoping Newsletter 30-day comment period
- Current Status
 - 30-day public review & comment period ends June 11, 2023
- Next Steps
 - West Hills Farm 44-acre parcel transfers to NPS
 - Complete U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and State Historic Preservation Office consultation
 - Review public comment & select an alternative
 - Identify funding & implement the plan (15-20 years)

Preferred Alternative

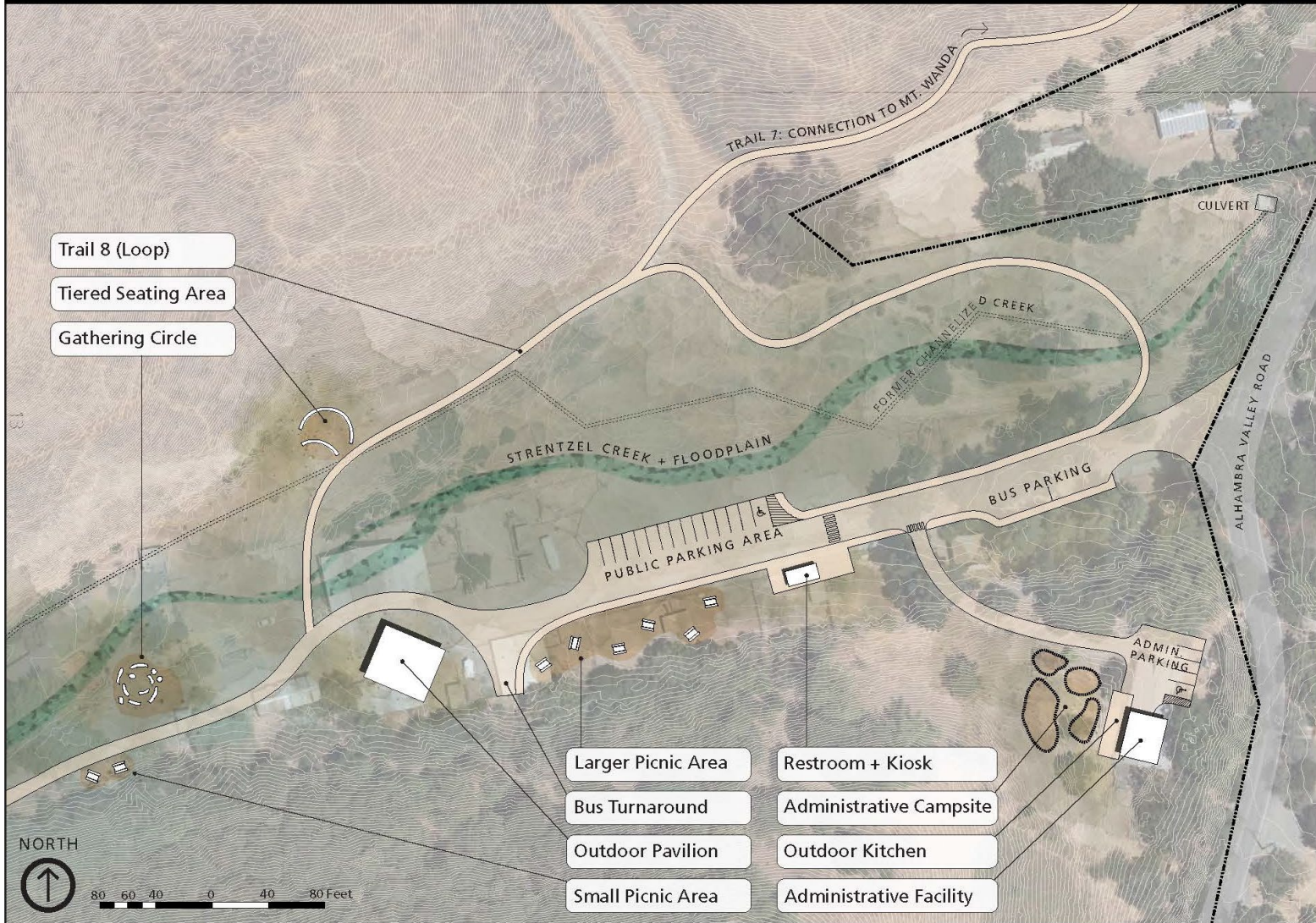


- Strentzel Valley trailhead
- New trails
 - Peak connector (#5)
 - Strentzel Creek Trail (#6)
 - Accessible Loop Trail (#8)
 - West Hills Farm (#9)
- Trail closure (#10) and reroute (#7)
- Additional Elements
 - Desired conditions
 - Visitor capacity
 - Resource management guidance

Preferred Alternative

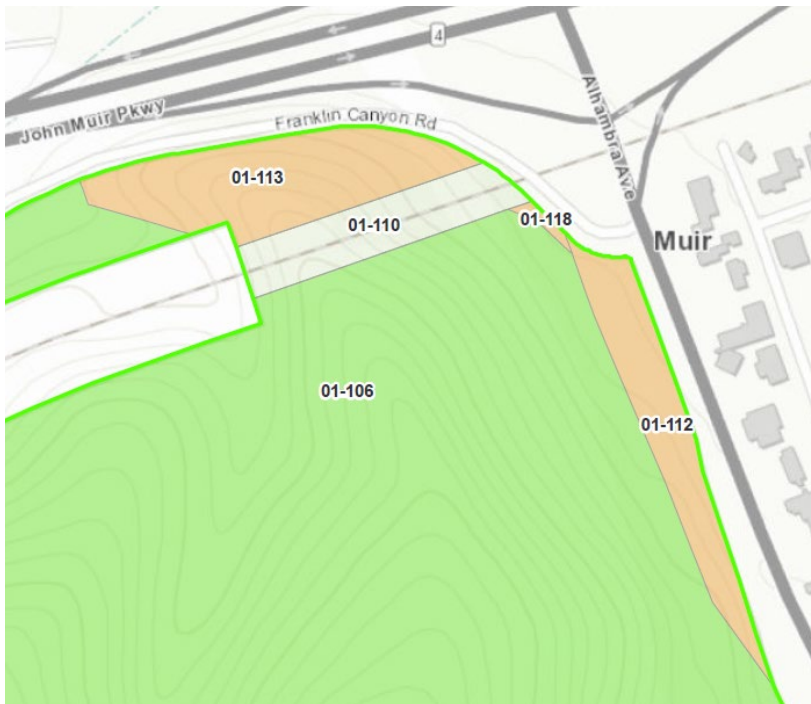
John Muir National Historic Site: Mt. Wanda Comprehensive Site Management Plan
Strentzel Valley Development Concept

