Comment	Status
A thorough program-by-program review is necessary to evaluate Town's performance in addressing housing goals. While the element describes actual results of the prior element's programs, it must provide a description of how the objectives and programs of the updated element incorporate changes resulting from the evaluation.	updated
As part of the review of programs in the past cycle, the element must analyze the effectiveness of goals, policies, and related actions in meeting the housing needs of special needs populations (e.g., elderly, persons with disabilities, large households, female headed households, farmworkers and persons experiencing homelessness). Programs should be revised as appropriate to reflect the results of this evaluation	updated
Fair Housing Enforcement and Capacity: While the housing element includes a summary of fair housing enforcement and outreach capacity, it should describe any fair housing lawsuits and related enforcement actions. In addition, this section should address how outreach will occur throughout planning period.	response included in section 3.330
<u>Local Data and Knowledge</u> : The element must include local data, knowledge, and other relevant factors to discuss and analyze any unique attributes about the Town related to fair housing issues. The element should complement federal, state, and regional data with local data and knowledge where appropriate to capture emerging trends and issues, including utilizing knowledge from local and regional advocates and service providers, Town staff and related local and county planning documents and should include an analysis of the history of exclusionary zoning	response included in section 3.330
Integration and Segregation: The element provided some data regarding segregation and integration, but it should also describe concentrations of race both locally and regionally (i.e., geographically within the Town, as well as comparing the Town to the region). In addition, the element must discuss and analyze data on persons with disabilities regionally and over time. The element must describe and analyze concentrations of familial status both locally and regionally. Lastly, the element must describe what contributes to the high incomes geographically	response included in section 3.340
Racial/Ethnic Areas of Concentration of Poverty (R/ECAP) and Affluence (RCAA): The element must also address concentrated areas of affluence both locally and regionally. The analysis should evaluate the patterns and changes over time at a local (e.g., neighborhood to neighborhood) and regional level (e.g., Town to region) and include programs as appropriate (not limited to the regional housing need allocation (RHNA)).	response included in section 3.350
<u>Disparities in Access to Opportunity</u> : While the element included some data, it should discuss what contributes to the lower education score in the Town west of El Camino Real. In addition, the element must analyze the disparities in access to jobs by protected classes and analyze what contributes to the varied access to jobs within the Town. The element must also provide a regional analysis for access to opportunity for employment and environment. Lastly, while the element describes a 2018 transit study, it must describe and analyze access to transit both locally	response included in section 3.360

<u>Disproportionate Housing Needs, Including Displacement Risk</u> : While the element includes some discussion on	response included in section 3.360
disproportionate housing needs, this discussion should also address the patterns within the Town and evaluate any	
similarities with other components of the assessment of fair housing. In addition, the analysis should include both	
local and regional discussions of cost burden by tenure. In addition, the element must include a regional analysis	
for overcrowding and substandard housing. The element should also analyze any demographic data available for	
persons experiencing homelessness. The analysis on displacement risk should be expanded beyond units at-risk of	
losing subsidy and also describe the high risk of residents experiencing exclusion. Lastly, the element must describe	
and analyze areas sensitive to displacement risk due to disaster (e.g., earthquake, fire, and flood).	
Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) and Sites Inventory: While the element includes a summary of fair	included with multifamily rezone sites
housing related to the sites inventory, it must analyze how the identified sites contribute to or mitigate fair	,
housing issues. An analysis should address all of the income categories of identified sites with respect to location,	
the number of units by all income groups and how that affects the existing patterns for all components of the	
assessment of fair housing (e.g., segregation and integration, access to opportunity). This analysis should	
specifically address whether the ADU strategy to accommodate lower-income households contributes to	
continued exclusion and disparities in access to opportunity. If sites exacerbate conditions or isolates the RHNA by	
income group, the element should identify further program actions (not limited to the RHNA) that will be taken to	
promote equitable quality of life throughout the community (e.g., housing mobility and new opportunities in	
higher recourse areas)	
Contributing Factors to Fair Housing Issues: Based on the outcomes of a complete analysis, the element should re-	included with multifamily rezone sites
assess contributing factors and particularly prioritize those factors then formulate appropriate policies and	
programs. Currently the element only includes one contributing factor. The element should address potential	
contributing factors such as barriers like exclusionary zoning or a lack of state and federally funded developments.	
