



2024 General Plan Annual Progress Report

City Council Meeting – June 10, 2025

Implementation, Monitoring and Reporting

Implementation and monitoring of General Plan Elements

- State law annual reporting
- Accountability
- Guide Planning Commission and City Council on developing policy, establishing priorities and providing direction to City staff

City Staff is before you today to satisfy the reporting requirement



Housing Development: 6th Regional Housing Needs Assessment Cycle

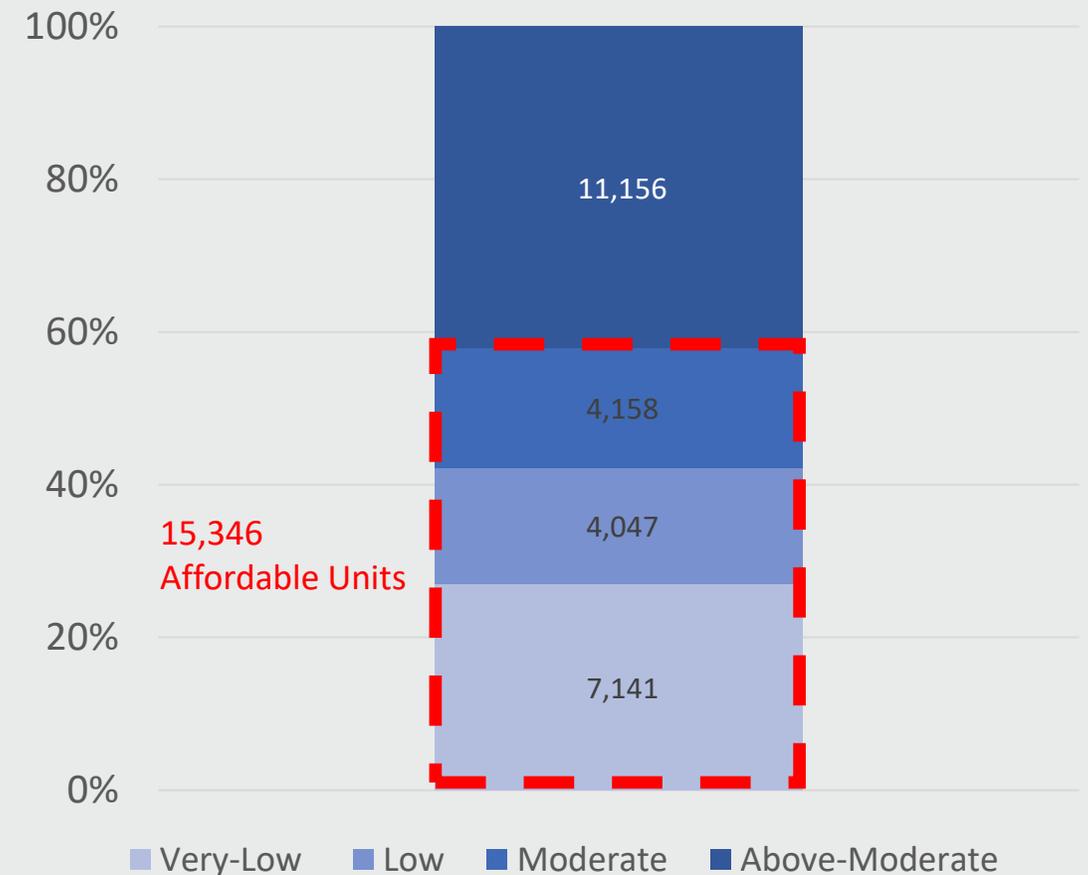
The Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) quantifies the need for housing within each jurisdiction during specified planning periods. RHNA establishes a target number of new housing units for the region at different affordability levels. The new **6th cycle** RHNA Allocation Plan covers the planning period from October 2021 to October 2029.

6th Cycle Targets

Housing Unit Allocation:

- Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Region: 1,341,827 units
- Los Angeles County: 812,060 units
- **City of Long Beach: 26,502 units**

