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CITY OF UKIAH BEGINS UPDATE OF ITS HOUSING ELEMENT

Ukiah, CA, October 13, 2026. – The City of Ukiah is updating its Housing Element and inviting the community to participate in the process.

Two opportunities for community participation are being offered in October. On October 17th and 18, the City will be hosting a Housing Element Update pop-up booth during the Ukiah Country PumpkinFest. The pop-up booth will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Alex R. Thomas Plaza. And on October 29th, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Ukiah Valley Conference Center, the community is invited to provide input and ideas on the goals and policies in the Housing Element. Spanish-translation services will be available. Interested members of the public can also submit comments and suggestions throughout the Update process.

Craig Schlatter, Community Development Director, notes “The State is requiring the City of Ukiah plan for the construction of 1,500 new housing units in the next eight years. We encourage the community to engage with us in determining how this can be accomplished, as well as sharing ideas and input about housing in Ukiah.”

By early December 2026, a draft housing element update will be presented to the Ukiah Planning Commission and City Council.

Community Development Staff presented a Housing Element Update work plan to the City Council on October 7, 2026, describing the process, timeline, and expectations for the Update. The October 7th meeting also marked the kickoff of the Update process.

California law mandates that local governments adequately plan to meet the existing and projected housing needs of all economic segments of a community by preparing a Housing Element as part of the General Plan. The City’s Housing Element Update will encompass the 2027-2035 planning period and updates the Housing Element last adopted in 2019 for the 2019-2027 planning period.

For more information about the Housing Element Update process or to be added to an email distribution list, please contact the Ukiah Planning Division at planningdivision@cityofukiah.com or (707) 463-6215. Information about the City’s progress in updating the Housing Element is also available on the Housing Element Update webpage, at <https://cityofukiah.com/housing-element-update/>.

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