Once additional factors are identified, they should then be prioritized.	
Goals and Actions: The element must be revised to add or modify goals and actions based on the outcomes of a	revised
complete analysis. Goals and actions must specifically respond to the analysis and identified and prioritized	
contributing factors to fair housing issues and must be significant and meaningful enough to overcome identified	
patterns and trends. Actions must have specific commitment, discrete timing or milestones, geographic targeting	
and metrics or numerical targets. As appropriate, actions must address housing mobility, new housing choices and	
affordability in higher resource or higher income areas, place-based strategies for community preservation and	
Extremely Low-Income (ELI) Households: The element must quantify the number of existing and projected ELI	revised
households, and also analyze their housing needs. The analysis of ELI housing needs should also evaluate ELI	
households by tenure.	

Overpayment: The element must quantify and analyze overpayment by tenure (i.e., renter and owner), for both the	cost burden response included in section
overall population and lower-income households.	3.360
Housing Conditions: The element includes the number of substandard housing units from Census data. However,	updated
the element must include an estimate of the number of units in need of rehabilitation and replacement. For	
example, the analysis could include estimates from a recent windshield survey or sampling, estimates from the	
code enforcement agency, or information from knowledgeable builders/developers, including non-profit housing	
Housing Costs: While the element includes estimated rents for residents, it utilizes American Community Survey	included
(ACS) data. The element should supplement census data with other sources (e.g., local knowledge).	
Sites Inventory: While the sites inventory includes many requirements, it must include the general plan	included
designation. Additionally, there are some discrepancies between cited sites and the inventory. For example, two of	
the school sites do not list any units in the inventory and the numbers in the inventory do not match what is stated	
in the analysis. Additional sites will likely need to be identified to accommodate the RHNA.	
Realistic Capacity: The element must provide assumptions for the calculation of residential capacity on identified	included with multifamily rezone sites
sites included in the inventory and must also provide support for these assumptions. For example, the element	
should demonstrate what specific trends, factors, and other evidence led to the assumptions. The estimate of the	
number of units for each site must be adjusted as necessary, based on the land use controls and site improvements,	
typical densities of existing or approved residential developments at a similar affordability level in that	
jurisdiction, and on the current or planned availability and accessibility of sufficient water, sewer, and dry utilities.	
Small and Large Sites: Sites smaller than a half-acre and larger than ten acres in size are deemed inadequate to	will revise based on Council direction on sites
accommodate housing for lower-income housing unless it is demonstrated that sites of equivalent size and	
affordability were successfully developed during the prior planning period or unless the housing element describes	
other evidence to HCD that the site is adequate to accommodate lower-income housing (Gov. Code, § 65583.2,	
subd. (c)(2)(A).). The element lists small and large sites but also should evaluate whether those sites are suitable to	
accommodate housing for lower-income households and add or modify programs as appropriate. For example, the	
element could list past consolidations by the number of parcels, number of owners, zone, number of units,	
affordability and circumstances leading to consolidation and then relate those trends to the identified sites or	
could explain the natential for consolidation on a site by site basis	_

Suitability of Nonvacant Sites: While the element includes a description of the identified sites, it must include an	updated
analysis demonstrating the potential for additional development on nonvacant sites. Specifically additional details	
on the school sites and Cal Water site. The description of existing uses should be sufficiently detailed to facilitate an	
analysis demonstrating the potential for additional development in the planning period. In addition, the element	
should analyze the extent that existing uses may impede additional residential development. For example, the	
element includes sites identified as a private college, a school site, and a reservoir site, but little analysis was	
provided to demonstrate whether these existing uses would impede development of these sites within the	
planning period. The element can summarize past experiences converting existing uses to higher density residential	
development, include current market demand for the existing use, provide analysis of existing leases or contracts	
that would perpetuate the existing use or prevent additional residential development and include current	
information on development trends and market conditions in the Town and relate those trends to the sites	
identified. The element could also consider indicators such as age and condition of the existing structure expressed	
developer interest, existing versus allowable floor area. low improvement to land value ratio, and other factors.	