Long Beach RHNA Housing Unit Allocation

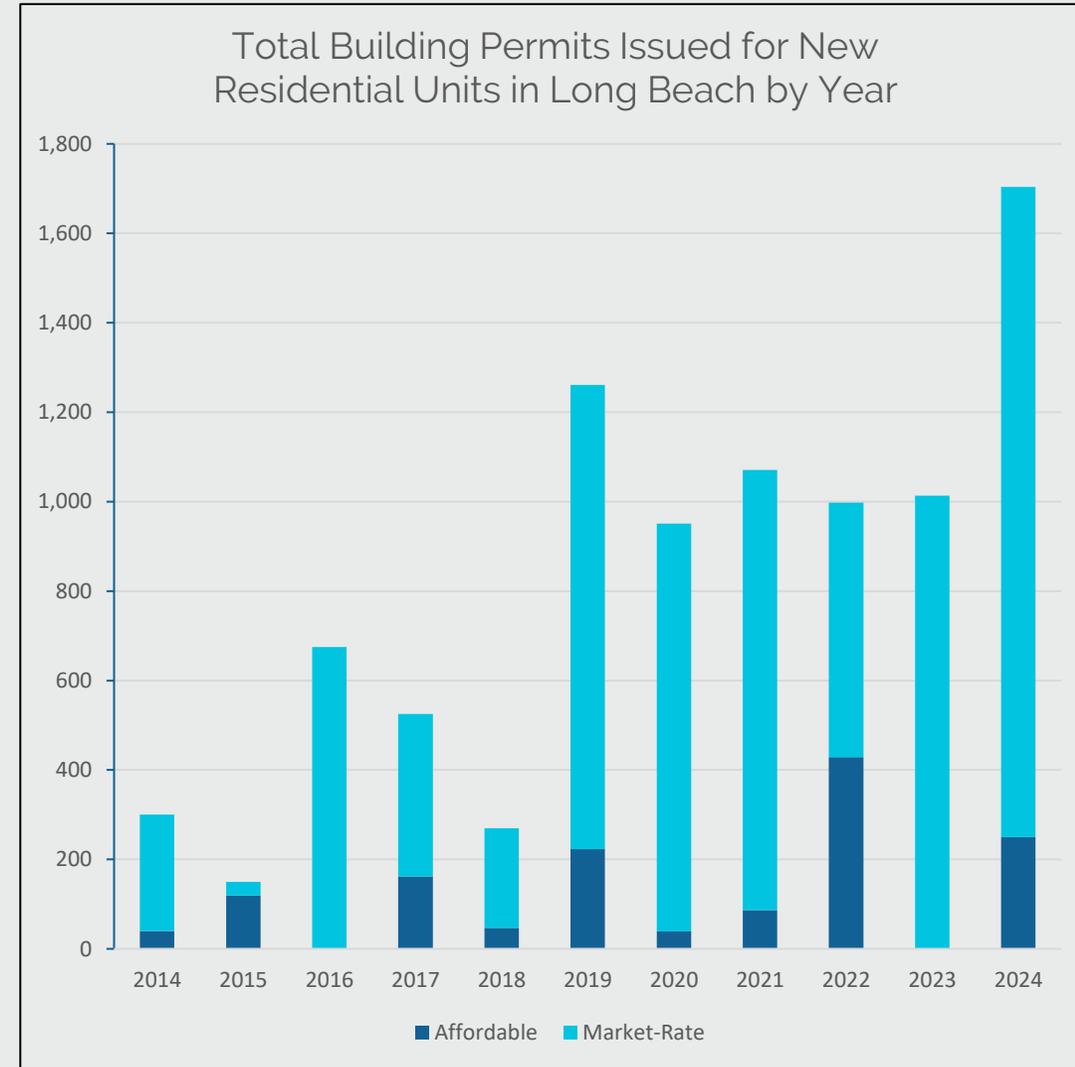


Housing Development: 6th RHNA Cycle

In 2024 the City entitled 1,788 housing units, of which 258 are designated affordable. The City also permitted **1,704 new housing units, a new annual record for Long Beach!**

2024 Activity

	Applications Submitted (# of Units)			Applications Approved (# of Units)		
	Affordable	Market-Rate	Total	Affordable	Market-Rate	Total
Entitlements	250	873	1,153	258	1,530	1,788
Building Permits	237	1,292	1,529	242	1,462	1,704
Certificate of Occupancy				156	1,048	1,204