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City Partnership

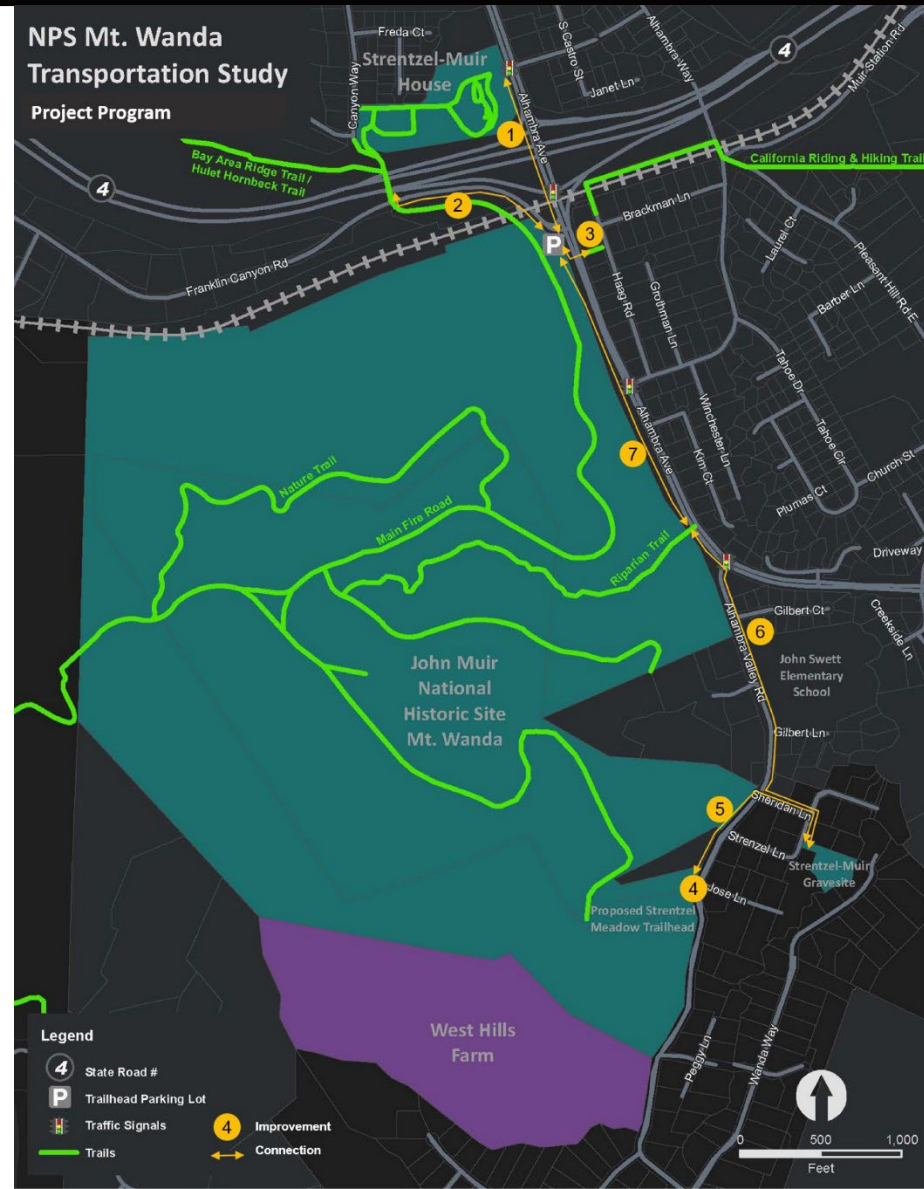
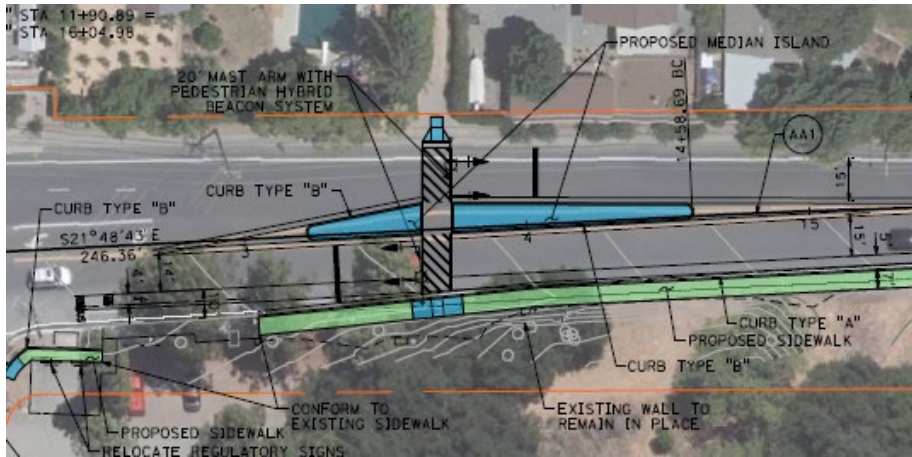
- Parcels wholly owned and managed by DOI/NPS are not subject to City zoning, regulations, or oversight
 - Interest in ensuring planning efforts are compatible
 - Partnership opportunities for non-NPS owned areas



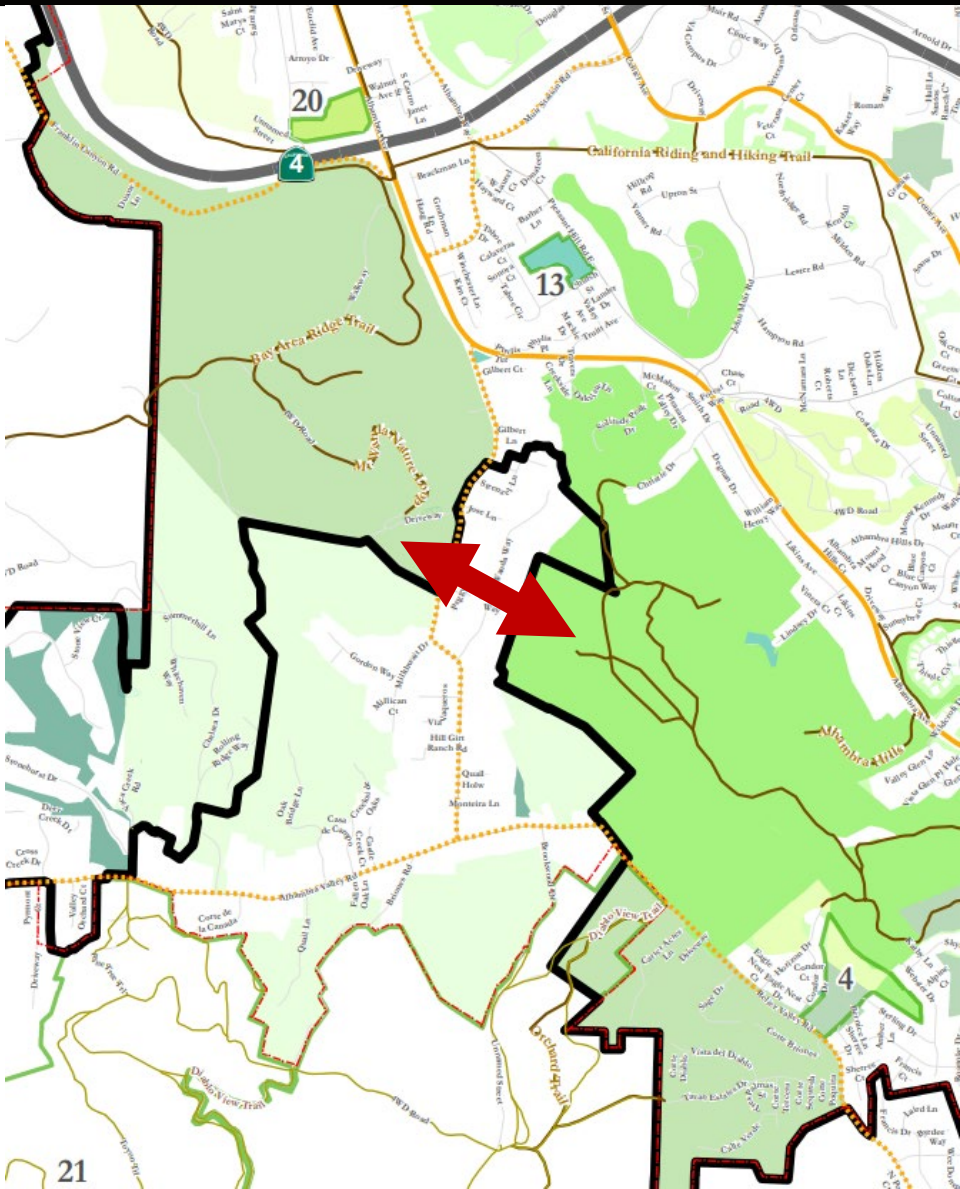
- Existing Trailhead
 - Keep it open, clean, and accessible
 - Consider paving and formalizing parking
 - Improve universal access, signage, and waste management
- NPS MAT Improvements

City Partnership

- Access & Connectivity
 - Partners include City, County, and Caltrans
 - New sidewalks and safe crossings
 - Regional trails connections
 - Confirm, sign, & interpret the Pony Express NHT route