Zoning for Lower-Income Households: The element must demonstrate zoning appropriate to accommodate	included with multifamily rezone sites
housing for lower-income households. For sites with zoning meeting specified densities or default densities (20	
units per acre in Atherton), no analysis is required. Otherwise, the element must include analysis based on	
statutory factors, including but not limited to financial feasibility and experience within the zone.	
SB 9 Sites: The element identifies SB 9 as a strategy to accommodate the part of the Town's RHNA. To support these	revised
assumptions, the analysis must include experience, trends and market conditions that allow lot splits and missing	
middle uses. The analysis must list the potential SB 9 sites and demonstrate the likelihood of redevelopment,	
including whether existing uses constitute as an impediment for additional residential use. The analysis should	
describe how the Town determined eligible properties, whether the assumed lots will have turnover, if the	
properties are easy to subdivide, and the condition of the existing structures. The analysis should also describe	
interest from property owners as well as experience. The analysis should provide support for the units being	
developed within the planning period. Based on the outcomes of this analysis, the element should add or modify	
to establish zoning and development standards early in the planning period and implement incentives to	
encourage and facilitate development as well as monitor development every two years with and identify additional	
sites within six months if assumptions are not being met. The element should support this analysis with local	
information such as local developer or owner interest to utilize zoning and incentives established through SB 9	

<u>Publicly Owned Sites</u> : The element identifies multiple publicly-owned sites including the Public Facilities and	revised to expand school discussion (privatly
Schools District, the Menlo School, and Cal Water Bear Gulch Reservoir sites. The element must include additional	owned), removed CalWater
discussion on each of the publicly- owned sites identified to accommodate the RHNA. Specifically, the analysis	
should address general plan designations, allowable densities, support for residential capacity assumptions,	
existing uses and any known conditions that preclude development in the planning period and the potential	
schedule for development. If zoning does not currently allow residential uses at appropriate densities, then the	
element must include programs to rezone sites pursuant to Government Code section 65583.2, subdivisions (h)	
and (i). In addition, the housing element, where appropriate, must include a description of whether there are any	
plans to sell the property during the planning period and how the jurisdiction will comply with the Surplus Land	
Act Article & (commencing with Section 5/220) of Chanter 5 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5	
<u>Previously Identified Nonvacant and Vacant Sites</u> : If nonvacant sites identified in a prior adopted housing element	wording added in section 3.843
or vacant sites identified in two or more consecutive planning periods, the sites are inadequate to accommodate	
housing for lower-income households unless:	
<u>The site's current zoning is appropriate for the development of housing affordable to lower-income</u>	
households by either including analysis or meeting the appropriate density and	
• The site is subject to a housing element program that requires rezoning within three years of the beginning of	included timeline for all rezoning to occur
the planning period to allow residential use by-right for housing developments in which at least 20 percent of the	within one year of Housing Element
units are affordable to lower-income households. (Gov. Code, § 65583.2, subd. (c).)	certifiation
<u>Infrastructure</u> : The element must demonstrate sufficient existing or planned water, sewer, and other dry utilities	updated
supply capacity, including the availability and access to distribution facilities, to accommodate the RHNA.	·
For your information, water and sewer service providers must establish specific procedures to grant priority water	added section 3.844
and sewer service to developments with units affordable to lower-income households. (Gov. Code, § 65589.7.)	
Local governments are required to immediately deliver the housing element to water and sewer service providers.	