Progress on Meeting RHNA Targets

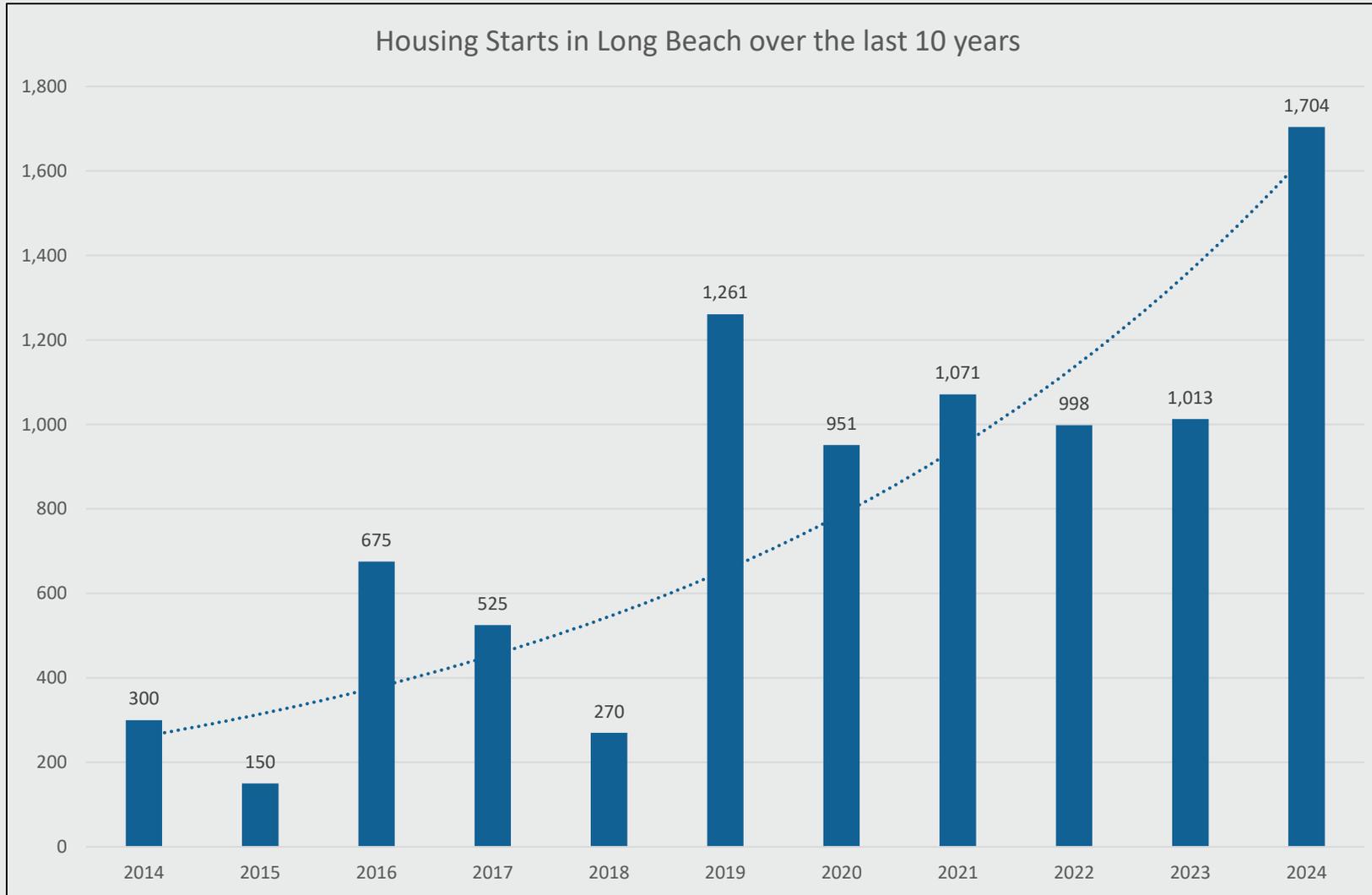
Long Beach Annual RHNA Targets

Income Level	Total Annual RHNA Target (2021-2029)	Total units remaining to meet RHNA Target	Average Annual RHNA Target	% of RHNA met by # of permitted units (2021-2024)
Very Low-	7,141	6,843	893	4%
Low-	4,047	3,592	506	11%
Moderate-	4,158	4,158	520	0%
Sub-total Affordable	15,346	14,835	1,919	3%
Above-Moderate	11,156	7,493	1,394	33%
TOTAL	26,502	22,086	5,231	19%