City Partnership



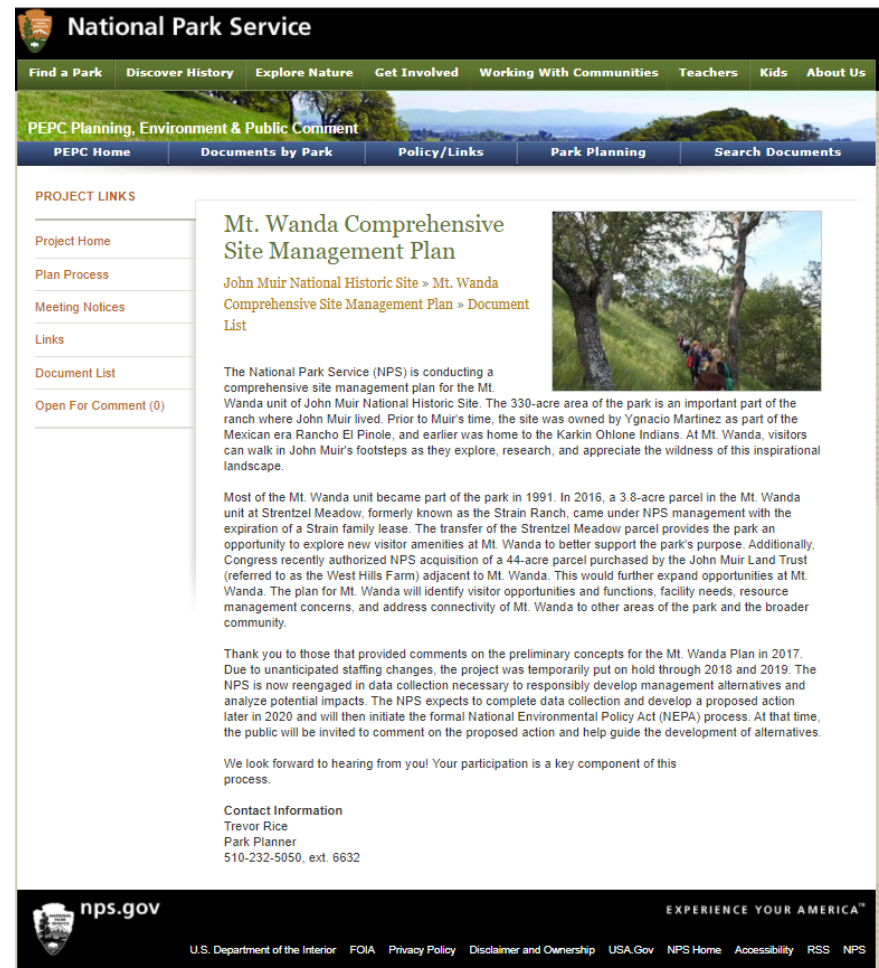
- Access & Connectivity
 - Interest in partnering with the City and County to determine the best connection between Mt. Wanda and Alhambra Hills
- Information needed:
 - Best/safest crossing location
 - City's trail/management plan for Alhambra Hills
 - NPS administrative facilities security & privacy concerns
 - Additional feasibility and impacts analysis

Preparation & Implementation Challenges

- Preparation Challenges (Experienced)
 - Staff turnover
 - Unanticipated transportation study
 - Right-sizing required elements
 - Visitor Use Management
 - Planning for a Changing Climate
- Implementation Challenges (Anticipated)
 - Prioritization
 - Operational capacity (implementation & monitoring)
 - Funding sources/competition (internal & external)
 - Partnership alignment

Plan Website

- <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/MtWandaCSMP>
 - 30-day Public Review and Comment Period ends June 11, 2023
- Point of Contact:
 - Brad Phillips
 - brad_phillips@nps.gov
 - 628-999-5389



The screenshot shows the National Park Service website for the Mt. Wanda Comprehensive Site Management Plan. The page features a navigation bar with links for 'Find a Park', 'Discover History', 'Explore Nature', 'Get Involved', 'Working With Communities', 'Teachers', 'Kids', and 'About Us'. Below the navigation bar is a banner for 'PEPC Planning, Environment & Public Comment' with sub-links for 'PEPC Home', 'Documents by Park', 'Policy/Links', 'Park Planning', and 'Search Documents'. The main content area is titled 'PROJECT LINKS' and includes a sidebar with links for 'Project Home', 'Plan Process', 'Meeting Notices', 'Links', 'Document List', and 'Open For Comment (0)'. The main content area displays the title 'Mt. Wanda Comprehensive Site Management Plan' and a sub-link for 'John Muir National Historic Site » Mt. Wanda Comprehensive Site Management Plan » Document List'. A photograph of a forest landscape is shown to the right of the title. Below the title, there is a paragraph of text describing the project and a section titled 'Most of the Mt. Wanda unit became part of the park in 1991...' followed by a paragraph of text. At the bottom of the page, there is a 'Contact Information' section for Trevor Rice, Park Planner, with the phone number 510-232-5050, ext. 6632. The footer of the page includes the NPS logo, the text 'nps.gov', and the slogan 'EXPERIENCE YOUR AMERICA'.

Park Planning

John Muir National Historic Site



National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior



**City of Martinez
City Council Meeting
Draft 2023 - 2031 Housing Element &
Zoning Map Amendment**

June 7, 2023



Background

- In 1969, a Housing Element became required by State law, which compels all local governments to do their “fair share” of planning for adequate housing
- The Housing Element is a required section of the City’s General Plan and analyzes housing needs of the community and constraints to housing development
- It lays out the City’s housing policies and identifies goals and programs that guide housing related actions



Background - RHNA

The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) allocates the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) to local governments based on methodology, which considers:

- **Access to opportunity** (high resource areas receive more units)
- **Proximity to jobs** (by auto or transit – areas closer to job centers receive more units)
- **Social equity** (areas identified as exhibiting above-average racial and economic exclusion receive an allocation of lower-income units that is at least proportional to its share of households)

Income Level	ABAG RHNA	Martinez RHNA	County Income Range (3-person household)
Very Low-Income (0-50% AMI)	114,442	350	\$0 - \$64,300
Low-Income (50-80% AMI)	65,892	201	\$64,301 - \$98,650
Moderate-Income (80-120% AMI)	72,712	221	\$98,651 - \$154,200
Above Moderate-Income (>120% AMI)	188,130	573	\$154,200 +
Total	441,176	1,345	



Community Engagement

- Joint City Council/Planning Commission Meetings (3)
- Housing Workshop
- Housing Needs and Priorities Survey
- Stakeholder Focus Group Meetings (2)
- Stakeholder Survey
- Public Draft Housing Element 30-day review period
- Meetings with School District and County Staff
- Farmer's Market Booth

Draft 2023 - 2031 Housing Element



Initiate



Community Engagement

- Public Review Draft Housing Element – Comment period closed April 30, 2023
- Responses to comments provided as Appendix F of the Draft 2023 – 2031 Housing Element
- Revised Housing Element will be submitted to the Department of Housing and Community Development for a 90-day review period
- Adoption Draft Housing Element will be brought to the Planning Commission and City Council for consideration



Discussion: Housing Element Contents

Housing Plan



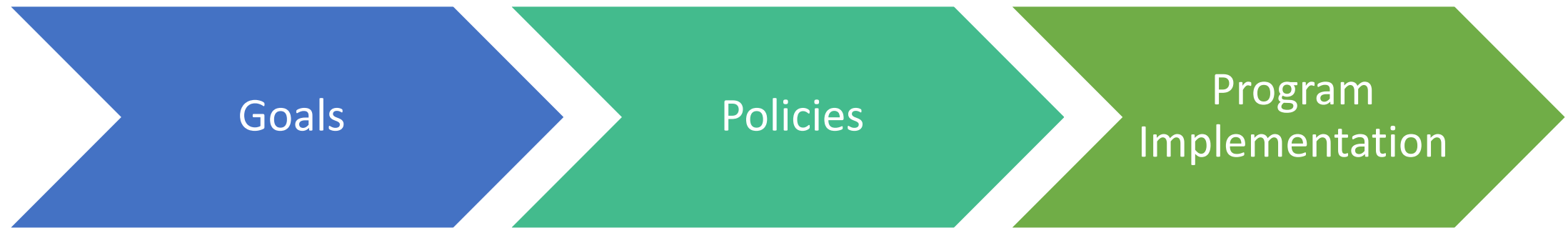
Discussion: Housing Element Contents

Background Report

1. Introduction
2. Housing Needs Assessment
3. Constraints
4. Inventory of Residential Sites
5. Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing
6. Review of Past Performance
7. Other Requirements



Discussion: Housing Plan



- The **Goals** and **Policies** specify the City's plans for meeting the existing and projected comprehensive housing needs of Martinez
- The **Programs** specify the actions the City will take to ensure housing needs are met



Discussion: Housing Plan Goals

- Diversifying Housing. Encouraging development of a variety of housing types affordable to all income levels, allowing those who work in Martinez to also live here.
- Improving Housing Affordability. Encouraging a range of affordable housing options for both renters and homeowners.
- Preserving Housing Assets. Maintaining the condition and affordability of existing housing and ensuring development is consistent with the surrounding neighborhood context.
- Removing Governmental Constraints. Minimizing governmental constraints under the City's control while facilitating the provision of housing and encouraging innovation in design, ownership, and living arrangements.
- Advancing Equal Housing Opportunities. Promoting opportunities for residents, including special needs populations, to reside in the housing of their choice.
- Ensuring Sustainability. Planning for Martinez growth in a responsible manner.