Electronic Sites Inventory: Pursuant to Government Code section 65583.3, subdivision (b), upon adoption of the	revised - attachment 5
housing element, the Town must submit an electronic version of the sites inventory with its adopted housing	revised attachments
element to sitesinventory@hcd.ca.gov. HCD has not received a copy of the electronic inventory. Please note, the	
Town must utilize standards, forms, and definitions adopted by HCD when preparing the sites inventory. Please see	
HCD's housing element webpage at https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/housing-	
element/index.shtml#element for a copy of the form and instructions. The Town can reach out to HCD at	

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs): The element projects approximately 35 ADUs per year over the eight-year	revised ADU program description and
planning period. This trend is inconsistent with HCD records of 19 ADUs per year. To support assumptions for ADUs	timelines for implementation. Added
in the planning period, the element should reduce the number of ADUs assumed per year and reconcile trends with	monitoring program in section 3.845
HCD records, including additional information such as more recent permitted units and inquiries, resources and	
incentives, other relevant factors and modify policies and programs as appropriate. Further, programs should	
commit to additional incentives and strategies, frequent monitoring (every other year) and specific commitment	
to adopt alternative measures such as rezoning or amending the element within a specific time (e.g., six months) if	
needed. The element must also address affordability assumptions for ADU projections.	
Zoning for a Variety of Housing Types:	
Emergency Shelters: The element should clarify shelters are permitted without discretionary action and discuss available sites, acreage, including typical parcel sizes and the presence of reuse opportunities, proximity to transportation and services and any conditions inappropriate for human habitability. The analysis should also list and evaluate all development standards and address the constraints on spacing and shelter size with a program. Finally, the element should analyze whether parking requirements comply with AB139/Government Code section 65583, subdivision (a)(4)(A) or include a program to comply with this requirement.	added section 3.853
Housing for Employees: The Employee Housing Act permits housing under specific provisions. Section 17021.5 requires employee housing for six or fewer employees to be treated as a single-family structure and permitted in the same manner as other dwellings of the same type in the same zone. Section 17021.6 requires employee housing consisting of no more than 12 units or 36 beds to be permitted in the same manner as other agricultural uses in the same zone. The element must demonstrate compliance with these requirements and include programs as	added section 3.852
By-Right Permanent Supportive Housing: Supportive housing shall be a use by-right in zones where multifamily and mixed uses are permitted, including nonresidential zones permitting multifamily uses pursuant to Government Code section 65651. The element must demonstrate compliance with these requirements and	added section 3.846
Low Barrier Navigation Centers: Low Barrier Navigation Centers shall be a use by-right in zones where multifamily and mixed uses are permitted, including nonresidential zones permitting multifamily uses pursuant to Government Code section 65660. The element must demonstrate compliance with this requirement and include	added section 3.847
Mobile Homes: The element must clarify whether mobile homes on a permanent foundation in the PFS zone are approved in the same way as single-family homes, if not a program should be added as appropriate.	added section 3.848
Multifamily Housing: The element states that multifamily housing is allowed only in PFS zone with a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and master plan. The element must analyze and demonstrate realistic opportunities for	included multifamily sites
multifamily and analyze the CUP requirement for multifamily as a potential constraint on housing supply and	
affordability. The analysis should identify findings of approval for the CUP and their potential impact on	
development approval certainty, timing, feasibility and cost. If constraints are identified, programs should be	
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revised ADU program description and timelines for implementation, including program to update zoning ordinance, expanded discussion of HIP program, and added monitoring program
addressed with changes to PFS and new multifamily sites
added section 3.849
added Section 5.845
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<u>Local Ordinances:</u> The element must analyze any locally adopted ordinances that directly impacts the cost and	revised
supply of residential development. While the element states that the Town has a short-term rental ordinance, it	
should be analyzed for constraints on housing development.	
<u>Streamlining Provisions</u> : The element must clarify whether the Town has procedures in place consistent with	revised
streamlining procedures pursuant to Government Code section 65913.4 and include programs as appropriate.	
Constraints on Housing for Persons with Disabilities: The element must include an analysis of zoning, development	revised section 3.516 and added section 3.850
standards, building codes, and process and permit procedures as potential constraints on housing for persons with	
disabilities. For example, the element must describe the findings and approval procedure for the Town's	
Reasonable Accommodation procedure. In addition, the element must describe and analyze how group homes for	
seven or more are allowed within the Town and add programs as appropriate. For your information, zoning should	
simply implement a barrier-free definition of family instead of subjecting, potentially persons with disabilities, to	
special regulations such as the number of persons, population types and licenses.	