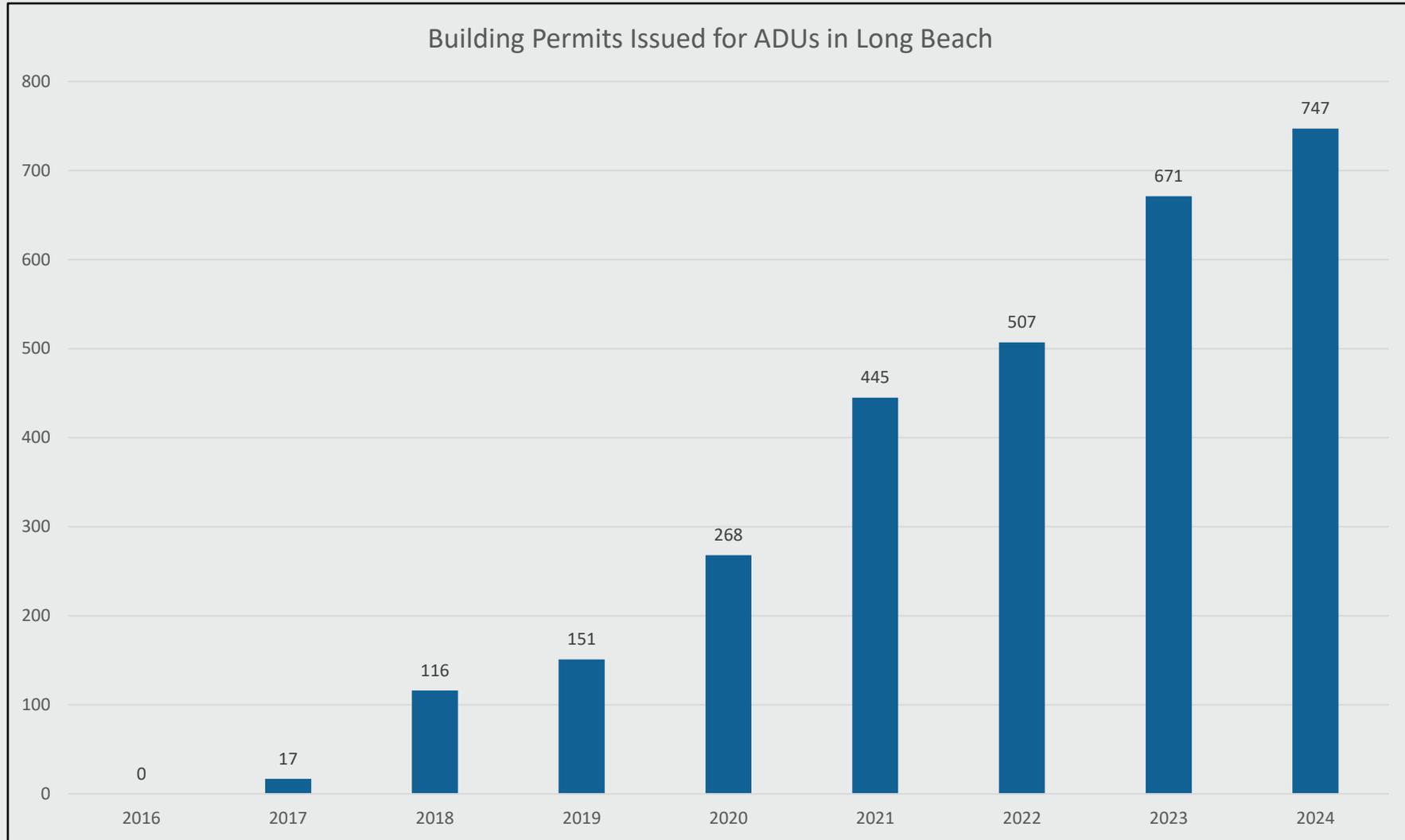
Through the third full year of the 6th RHNA Cycle, Long Beach permitted **3%** of its affordable housing unit RHNA target.

Going forward, in addition to making inclusionary requirements citywide, the City will need to significantly expand affordable housing incentives, preservation and development in order to address housing affordability at the scale required by RHNA.

Overall Trends in Housing



Overall Trends in Housing (cont.)



Understanding Housing Markets and Housing Production

Items Local Governments Control

- Limited government-owned property
- Zoning
- Impact fees (except for school fees)
- Development review process
- Entitlement and plan check fees (cost recovery)
- **Limited local funds for affordable housing**
- Investments in public infrastructure
- Price controls and other rental market interventions

Understanding Housing Markets and Housing Production (cont.)

Items outside of Local Government Control

- State and federal regulations (construction, labor, immigration, banking/lending and other laws)
- Workforce development programs
- **Distribution of federal tax credits (LIHTC)**
- **State affordable housing funds**
- State planning and zoning laws
- CEQA
- HUD and other agency budgets
- Macroeconomic conditions including trade wars
- Interest rates
- Construction and materials costs and/or shortages
- Migration patterns
- Insurance and underwriting criteria
- Major Building code changes
- Wages and labor force participation
- A global pandemic