Discussion: Housing Plan Programs

- There are 30 programs in the Housing Plan
- Each program includes the following:
 - Title
 - Description
 - Responsible Department/ Agency
 - Funding Sources
 - Program Objectives/ Timeframe

Example

PROGRAM 18: COORDINATE WITH HOUSING SUPPORT SERVICE AGENCIES

Support efforts of countywide social service agencies in their attempts to provide housing for special need groups. The City will provide information and referrals to County agencies and local service providers for those seeking health and human services assistance. Information on County programs and programs operated by local service providers and non-profits will be made available at the City's public counter and links to County agencies and local service providers will be provided on the City's website.

Responsible Department/Agency: Planning Division; City Manager's Office

Funding Sources: General Fund

Objectives and Timeframe:

1. Continue participating in the Contra Costa Continuum of Care (ESG funds) and Urban County/HOME Consortium (HOME funds), to ensure services are made available to Martinez. Provide information on County programs at City Hall and include program information, including health, human assistance, senior, and homeless programs, on the City's website.
2. Support efforts of countywide social service agencies in their efforts to provide housing for special needs groups through coordinating an annual meeting with County social service agencies to identify housing needs of the community, services available to meet the needs, and additional funding sources or programs that may be available to assist in meeting needs.



Discussion: Housing Plan Programs

1. Partnerships for Affordable Housing
2. **Affordable Housing Funding Sources** – Revised to include legislative platform to advocate for State and Federal funding
- 3A. **Public Property Conversion to Housing** – Revised to meet with County, PG&E, etc.
- 3B. City-Leased Property: Relocate City Corporation Yard
4. Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units
- 4A. **Large Unit Development** – Added new program
5. Provide Information on Housing Programs
6. Housing Choice Voucher Rental Assistance
7. Housing Element Monitoring/Annual Reporting
8. Preservation of Existing Affordable Housing
9. Housing Rehabilitation and Code Enforcement



Discussion: Housing Plan Programs

10. Monitor Changes in Federal and State Housing, Planning, and Zoning Laws
- 11. Zoning Ordinance Amendments** – Revised Inclusionary Housing and Multifamily Parking; Added Short-Term Rentals
12. Downtown Specific Plan Implementation
- 13. Adequate Sites for Lower-Income Households** – Revised to require overlay districts to develop at minimum densities, consistent with State law
14. Governmental Transparency
15. Access to Opportunities, Density Bonuses, and Incentives
- 16. Affirmatively Further Fair Housing** – Added geographic targeting & metrics
17. Coordinate with State, Regional, and Contra Costa County Agencies on Housing, Transportation, and Climate Change
18. Coordinate with Housing Support Service Agencies



Discussion: Housing Plan Programs

19. Fair Housing Services
20. Affordable Housing Resources for Renters and Owners
21. Monitor Residential Capacity (No Net Loss)
22. Replacement Housing
23. Universal Design and Accessibility
24. Reasonable Accommodation Procedures
25. Homeless Continuum of Care
26. Ongoing Community Education and Outreach
27. Green Building Program
28. Energy Conservation Initiatives
29. Planning for Water Resources



Discussion: Comparison of RHNA to Inventory of Sites, Approved Projects, and ADUs (see Background Report Table 59)

	Very Low	Low	Moderate	Above Moderate	Total
2023 – 2031 RHNA	350	201	221	573	1,345
Vacant Sites	0	0	27	163	190
Underutilized Sites	87	67	27	68	249
Pending Projects	9	0	0	0	9
Approved/ Permitted Projects	10	0	69	215	294
ADU Capacity	24	20	25	5	74
Total Existing Capacity	130	87	148	451	816
Remaining Need	220	114	73	122	529



Discussion: Opportunity Sites to Accommodate the RHNA (see Background Report Table 60)

	Very Low	Low	Moderate	Above Moderate	Total
Alhambra Avenue Overlay	90	66	30	40	226
Affordable Housing Overlay	35	26	8	11	80
Community Service Overlay	162	115	13	19	309
Mixed-Use/Housing Overlay	139	105	38	53	335
R-6.0	0	0	0	12	12
R-10	0	0	0	2	2
CC	0	0	3	4	7
DG	13	11	4	4	32
DS	80	62	32	44	218
DT	0	0	8	0	8
Subtotal Opportunity Sites	519	385	136	189	1,229



Discussion: Total Capacity - Inventory Sites plus Opportunity Sites (see Background Report Table 61)

	Very Low	Low	Moderate	Above Moderate	Total
Inventory of Residential Sites	130	87	148	451	816
Opportunity Sites	519	385	136	189	1,229
Total Capacity	649	472	284	640	2,045
2023 – 2031 RHNA	350	201	221	573	1,345
Excess Capacity	299	271	63	67	700



Public Comments

Public comments received on Public Review Draft Housing Element:

1. Thousand Friends of Martinez Housing Element Study Group
2. California Housing Defense Fund
3. Ryan Aston
4. East Bay for Everyone
5. Harlan Strickland
6. Carol Wiley
7. Jennifer Pearson



Public Comment Topics

1. Evaluate and consider costs of implementing Housing Element actions prior to moving forward with discretionary actions
2. Avoid rezoning for excess units if not needed
3. Provide additional evaluation of failures of the 2015 – 2023 Housing Element
4. Quantify impacts of City’s land use controls, parking requirements, emergency shelter requirements, fees, and permitting process
5. Additional analysis of fair housing concerns needed
6. Address methodology for projecting new units, discontinuation of existing uses, provision of utilities, and optimistic ADU projections in the inventory of sites