These housing types should not be excluded from residential zones, most notably low-density zones, which can	
constrain the availability of housing choices for persons with disabilities. Requiring these housing types to obtain a	
special use or CUP could potentially subject housing for persons with disabilities to higher discretionary	
exceptions processes and standards where an applicant must, for example, demonstrate compatibility with the	
neighborhood, unlike other residential uses. The element should add or modify programs to address the constraint	
Availability of Financing: The element must describe the availability of financing, including private financing and	inlcuded
government assistance programs, is generally available in the community.	
Approval Time and Requests for Lesser Densities: The element must include analysis of requests to develop housing	will revise
at densities below those identified, the length of time between receiving approval for a housing development and	
submittal of an application for building permits. The element must address any hinderance on the construction of	
a locality's share of the regional housing need.	
<u>Special Needs</u> : While the element quantifies the Town's special needs populations, it must also analyze their special	noted with new multifamily
housing needs. For a complete analysis of each population group, the element should discuss challenges faced by	,
the population, the existing resources to meet those needs (e.g., availability senior housing units, # of large units, #	
of deed restricted units, etc.), an assessment of any gaps in resources, and proposed policies, programs, and	
funding to help address those gaps. In addition, the element must quantify and analyze the number of large	
households, elderly persons, and persons experiencing homelessness in the Town.	

The element must include analysis of energy conservation opportunities in residential development. The analysis should facilitate the adoption of housing element policies and programs. For example, programs could provide incentives to promote higher density housing along transit, encourage green building techniques and materials in new construction and remodels, promote energy audits and participation in utility conservation programs, and facilitate energy conserving retrofits upon resale of homes. To have a beneficial impact in the planning period and address the goals of the housing element, programs must be	revised revised throughout
revised with discrete timelines (e.g., at least annually or month and year) or timeframes earlier in the planning period. Additionally, programs should include specific commitment and actions toward beneficial impacts or housing outcomes. Program language such as "discuss", "review", "develop" and "explore" should be complemented or replaced with commitment such as adopt, pursue, apply or identify. Programs to be revised include the following:	
• Program 3.814 (Adoption of an Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance): The element should include additional information on the inclusionary fee and include a specific date of implementation.	expanded discussion in section 3.814
• Program 3.815 (Conservation and Rehabilitation of Existing Units): The program should specify what actions will be taken and clarify how the Town will assist property owners.	expanded discussion in section 3.815
• <i>Program 3.821 (Seniors)</i> : The program should include outreach for the existing programs listed as well as include specific timing for implementation.	expanded discussion in section 3.812
• Program 3.822 (Disabled and Developmentally Delayed Persons): The program should include proactive outreach and specific timing for implementation.	expanded discussin in section 3.822
• Program 3.823 (Equal Housing Opportunity): The program should include implementation timing for each action listed as well as how often outreach will occur during the planning period.	updated timing
• Programs 3.824 (Emergency Shelters, Transitional and Supportive Housing) and 3.831 (Energy Conservation): The programs must include clear actions for implementation as well as specific timing.	added section 3.853
• <i>Program 3.841 (Shared Housing)</i> : The program should be revised to include specific timing, identify a responsible party, funding, and objective. In addition, the program should include proactive outreach and describe how the Town will provide the identified support.	revised section 3.841
• Program 3.842 (Housing Compliance and Monitoring): The program should be revised with specific commitment beyond "consider" for the identified actions. In addition, the program should clarify the action being taken and include specific timing for implementation.	revised seciton 3.842
As noted in Finding B4, the element does not include a complete site analysis; therefore, the adequacy of sites and zoning were not established. Based on the results of a complete sites inventory and analysis, the Town may need to add or revise programs to address a shortfall of sites or zoning available to encourage a variety of housing types. In addition, the element should be revised as follows:	updated

Dragger 2 012 (Multifermite Hausing Dayslamport on Cole of and other Draggerical This groups with 111).	Lundatad
Program 3.813 (Multifamily Housing Development on School and other Properties): This program should be	updated
revised to include specific incentives for implementation and clarify what actions will be completed as part of the	
program. In addition, the element must commit to the rezones and discuss the densities that will be allowed with	
the rezone. The program currently references timing associated with adoption of the element. The Town should be	
aware that if the adoption is not complete by the start of the planning period (January 31, 2023), the Town will be	
subject to right requirements pursuant to Government Code section 65583.2, subdivisions (h) and (i).	