Housing policy milestones for the City of Long Beach

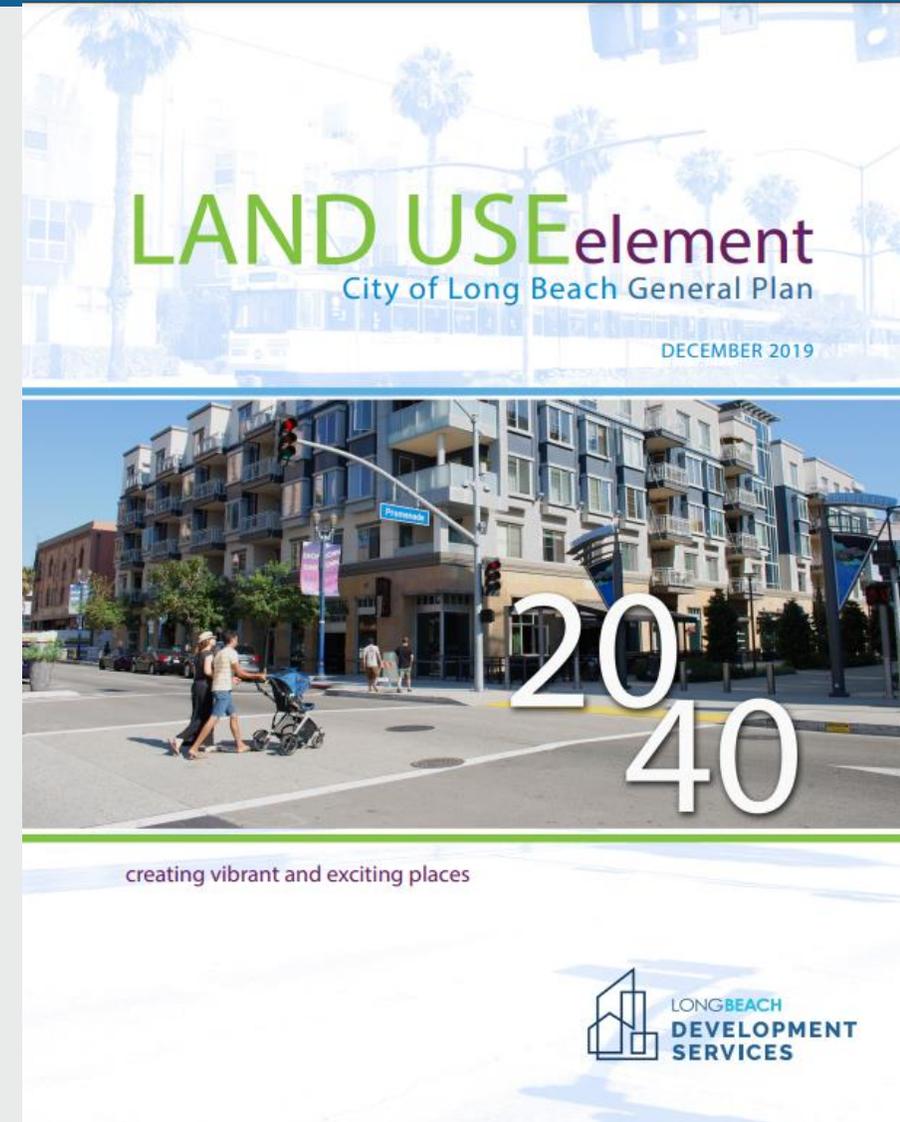
2024 Updates in Summary

- Enhanced Density Bonus
 - Awarded grant to update local ordinance to increase mixed-income housing production
- Micro-Unit Pilot Program
 - Three micro-unit projects, resulting in the largest number of micro-units approved in one year, totaling 274 units with 34 affordable units included
 - 500-unit pilot cap reached, pause on new applications
- Zoning Initiatives
 - Zone In: City Core, Uptown Planning Land Use and Neighborhood Strategy (UPLAN), Bixby, Wrigley and 10th Street to Broadway, Everyone's Coast
- Inclusionary Housing Policy
 - Continued development in existing sub-areas where Interim Housing Program (IHP) applies
 - Planning Commission recommendation to expanded policy citywide in 2024 (adopted by Council in early 2025)
- Additional City Initiatives
 - First time Homebuyers Program
 - Accessory Dwelling Unit Backyard Builders Program

Land Use Element Implementation Update

Land Use Element (LUE) Goals

- Sustainable Planning and Development Practices
- Strengthen the City's Fiscal Health by Stimulating Continuous Economic and Job Growth
- Accommodate Strategic Growth and Change
- Support Neighborhood Preservation and Enhancement
- Diversify Housing Opportunities
- Ensure a Fair and Equitable Land Use Plan
- Provide Reliable Public Facilities and Infrastructure to Encourage Investment
- Increase Access to, Amount of and Distribution of Green and Open Space
- Preserve, Protect, Restore and Reconnect with Natural Resources



