

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

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PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR 2023 HOUSING ELEMENT

How can we make sure everyone has access to healthy, safe housing? How can we make housing more affordable while improving our quality of life? Where should housing be located, so we reduce greenhouse gas emissions and commute times?

These questions and many more are at the core of the 2023-2031 Santa Cruz County Housing Element. The County invites community members, including those impacted by the ongoing housing crisis, to participate in the process during a series of upcoming community meetings. Dinner will be served at in-person meetings, and Spanish-language translation is available at all meetings.

May 15	May 31 (virtual via Zoom)	June 28
Aptos Village Park	<u>Click to join</u>	Watsonville Civic Plaza
100 Aptos Creek Road,	phone 1-669-900-6833	4 th Floor Community Room
Aptos	(Meeting ID: 848 9880 7139)	275 Main St., Watsonville
5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.	5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.	5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

The Housing Element identifies policies and programs to meet existing and projected housing needs for the urban unincorporated areas of the County. Every eight years, the state requires all counties and cities to update their Housing Element to ensure an adequate supply of housing units can be developed to meet the needs of community members at all income levels.

As required under State law, the Housing Element also includes a review of potential environmental impacts and a robust public participation process.

Learn more, sign up for updates and submit comments about the 2023-2031 Housing Element at <u>https://www.sccoplanning.com/2023HousingElement</u>.