

General Plan Goals and Policies Supporting Companion Units

- I. **Policy LUD 3.5: Diversity.** *Encourage residential developments serving a broad range of diverse households and incomes.*

Housing Element (2015-2023)

- II. **Goal 4:** *Address, remove, or mitigate constraints to housing production.*

Program 4.1 – Residential Development Standards

City Staff will periodically review residential development standards to identify standards that may constrain the development of affordable housing and housing for special groups, such as disabled individuals. The City is committed to address any constraints identified in Chapter 6, Housing Constraints, and will continue to minimize the potential impediments to affordable housing production.

Program 4.3 – Second Units

The City recognizes that second units provide a unique opportunity to create affordable units in residential areas particularly for elderly residents. Consequently, during the 2007-2014 planning period, Staff reviewed the second unit ordinance to ensure compliance with State law. During the 2015-2023 planning period, Staff will conduct a study that evaluates the options, benefits, and impacts of modifying the Municipal Code (Chapter 36, Article XII, Section A36.12.040) to remove constraints that may limit the construction of second units. Specifically, the City will evaluate the Park Land Dedication In-lieu Fee to determine if the current fee is appropriate to encourage second unit development or whether the City's fee constrains the development of second units in any way. If the study supports removal of these constraints, the City should implement this change to the Municipal Code.