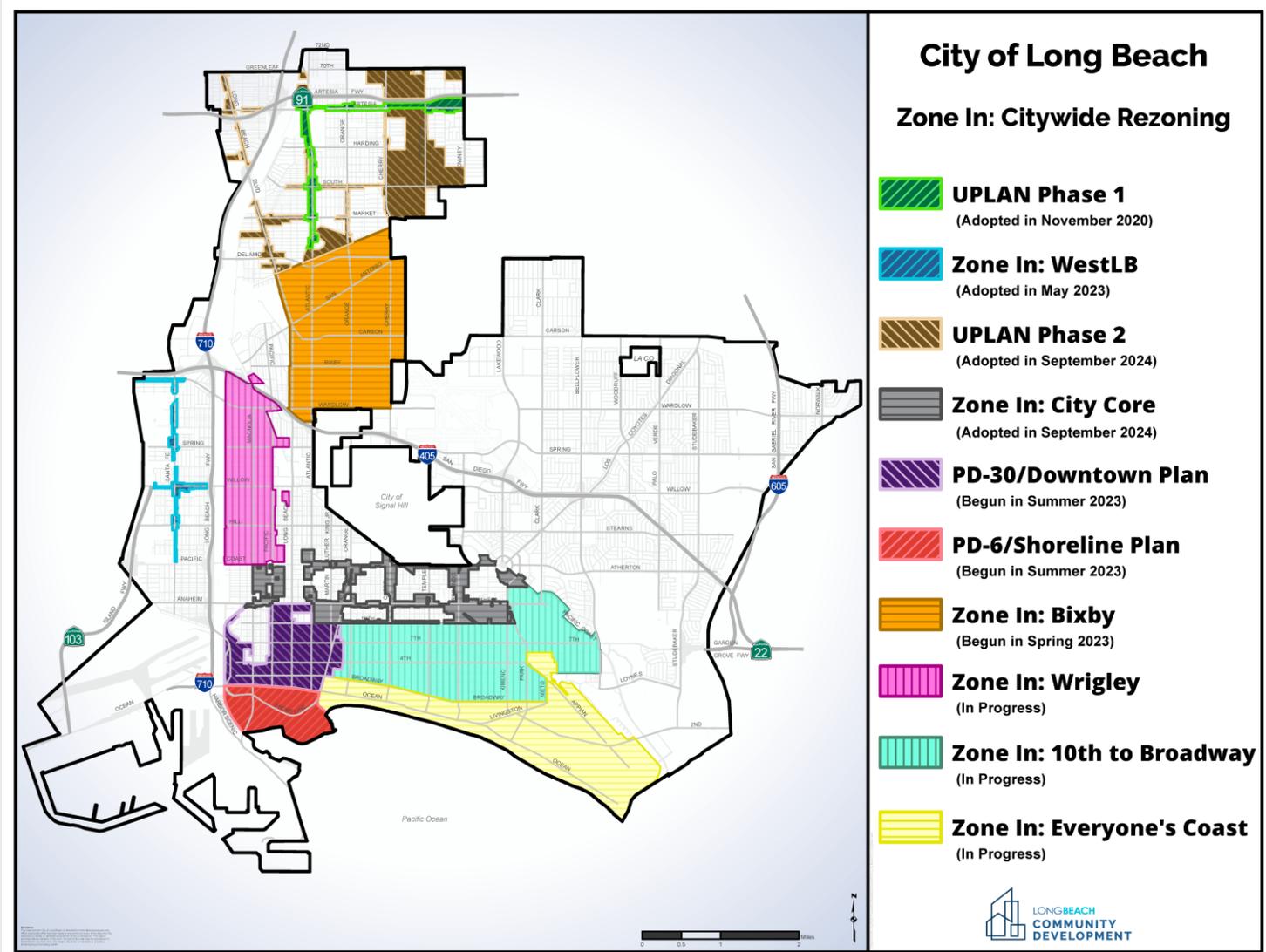
Zone In – Modernizing Zoning For All of Long Beach



- Zone In is a systematic effort to update the zoning regulations to implement the 2019 General Plan LUE.
- New uses of land and development needs emerge in response to economic, social, and technological changes both locally and globally.
- In 2024 the rezoning efforts across the City continued to make great progress. UPLAN Phase 2 and Zone In: City Core were adopted by City Council on September 17, 2024. The adoption included amendments to Title 22 to establish new zoning districts to implement the Neo-Industrial, Multifamily Residential-Low, and Multifamily Residential-Medium PlaceTypes.