Public Comment Topics

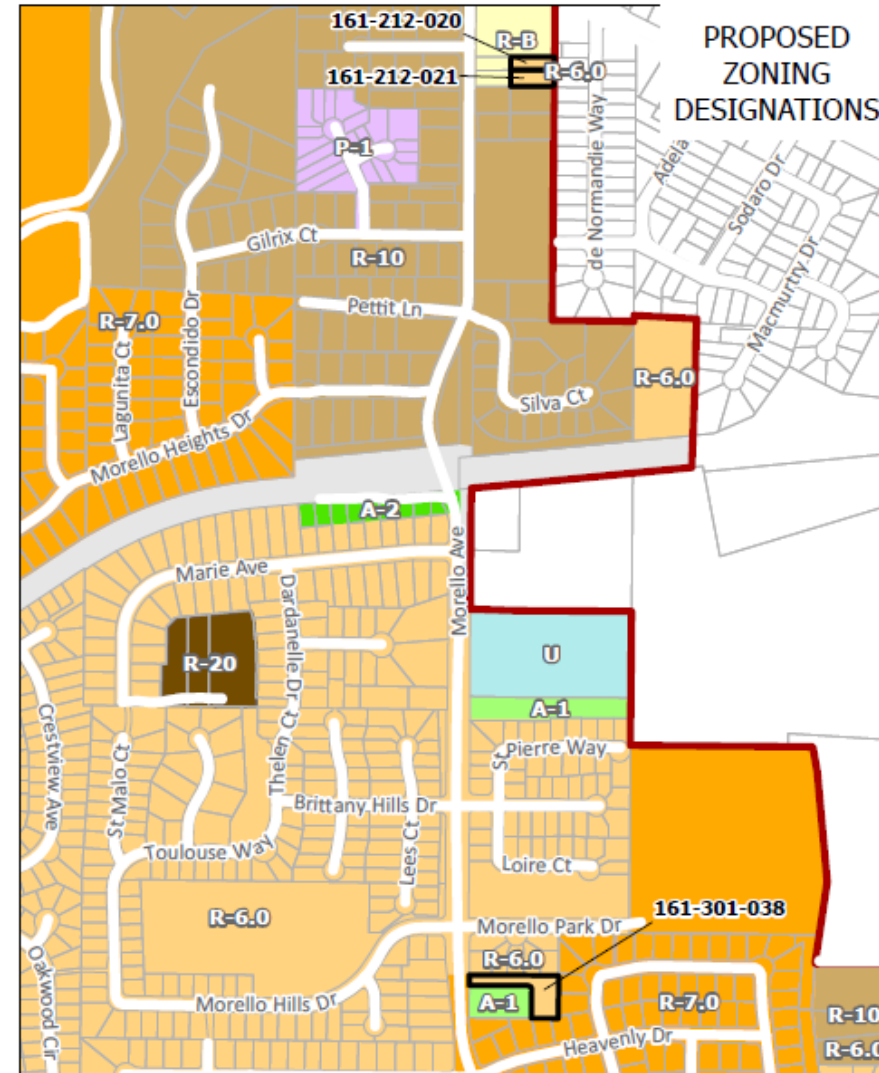
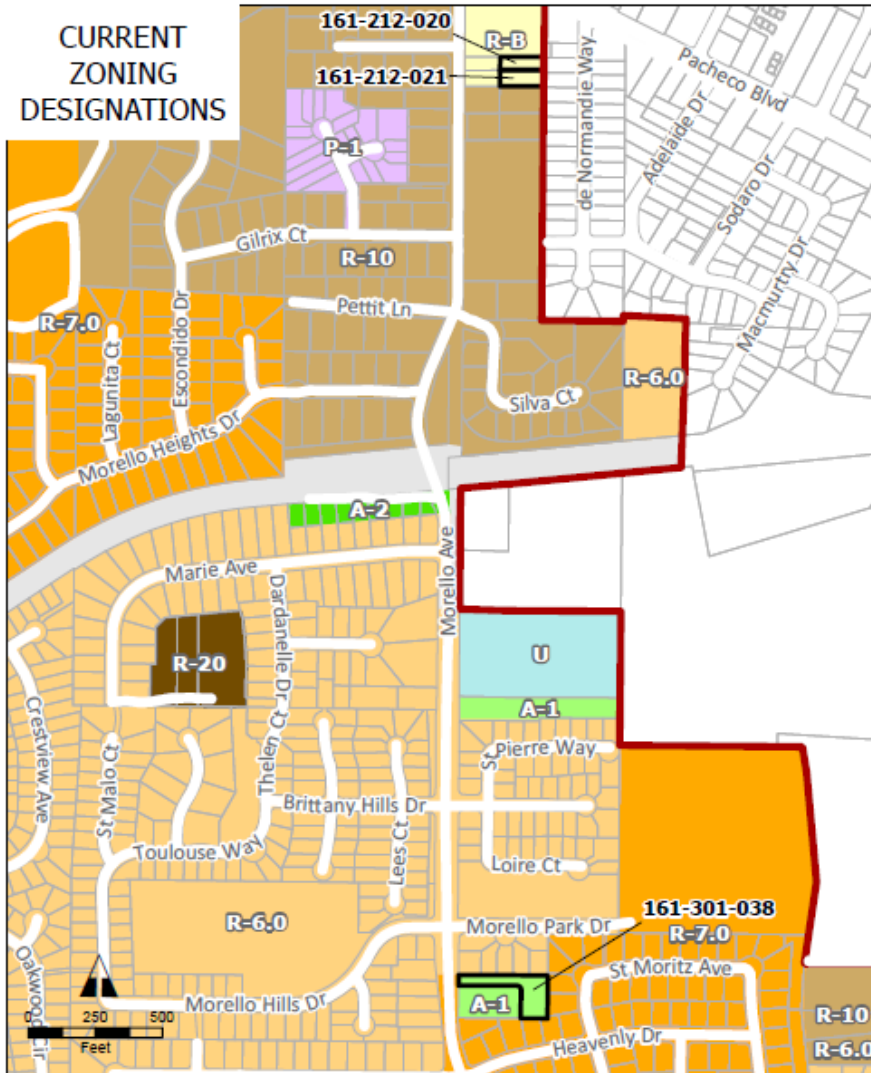
7. Address hazards associated with proposed sites
8. Provide additional data and evaluation regarding RCAAs
9. Revise programs to meaningfully address housing needs and historic growth patterns
10. Add program to address missing middle housing through development standard changes to all residential zones
11. Telfer property – concerns related to neighborhood context, sustainability, and financial effect of converting to residential



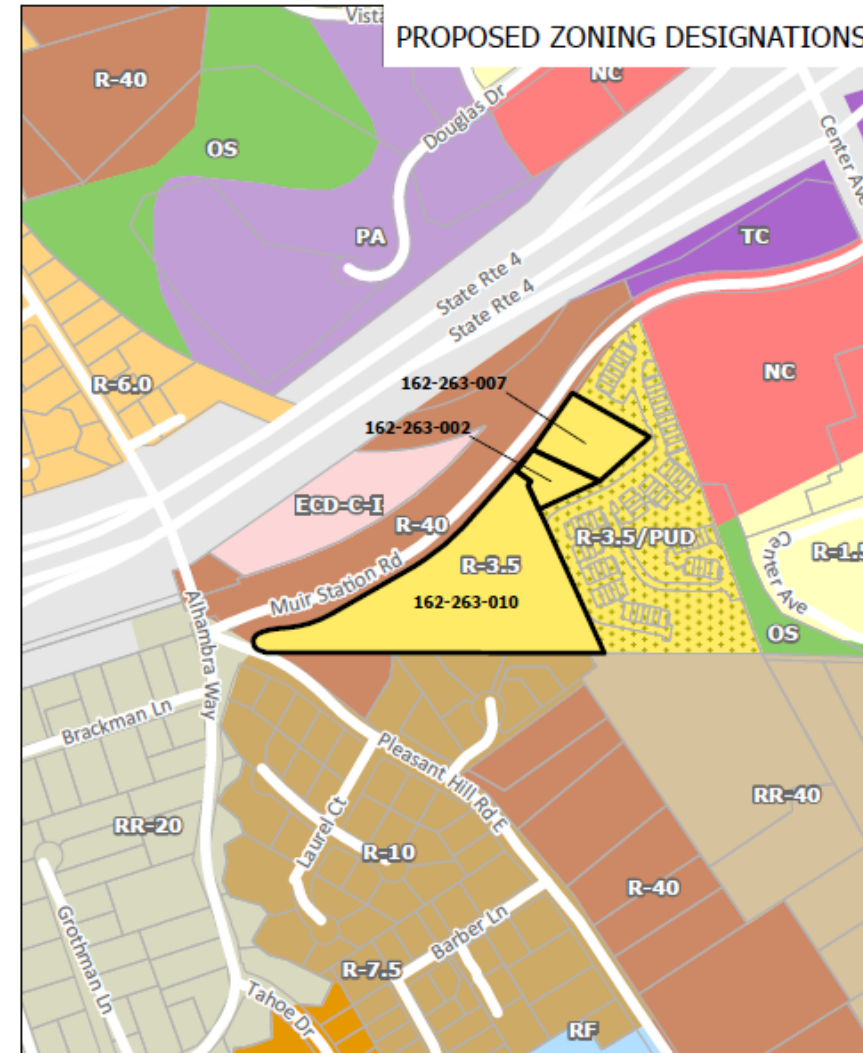
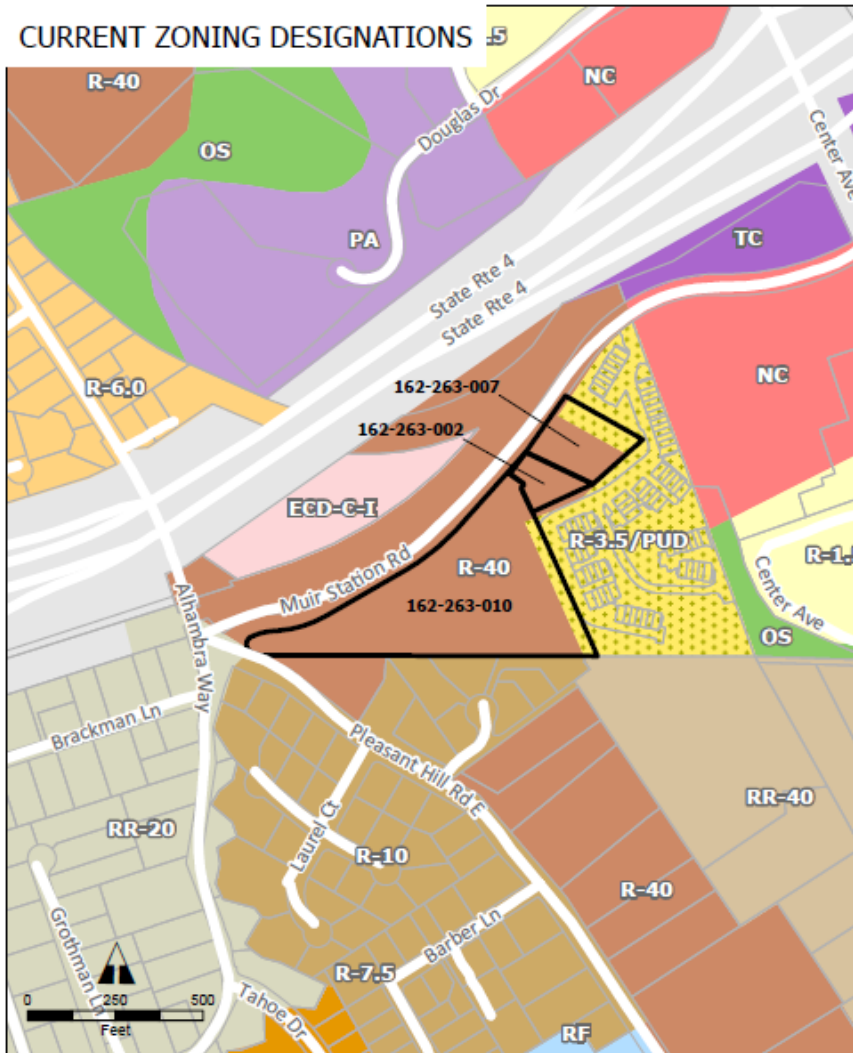
Zoning Map Amendments for GP Land Use Conformance

