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# **NEWPORT BEACH**

## **City Council Staff Report**

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Agenda Item No. 11

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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**TITLE:** General Plan and Housing Element Annual Status Report (PA2007-195)

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### **ABSTRACT:**

State Government Code Section 65400 mandates that the City prepare an annual report on the status of the City's General Plan and progress in its implementation.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- a) Find the preparation, review and submission of the 2017 General Plan Status Report not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as the actions are not a project as defined by Section 15378(b)(2) of the Public Resources Code; and
- b) Authorize the submittal of the 2017 General Plan Status Report to the California Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

### **FUNDING REQUIREMENTS:**

There is no fiscal impact related to this item.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Government Code Section 65400 and General Plan Implementation Program 1.3 requires the preparation of an annual report on the status of the General Plan and progress in its implementation. Following City Council review, the report needs to be sent to the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

The 2017 General Plan Status Report follows preparation guidelines set forth by OPR. The report reflects the status of the implementation measures at the conclusion of 2017, and does not reflect changes or updates which may have been directed in 2018. The implementation programs contained in Chapter 13 of the General Plan are included for reference as Attachment PC1. The report is the City's self-assessment of the status and implementation of the General Plan and Housing Element.

The report is broken up into two parts: Part 1) General Plan Implementation Programs; and Part 2) Housing Element Annual Report (Attachment PC2).

The Housing Element Annual Report is mandated by Government Code Sections 65583 and 65584 and demonstrates the City's progress in meeting its share of regional housing needs and Housing Element programs. The Housing Element Report follows the guidelines provided by HCD as recommended by Government Code Section 65400(B) and includes the following information:

- A. Annual building activity reports for new housing units;
- B. Regional housing needs allocation progress; and
- C. Program implementation status including local efforts to remove governmental constraints to the maintenance, improvement, and development of housing.

For reference, in November 2012 the residents approved Measure EE a City charter amendment. Section 707 of the City's charter was amended eliminating the need for the Planning Commission to recommend any proposed public works items to the City Council.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:**

The City Council's review of the General Plan Status Report, including the Housing Element Report, is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act, as the review is not a project as defined in Section 15378(b)(2) of the Public Resources Code.

#### **NOTICING:**

The agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Council considers the item).

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A – General Plan Implementation Program

Attachment B – General Plan Annual Status Report Including Housing Element Report