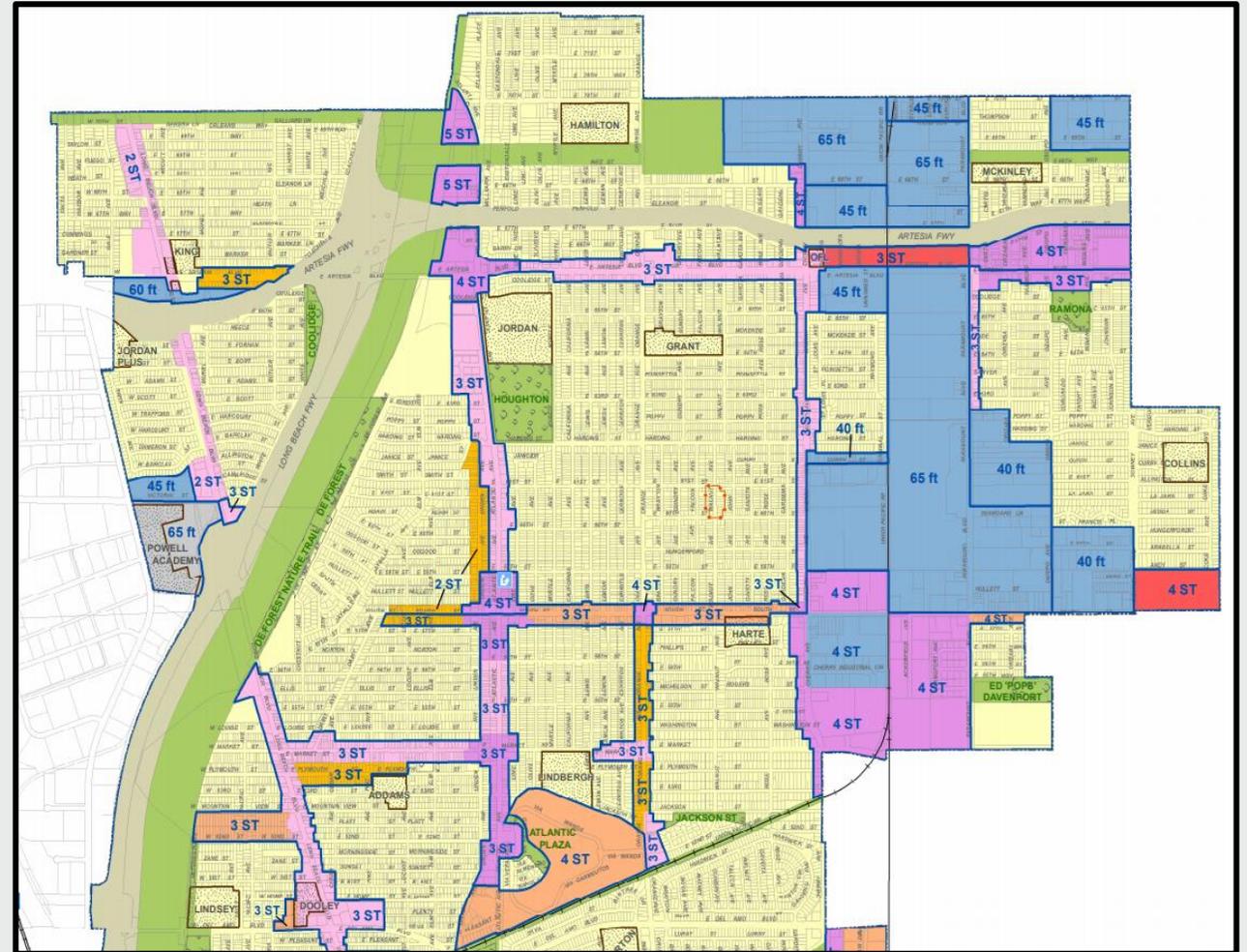
Zone In Progress

- There are currently several major rezoning efforts in various stages of completion:
 - Zone in: Bixby
 - Zone In: Wrigley
 - Zone In: 10th to Broadway
 - Zone in: Everyone's Coast
- All of these efforts seek to accommodate **housing needs** and improve access to commercial uses.



Zone In – UPLAN

- On September 17, 2024, City Council approved UPLAN Phase 2:
 - Title 22 Zoning Code Amendment
 - Four new zoning districts added to Title 22
 - Rezoning select properties
 - Receive and file Neighborhood Mobility Enhancement Plan (NMEP)
- Implementation actions
 - The Public Works Department improvement projects informed by NMEP
 - Build upon state actions such as Senate Bill 1103 adoption



Zone In – City Core



In 2024, after a multi-year engagement process and technical analysis, the City completed the rezoning for the project area and received and filed accompanying policy documents on housing and mobility reflective of community priorities and needs.

- April 1, 2024:- Virtual Open House
- August 1, 2024: Planning Commission
- August 28, 2024: Business Resource Meeting
- September 17, 2024: City Council Adoption

- Zone In – City Core effective October 31, 2024
 - Ordinance 24-0015
 - Policy Matrix
 - Mobility and Parking guide
 - Residential and Commercial Anti-Displacement Memo
- Actionable items:
 - Zone In: Everyone's Coast
 - Open Space and Recreation (OSR) Element update

Zone In – Bixby Knolls

- Zone In: Bixby Knolls covers approximately 3.5 square miles.
- The project builds off previous Zone In efforts such as UPLAN and City Core.

Bixby Knolls Zoning Update Project Area



Downtown Plan Update

- **Seven Goals for Plan Update that is Underway**

1. Promote investment and housing growth, with a focus on affordable housing and preventing displacement.
2. Modernize regulations to comply with the State's design standard requirements.
3. Streamline California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance.
4. Align the Downtown Plan with recent policy changes in the LUE, Housing Element and other City planning efforts.
5. Adopt a Specific Plan consistent with State law, standards and best practices.
6. Provide regulations suitable for the smaller or irregular land use sites within Downtown.
7. Create development regulations that are specific to Downtown, comprehensive, easy to administer and understandable by the public.