- General Plan 2035 revised the City's land use designations
- City also changed land use policy direction to encourage the potential development of certain parcels
- Underlying zoning district designation on several properties is inconsistent with General Plan and must be revised for consistency
- Approving a Zoning Map Amendment for 6 specific parcels (see staff report Table 2) into a conforming zoning district will encourage and simplify future housing development on these sites
- Remainder of parcels with inconsistent zoning are mostly located in the downtown area and will be considered at a later date (prior to Jan. 31, 2024)

Draft 2023 – 2031 Housing Element



Draft 2023 – 2031 Housing Element





Planning Commission Review

Adopted Resolution No. 23-06, recommending the City Council:

1. Direct staff to submit the Draft 2023 – 2031 Housing Element to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for review and
2. Approval of the Zoning Map Amendments



Recommendation

Conduct a public hearing and:

1. Adopt Resolution directing staff to submit the Draft 2023 – 2031 Housing Element to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for review and
2. Waive the reading and introduce an Ordinance approving a Zoning Map Amendment for six residential parcels to be consistent with the General Plan 2035 land use designations.

Note: Staff does not recommend the Zoning Map Amendment for APNs 161-100-018 and 161-100-025 at this time.



Questions?

- Additional questions from the City Council?

City of Martinez ARPA Priorities Plan and Allocation Summary

City Council ARPA Spending Priorities Plan (Approved: 09/14/2022)					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public Health and Safety Programs and Projects - Community Benefit Programs and Projects - Parks and Recreational Infrastructure Repairs, Replacements, and Enhancements - Beautification and Preservation Projects 					
Total Original ARPA Funding to City of Martinez: \$					9,160,000
Updated May 26, 2023					
City Council Authorized Allocations					
Ref. #	Project/Program	Allocation	Authorization Date	Total Allocation	Funds Remaining
1	Impact Fee Study	\$ 150,000	06/29/22	\$ 150,000	\$ 9,010,000
2	Panic Alarm at City Hall/PD	\$ 60,000	06/29/22	\$ 210,000	\$ 8,950,000
3	First Floor Conference Room Renovation	\$ 20,000	06/29/22	\$ 230,000	\$ 8,930,000
4	Upgrade to Support VOIP and Wi-Fi	\$ 250,000	06/29/22	\$ 480,000	\$ 8,680,000
5	Back-Up Solution + Azure Cloud Storage	\$ 80,000	06/29/22	\$ 560,000	\$ 8,600,000
6	Upgrade Legacy Servers for City Hall	\$ 75,000	06/29/22	\$ 635,000	\$ 8,525,000
7	Upgrade Legacy Servers for MPD	\$ 75,000	06/29/22	\$ 710,000	\$ 8,450,000
8	Mobile Data Terminals	\$ 112,000	06/29/22	\$ 822,000	\$ 8,338,000
9	Planner - Senior and Associate (Limited Term, 2yrs)	\$ 614,822	06/29/22	\$ 1,436,822	\$ 7,723,178
10	Police Assistant (2 yrs)	\$ 217,440	06/29/22	\$ 1,654,262	\$ 7,505,738
11	ESCO Project Management	\$ 50,000	06/29/22	\$ 1,704,262	\$ 7,455,738
12	Boys and Girls Club Roof Project	\$ 412,908	09/14/22	\$ 2,117,170	\$ 7,042,830
13	Funding to support Martinez CERT	\$ 10,000	10/05/22	\$ 2,127,170	\$ 7,032,830
14	Gift4Martinez	\$ 100,000	10/05/22	\$ 2,227,170	\$ 6,932,830
15	Water Main Replacement Project	\$ 1,000,000	11/16/22	\$ 3,227,170	\$ 5,932,830
16	Support for the Unhoused	\$ 300,000	11/16/22	\$ 3,527,170	\$ 5,632,830
17	Design of Pine Meadows Park	\$ 200,000	02/15/23	\$ 3,727,170	\$ 5,432,830
18	City Hall Improvements	\$ 200,000	05/03/23	\$ 3,927,170	\$ 5,232,830
19	City Hall Roof Repairs	\$ 850,000	05/03/23	\$ 4,777,170	\$ 4,382,830
20	Hidden Valley Park Pickleball Courts	\$ 1,562,446	05/03/23	\$ 6,339,616	\$ 2,820,384
21	Park at Pine Meadows - Phase 1	\$ 874,153	05/03/23	\$ 7,213,769	\$ 1,946,231
22	Mt. View Park Basketball Court Resurfacing	\$ 300,000	05/03/23	\$ 7,513,769	\$ 1,646,231
22	Fishing Pier Environmental Assessment	\$ 150,000	05/17/23	\$ 7,662,769	\$ 1,496,231

**American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
FY 2023-25 Budget Proposal**

Funding Returned by Project

Reallocate Planning Positions - Senior and Associate	614,822
Reallocate Police Assistant 2 yr (50% Parking)	108,720
Return unspent money from Impact Fee Study	60,000
Return unspent money from Gift4Martinez	85,000
Total	868,542

Funding Requested

Fund Annex	26,500
Fund Implementation of ARPIE Task Force Recommendations	50,000
Fund CARES Task Force Plan*	50,000
Fund sustainability initiatives, such as EV charging	50,000
Fund fireworks	74,300
Fund MIS projects*	79,000
Fund Economic Development	140,000
Fund initial phase of Records Conversion*	200,000
Fund 2 Finance Positions (Acct.Tech III) for 1 year	220,250
Fund Executive Assistant to CM/Public Information Officer (Limited 2-year term)	274,020
Total - New Requests	1,164,070
Carryover funding for Unhoused	300,000
Carryover funding for Police Assistant (Limited 2-year term)	108,720
Total - Carryover	408,720
Total	1,572,790
*Could be funded from Operating Reserves	

Note that the new requests listed above totaling \$1,164,070 do not reflect carryovers from previously allocated ARPA funds in the amount of \$88,350, which will be expended in this upcoming FY 2023-24. The new funding requests, combined with the carryover funding, represent the \$1,252,420 figure shown in the FY 2023-24 General Fund table.

With the identified \$868,542 in approved ARPA uses that can be returned to the Plan, the net of the ARPA asks for FY 2023-24 is \$383,878.

Kat Galileo

From: Michael Cass
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 11:29 AM
To: Kat Galileo
Cc: Victoria Walker; Beth Thompson; Michael Chandler
Subject: FW: Support for the Housing Element Plan - Request for Clarification

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Hi Kat,

Below is a public comment in support of the Item 21 on tomorrow's agenda.

Thank you.



Michael P. Cass, *helhim*
Planning Manager
City of Martinez
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Subject: Support for the Housing Element Plan - Request for Clarification

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Dear Mike Chandler, City Manager and Michael Cass, Planning Manager:

I hope this email finds you both well. I am writing on behalf of Grace Episcopal Church to express our unwavering support for the Housing Element Update (HEU) and our sincere hope that it will be approved and adopted by the city council tomorrow, June 6th. We understand that, once submitted, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has a 60-day period to either certify the plan or provide recommendations for changes.

Given my prior experience working on the housing element for Walnut Creek, we are aware that if the HEU is rejected, the HCD will offer specific modifications they deem necessary. As an organization, we are optimistic that the plan will be approved, as we are deeply committed to constructing affordable housing on our property. In fact, we have a scheduled initial meeting with a potential developer on June 15th.