Shortfall of Adequate Sites: If the element does not identify adequate sites to accommodate the regional housing	new multifamily sites identified
need for lower-income households, it must include a program(s) to identify sites with appropriate zoning to	
accommodate the regional housing need within the planning period. The program should identify the shortfall by	
income group, acreage, allowable densities, appropriate development standards and meet all by right	
requirements pursuant to Government Code section 65583.2, subdivisions (h) and (i), including but not limited to	
permitting multifamily uses by-right for developments in which 20 percent or more of the units are affordable to	
Replacement Housing Requirements: The housing element must include a program to provide replacement	added program in section 3.851
housing. (Gov. Code, § 65583.2, subd. (g)(3).) The replacement housing program must adhere to the same	
requirements as set forth in Government Code section 65915, subdivision (c), paragraph (3).	
The element must include a program(s) with specific actions and timelines to assist in the development of housing	revised
for extremely low-income households. The program(s) could commit the Town to adopting priority processing,	
granting fee waivers or deferrals, modifying development standards, granting concessions and incentives for	
housing developments that include units affordable to extremely low-income households; assisting, supporting or	
pursuing funding applications; and outreach and coordination with affordable housing developers.	
In addition, the element must also include a program(s), as appropriate, to assist in the development of housing for	
<u>all</u> special needs households (e.g., elderly, homeless, farmworkers, persons with disabilities, female-headed	
households). Program actions could include proactive outreach and assistance to non-profit service providers and	
developers, prioritizing some funding for housing developments affordable to special needs households and	
offering financial incentives or regulatory concessions to encourage a variety of housing types.	
As noted in Findings B5 and B6, the element requires a complete analysis of potential governmental and non-	
governmental constraints. Depending upon the results of that analysis, the Town may need to revise or add	
programs and address and remove or mitigate any identified constraints. In addition, the element should be	
The element must include actions that promote AFFH opportunities as stated in Finding B1. For example, the	
element could include a program committing to implement Government Code section 8899.50, subdivision (b)	
which requires the Town to administer its programs and activities relating to housing and community	
development in a manner to AFFH and take no action that is materially inconsistent with its obligation to AFFH.	
Programs should address enhancing housing mobility strategies; encouraging development of new affordable	
housing in high resource areas; improving place-based strategies to encourage community conservation and	
revitalization, including preservation of existing affordable housing; and protecting existing residents from	
displacement. The programs should also include specific commitment, milestones, geographic targeting and	
matrice or numerical targets for magningful outcomes and fair housing results	

<u>Program 3.812</u> (New Construction of Affordable Accessory Dwelling Units): The program must clarify the actions that will be implemented to incentivize ADUs beyond "consider". In addition, the program should include implementation timing for each specific action. Lastly, as mentioned above, the Town should adopt a program to comply with state ADU law, monitor production and affordability of ADUs throughout the planning period and	revised
Establish the number of housing units, by income level, that can be constructed, rehabilitated, and conserved over a five-year time frame. (Gov. Code, § 65583, subd. (b)(1 & 2).)	updated
The element did not address this requirement. The element must include quantified objectives for new construction, rehabilitation, and conservation by income group, including extremely low-income households. Please see the Building Blocks for additional information.	
While the element includes a general summary of the public participation process, the element should also demonstrate diligent efforts were made to involve all economic segments of the community in the development of the housing element. The element could describe the efforts to circulate the housing element among low- and moderate-income households and organizations that represent them and to involve such groups and persons in the element throughout the process. In addition, the element should also summarize the public comments and describe how they were considered and incorporated into the element. Lastly, the element should describe	updated
The Housing Element shall describe the means by which consistency will be achieved with other general plan elements and community goals. (Gov. Code, § 65583, subd. (c)(7).)	updated
The element must describe how consistency was achieved and how it will be maintained during the planning period. For example, the element could include a program to conduct an internal consistency review of the General Plan as part of the annual General Plan implementation report required by Government Code section 65400. The annual report can also assist future updates of the housing element.	