



City Council Agenda Item

City Council Meeting Date: March 19, 2019

TO: James Throop, City Manager

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SUBJECT: Acceptance of the General Plan Annual Report 2018

Recommendation:

The Planning Commission recommends the City Council accept the General Plan Annual Report 2018 (Annual Report) (attached) and direct the Planning staff to file it with the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

Background:

On February 27, 2019, the Planning Commission reviewed the Annual Report and recommended the City Council receive the document and direct staff to file it with OPR and HCD.

Discussion:

The Annual Report (or Annual Progress Report) informs the City Council and Planning Commission on the status and progress of implementing the Lompoc 2030 General Plan. More specifically, the Annual Report explains how land use decisions relate to adopted goals, policies, and implementation measures of the General Plan. It also outlines the work program for the planning period and provides an opportunity to adjust implementation priorities established in the work program.

The Lompoc General Plan is a "constitution" for local decision making that addresses a range of immediate, mid, and long-term issues that concern the community, including, but not limited to, environmental sensitivity and preservation, public services, and economic vitality. The Lompoc General Plan is intended to allow land use and policy determinations to be made within a comprehensive framework that incorporates public health, safety, and "quality of life" considerations in a manner recognizing the resource limitations and the fragility of the community's natural environment.

Pursuant to California Government Code section 65400, the “planning agency” (Planning Commission) shall submit an annual report to the “legislative body” (City Council), OPR, and HCD. Only charter cities are exempt from the requirement to prepare the report. Therefore, the Planning Division has prepared the Annual Report in accordance with the State requirements and the Planning Commission has reviewed it and recommended forwarding it to the City Council.

Fiscal Impact:

The Annual Report has been prepared utilizing Planning Division resources, a General Fund obligation, for which the City receives no direct reimbursement from the State to fulfil the obligation. Acceptance of the Annual Report by the City Council does not have a fiscal impact to the City. Filing the Annual Report as directed incurs minimal costs budgeted in the Planning Division program. If the City did not file the Annual Report with the various agencies, the City could have a negative fiscal impact affecting the programs related to the filings.

Conclusion:

City Council acceptance of the Annual Report and direction to staff to file it with OPR and HCD will meet the California Government Code requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Halvorson, Planning Manager

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

James Throop, City Manager

Attachment: General Plan Annual Report 2018