In preparation for this meeting, we anticipate the developer will have inquiries regarding the current zoning of the parcel at 130 Muir Station Road, and any potential rezoning and update to the general plan. It is crucial for us to provide accurate information, and thus, we kindly request your assistance in verifying our understanding from our last meeting of anticipated actions outlined in the four items below.

1) To our knowledge, the community services overlay as presented in the HEU would allow for increased density on our property, both in terms of the number of units and building height, provided that 100% of the units are designated as affordable housing. Moreover, this overlay could potentially grant us relief from the current parking requirements. Could you please confirm if our understanding is correct?

2) Additionally, we were informed during the meeting that a range of 50-60 units would be permitted. However, we would appreciate clarification on whether there is a limit to the height of the building, as we would need to build more than one story to achieve the promised 60 units.

3) As discussed, your goal is to complete the rezoning process in line with the community services overlay within the 90-day state review period. We understand that the environmental analysis will also take place during this time. Consequently, submitting our formal application after the rezoning and environmental analysis are completed should help streamline the approval process. Based on our understanding, we estimate that approval could be anticipated around January of 2024. Please let us know if this estimation aligns with your expectations.

4) Lastly, the HEU states that the city will help developers/property owners with connections to city, county and other resources for funding. Can you please provide us with the name and contact information for this person?

We greatly appreciate your time and guidance on this matter, as it is of paramount importance to us. We eagerly await your response and look forward to taking the necessary steps to fulfill our mutual vision of providing affordable housing in Martinez.

Thank you once again for your invaluable assistance.

Warm regards,

Donna Colombo, Project Coordinator

Grace Episcopal Church and Episcopal Impact Fund

Kat Galileo

From: Tambri Heyden <tambrij@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 3:47 PM
To: Victoria Walker
Cc: DAVID MONTALBO; Michael Cass; contractplanner; Mark Ross; ljking8547@gmail.com; Jay Howard; Satinder S. Malhi; Brianne Zorn; Debbie McKillop; Kat Galileo
Subject: Re: Rezoning from R 2.5 to R 6 of two parcels on Fig Tree Lane (APN 161-100-018 & 161-100-025)

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Good afternoon, Victoria,

I appreciate receiving some response to my emailed questions of June 2, 2023. However, your response doesn't address my following questions:

Question #1 below - Why the zoning of the other parcels noted in the staff report, which are inconsistent with the land use, are not also being rezoned at this time.

Question #2 below - Request for a copy of the document which explains why the land use of the four parcels in question was changed, especially to a land use designation that is not aligned with the current R-2.5 zoning. It appears that the former land use designation was eliminated with the new general plan, so while it is appropriate for the land use designation for these parcels to have changed, why was it changed to a less intense land use? This is our and our neighbors' most important question. While the last paragraph of your email attempts to explain, it doesn't get to the heart of why RL land use was implemented for these parcels in the first place when the previous land use (and corresponding zoning) allowed for greater intensity.

Question #3 below - Related to question #2.

Question #4 below - Whether R-6.0 zoning allows multi-family units (such as apartments and townhouses).

Question #5 below - You answered this question regarding the John Muir Parkway Specific Plan noting that it has been superseded. I brought up the Specific Plan because I thought maybe there was language in it that sheds light on why the land use of the four parcels in question was changed in November 2022.

Lastly, please note that we did not receive any notice of the May 23, 2023 Planning Commission hearing regarding rezoning of our parcels. Our current address has been our address for 10 months. Receipt of the June 7, 2023 City Council hearing notice was addressed to our former address (the address you note below in your email) and forwarded by the post office to our current address. The latter is the only notice we received.

Vice Mayor Ross contacted me yesterday and indicated that he would forward my emails of Friday, June 2, 2023 to the other council members. Therefore, I've copied them on this email to you.

Please let this email serve as our (David Montalbo and Tambri Heyden, owners of APN 161-100-025; Linda King, owner of APN 161-100-018 and 161-100-016-5 at 120 Fig Tree Lane and Charles King, owner of APN 161-100-017-3 at 114 Fig Tree Lane) formal objection to this zoning change from R-2.5 to R-6.0. We request that our parcels be removed from the rezoning action planned to be taken by the City Council at tomorrow night's City Council meeting and that action regarding the land use and zoning of these parcels be deferred until a later date and combined with some future initiative staff will be taking to implement other aspects of the General Plan and Housing Element. We also request the opportunity to meet with staff to discuss these parcels.

Sincerely,
Tambri Heyden, AICP and David Montalbo
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On Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 12:10:42 PM PDT, Victoria Walker <vwalker@solutions-mrg.com> wrote:

Good morning Tambri,

I have followed up on your 06.02.23 email inquiry regarding two of the eight parcels proposed to be rezoned for consistency with General Plan 2035 at the City Council meeting on June 7, 2023.

First, I can confirm that a public meeting notification regarding the May 23, 2023, Planning Commission meeting and a second public meeting notification regarding the June 7, 2023 City Council meeting was sent by U.S. mail to the owners of record for the Fig Tree Lane parcels at the following address:

Montalbo, David Heyden, Tambri

1731 1st Ave.,

Walnut Creek CA 94597-2536

In answer to other questions, with the adoption of the 2035 General Plan on November 2, 2023, the *John Muir Parkway Specific Area Plan* (and its land use designations) was superseded. This information is found on page 1 of the General Plan 2025 which states:

“ Upon adoption by the City Council, the goals, policies, implementation measures, and figures contained in this General Plan document will supersede and update those now contained in the different elements and specific area plans adopted since the early 1970's. The *Downtown Specific Plan* and the *Alhambra Valley Specific Plan* will remain in effect as specific plans pursuant to Government Code Sec.65450 et seq.”

As I mentioned in my earlier email response on June 2nd, the purpose of this rezoning of the Fig Tree Lane parcels, which are identified in the Housing Element as opportunity sites, is to bring them into compliance with the General Plan Residential Low (RL) land use designation. Please note that the R-6 zoning designation provides the highest potential residential density available within the RL designation (1.1 -6.0 dwelling units per acre).

I hope this information provides useful.

Best regards,

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Victoria,

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Given that Tuesday is the Council hearing for these rezonings, I'm hoping you can assist me with the following:

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I realize they are not identified as opportunity sites in the draft housing element, why are they not being rezoning at this time for consistency with the general plan?

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5. Is the John Muir Parkway Specific Plan still in effect? If so, were the land use changes of the four referenced parcels intended to implement the Plan's recommendations? I don't see the Plan on Planning's website. Can you provide a link?

Obviously, we are arriving late to the game here with some basic questions to get up-to-speed for Tuesday's hearing. However, on 10/31/22, we met with Planning (Ben Schuster and you), as well as Khalil Yowakim (Engineering) about one of the subject Fig Tree Lane parcels we own, as well as our parcel at Green/Estudillo. While I recall Planning mentioning that it was in the process of updating the Housing Element, there was no mention that the land use of our Fig Tree Lane parcel was in the final steps of being amended.

Best regards,

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Re: May Draft of the 6th Cycle Housing Element

Dear Martinez City Council,

The California Housing Defense Fund (“CalHDF”) writes to follow up on its comment letter concerning the City’s previous (i.e. March) 6th Cycle Housing Element draft. We appreciate the positive changes to the latest (i.e. May) draft and applaud the City for moving in the right direction. Still, the latest draft is far from perfect. In order for us to support the approval of the plan, we suggest the following changes to add new programs and introduce specificity and deadlines to existing programs. We also suggest some areas where the plan’s analysis could be expanded upon to better meet statutory requirements. Further changes are also necessary to fully address some of the issues raised in the previous letter regarding the Housing Element Law’s requirements.

I. Changes Necessary to Programs for Needed Housing Growth

Without the following changes, CalHDF is unable to support the City’s 6th Cycle Housing Element draft.

A. Firmer Commitments to Reducing Parking Requirements

The draft has been revised to add further language to item O under Program 11 (Zoning Ordinance Amendments). This additional language commits the City to studying removing parking requirements or establishing parking maximums for certain types of housing – a good goal, but one worthy of more than mere study. CalHDF asks for a firm commitment to

make the following changes to parking requirements for multi-family housing developments by January 1, 2026:

- Reduce parking requirements to one space per unit for the first bedroom and one half space for each additional bedroom. (Studio units would require one parking space.)
- Eliminate guest parking requirements for housing development projects that set aside at least 15% of their units as affordable housing.

