The Housing Element
The Housing Element is the City’s primary planning document to address our future housing needs. Through goals, policies, and programs in the Housing Element, the City must demonstrate that it is able to provide housing opportunities that adequately meet its housing needs for all income levels.

State law requires that all jurisdictions adopt a Housing Element as part of their general or comprehensive plan. The City’s draft Housing Element was endorsed by City Council in late 2022 and sent to the CA Department of Housing and Community Development for review.

Next Steps
The City received a response from the State on March 23, 2023 which is currently under review. Staff will take a revised Housing Element (that incorporates State feedback) to Council in May 2023.
Homekey Palo Alto

Homekey Palo Alto is a new modular interim housing shelter with the capacity to serve over 300 individuals annually with on-site support services.

Staff recently shared an update on the project scope and construction timelines given concerns over the project cost. The new anticipated timeline has construction beginning in summer 2023 and completing by the first quarter of 2025.

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Rental Registry Program
Community Meeting

City staff is currently working on renter protection policies approved by City Council in Fall 2021, including the Rental Registry Program. The City is hosting a Community Meeting on Thursday, March 30 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. to share information about a proposed Rental Registry Program and receive feedback for implementation.

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