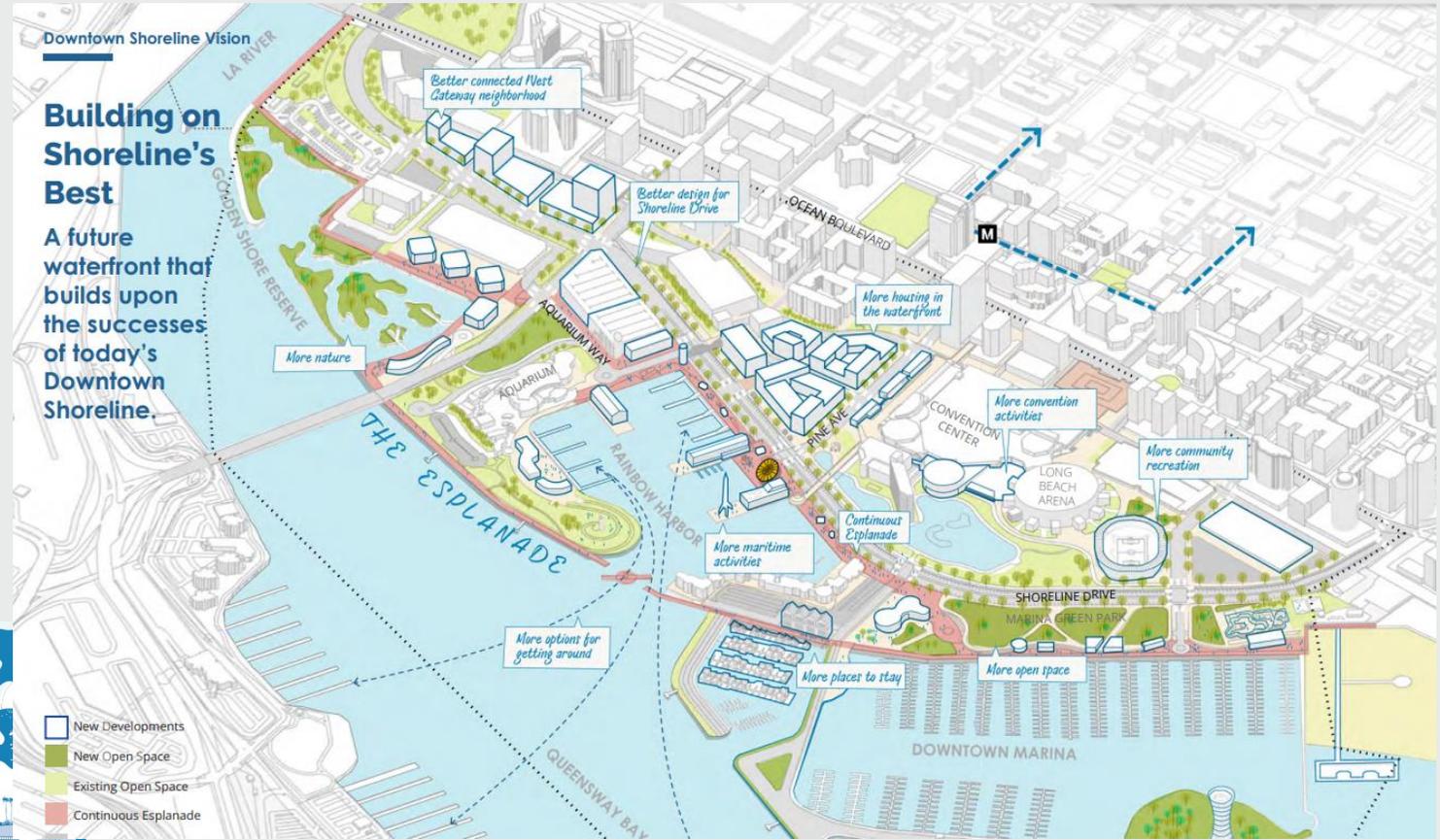
- **Draft of a new Specific Plan to replace the 2012 Downtown plan to be released for public review in 2025**

- **Key Developments:**

- Mosaic Project – 900-dwelling-unit development
- 600 W. Broadway – 756 dwelling units

Long Beach Shoreline Visioning

- 2024 milestones included significant public input, an opportunities lookbook, release and feedback on eight 'Big Ideas' including during a three-day Charette
- Early 2025 the draft vision was released! It is available for public review and feedback at www.longbeach.gov/dtshorelb



Climate Action and Sustainability Initiatives

Implementation of Long Beach Climate Action Plan (LB CAP)

- The Office of Climate Action and Sustainability achieved the following in 2024:
 - Community Outreach and Education
 - Tree Planting and Mulch Delivery
 - Green Business
 - Restoration
- OSR Element
 - Consultant onboarded and technical work began in 2024 with outreach commencing 2025
- Adopted Fiscal Year 2025 Budget:
 - Staffing support: Tree Planting and Habitat Restoration Program and the Advanced Clean Fleets
 - \$1 million for the Willow Springs Trailhead Project
 - Invest \$4.8 million in a variety of greenhouse gas emission reduction actions.
 - Establish an in-house Bikeshare program: over 1,400 e-bikes spread across 100 bike share hubs.
 - More than \$13 million dedicated to park improvements.

Mobility Element and Supporting Plans

- 2035 Mobility Element of the General Plan (2013)
- Mobility Element appendices:
 - TOD Pedestrian Master Plan (2016)
 - Bicycle Master Plan (2017)
 - CX3 Pedestrian Plan (2017)
- Safe Streets Action Plan (2020)
- Long Beach Climate Action Plan
- UPLAN NMEP



Mobility Element Implementation: Project Updates

Partial list of projects with major activity in 2024:

- Hill Street Bike and Pedestrian Bridge
- 2nd Street/Studebaker Streetscape Enhancements
- Market Street Enhanced Pedestrian Access
- Anaheim Street Corridor Improvements
- Orange Avenue Backbone Bikeway
- Artesia Boulevard Complete Street Improvements
- Studebaker Road and Interstate-405 ramps
- On-dock rail support facility at Pier B



Thank you

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