B. A Fee Waiver/Deferral Program for Affordable Units

The March draft included commitments to study fee waiver programs and implement fee deferral programs. These were, and are, good commitments, but the City can do more. CalHDF asks for a commitment to enact the following by January 1, 2026:

- A program providing impact fee waivers for units that are deed-restricted as housing for very low, low, or moderate-income households (as defined under Gov. Code 65589.5(h)(3)) for a minimum of 55 years.
- A program allowing developers to defer payment of other fees (i.e. fees other than impact fees) for projects that meet affordability requirements until a certificate of occupancy is issued.

C. Fee Waivers for Accessory Dwelling Units

CalHDF likes Program 4 in the draft Housing Element. Accessory dwelling units (“ADUs”) are a crucial part of creating a diverse and robust housing supply. We particularly appreciate subpoints 4 and 5 (technical support and outreach) and urge the City to add the following commitment, to be implemented by July 1, 2024:

- Waive all impact fees for ADUs and junior accessory dwelling units (“JADUs”).
- Waive administrative fees for ADUs.

D. A Program to Facilitate Missing Middle Housing Citywide

The City’s goal of providing greater diversity in its housing stock deserves praise. But more can and should be done to help this goal become reality. CalHDF recommends a program to ensure “missing middle” housing (i.e. housing types between detached single-family homes and large multi-story apartment buildings) is viable throughout the city. Including this program would help Martinez further its fair housing goals by encouraging diverse housing options in historically single-family neighborhoods. We suggest building a zoning framework to allow for redevelopment of single family properties into small multifamily housing. For example, a strong missing middle zoning program would include:

- All residential zones should permit at least 15 dwelling units per acre, except those at high risk of wildfire or flood inundation.

- Reduced parking requirements to ensure that any parking could be fit into smaller lots without requiring underground parking.
- Setbacks should be reduced to 10 feet for the front property line and 5 feet for the side and rear property lines.
- Maximum building height should be increased to 30 feet or higher.
- Allow up to six residential units per parcel.
- Set the minimum lot size at 3,000 feet or less.
- Increase the maximum site coverage restriction to 60 percent or greater.

II. Issues Identified in Our Previous Letter That Are Not Yet Fully Addressed

In addition to the foregoing, the following issues CalHDF identified in its previous comment letter (dated April 25, 2023) have not been fully resolved:

- The previous draft's analysis of the 5th Cycle Housing Element identified staff turnover as an impediment to housing construction in the City. CalHDF's previous comment asked for solutions to this problem. The City, in its response, indicated that it has added another staff planning position, increased hiring, and dedicated more resources to staff retention. But the current draft does not include details on these efforts, nor commitments to pursue them through the full planning cycle. CalHDF asks that such details and commitments be added to the housing element.
- CalHDF's previous comment letter identified shortcomings in the draft's projections for ADU construction. While the information provided in response concerning an uptick in ADU applications is reassuring, CalHDF believes it is insufficient to meet the Housing Element Law's standards. We urge the City to implement fee waivers for ADUs, as outlined in Section I.C.
- The March draft's analysis of governmental constraints on housing production, and of the previous cycle's housing element, did not do enough with respect to parking requirements. CalHDF's previous letter emphasized this. The City's response to these points amounts to a summary of studies conducted and a promise to do more studies. This is not enough. CalHDF urges a hard commitment, in the housing element, to reduce parking requirements for multi-family housing as described in Section I.A.
- Likewise, the March draft's assessment of development fees as a constraint on housing production did not measure up. CalHDF's letter pointed this out. The latest draft does not adequately respond to this, nor did it add sufficient commitments to blunt the effects of fees on housing production. A fee waiver and deferral program for affordable housing projects, as described in Section I.B, above, would go a long way towards fixing this.
- As CalHDF pointed out in its previous letter, the City did not sufficiently analyze or address the impact of setback requirements, height limits, floor area ratio limits, open space requirements, landscaping requirements, and other land use rules. The May draft responds to some of these concerns (setbacks, height limits) but neglects

others. Each item in our previous letter deserves attention. The missing middle program detailed in Section I.D, above, would fully resolve these issues; at minimum, the housing element must address all of them more thoroughly and more concretely.

- Inadequate methodologies were used to (a) calculate the expected units on sites in the site inventory and (b) ensure existing uses on non-vacant parcels slated for low-income housing in the site inventory will be discontinued during the planning period. CalHDF's comment letter on the March draft highlighted these problems, and we do not believe the current draft has solved them to the satisfaction of the Housing Element Law.



Again, CalHDF appreciates the progress the City has made from the March draft. We are optimistic that the improvements outlined above can be added to the draft with minimal hassle, and that this process will ultimately produce a strong 6th Cycle Housing Element for the City of Martinez.

CalHDF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation whose mission includes advocating for increased access to housing for Californians at all income levels, including low-income households. You may learn more about CalHDF at www.calhdf.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dylan Casey', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dylan Casey
CalHDF Executive Director

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Vice Mayor Ross,

We own one of the four parcels at the northwest corner of Fig Tree Lane and Arnold Drive. Although we were not aware of it, despite having met with Planning staff on October 31, 2022 to discuss this parcel and another parcel we own, the land use of the four parcels was in the final steps of being amended by Council two days later on November 2, 2022 to a lesser intensity/density land use designation of RL (Residential Low).

Late last week, we and our neighbors who own the other three, Fig Tree Lane parcels abutting ours, received a City Council hearing notice that our properties are now being rezoned from R-2.5 to R-6.0. This was the first notice we and our neighbors have ever received regarding these proposed planning and zoning actions.

I sent the email below to consultant Victoria Walker, who authored the May 23, 2023 staff report of Planning Commission, to most importantly find out what written analysis was conducted to support the land use change that is now requiring the rezonings for consistency with the recently adopted, 2035 General Plan. As explained in my point #2 below to Ms. Walker, the land use change and subsequent zoning change creates a small, isolated area of a comparatively lower density/intensity residential land use than any of the surrounding land uses, not to mention the negative impacts to single family homes allowed in the proposed R-6.0 zoning associated with its adjacency to Arnold Drive, a major thoroughfare. Ultimately, site design of these parcels, which I acknowledge have challenges, will determine the feasible density/intensity of development, but it is premature to further hamper the potential of these parcels as even greater housing opportunity sites by having changed the land use and now the zoning.

I'm fully aware that the City is required to ensure that its zoning of properties is consistent with its General Plan, that the process of rezonings succeed adoption of the General Plan and that implementation of the Housing Element (a component of the General Plan) is part of this whole process. However, from the planning documents on the City's website that I've been able to read, there is additional, General Plan and Zoning Code "clean-up" that planning staff has to initiate in the near future for Planning Commission and City Council action. Therefore, it appears that the Council could remove the two, Fig Tree Lane parcels from their Tuesday night rezoning action; keep the two parcels among the list of opportunity sites in the Draft Housing Element, but add language explaining a proposed, changed land use and zoning action; and combine the appropriate, corresponding land use amendment action for all four parcels with a later "clean-up" task.

Given the frequent staff turnover in the Planning division over the past three years, it is understandable that dispensing complete and accurate information has been more difficult. Ms. Walker sent me a reply this morning stating that she would have to research my questions on Monday since the analysis preceded her. I trust she will do so. However, I would also appreciate the opportunity to speak to you by phone, or meet with you, prior to the Council meeting.

Best regards,
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Mayor and City Council Members:

I am requesting that you please move the traditional launching site for the annual fireworks show this year. As you know the City creates a site by dumping a pile of sand approximately 50 feet from the northeastern boundary of the East Bay Regional Park District's wildlife sanctuary along the shoreline trail in front of Ferry Point Park. Shooting off large fireworks is a bad idea here for many reasons, not the least of which is the traumatic effect it has on the nesting birds, many of whom are caring for their young in the middle of the annual fledging cycle. As a Park Supervisor here for 35 years I dreaded what we would find on the morning of July 5: missing and disoriented birds, scattered families, and the litter and debris from the exploded fireworks throughout the sanctuary. As a veteran with PTSD I could do without another fireworks show for the rest of my life. If you must have such a show please consider using a barge well offshore for that purpose.

Thanks for your consideration of this request. It's way past time we afford the residents of the wildlife sanctuary the consideration they deserve.

Thank you,

Bill Nichols