



City Council Agenda Item

City Council Meeting Date: March 16, 2021

TO: Jim Throop, City Manager

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SUBJECT: Acceptance of the 2020 General Plan Annual Report

Recommendation:

The Planning Commission recommends the City Council accept the attached 2020 General Plan Annual Report (Annual Report) and direct Planning Staff to file the Annual Report with the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

Background/Discussion:

On March 10, 2021, 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. The Annual Report informs the Planning Commission and City Council on the status and progress of implementing the City's General Plan. It also outlines the work program for the 12-month reporting period and provides an opportunity to make adjustments necessary to reach local planning goals while providing the public with information regarding the implementation of the General Plan.

As described in the introduction to the City of Lompoc 2030 General Plan, the plan *"represents the City's comprehensive effort to define what makes Lompoc a special place, delineate a vision for its future, and formulate action-oriented programs to achieve that future. The plan functions as a blueprint that defines not only how the City will evolve through 2030, but the steps the community will take to make this vision a reality"*.

In short, the 2030 General Plan serves as the "constitution" for local decision making that addresses a range of immediate, mid, and long-term issues with which the community may have concerns, including, but not limited to, environmental resources and preservation, public services, and economic vitality. The General Plan is also 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 that recognizes the resource limitations and the community's natural environment.

Pursuant to California Code Section 65400, the Community Development Department/Planning Division is required to submit an Annual Report to the City Council, OPR, and the HCD. The City has prepared the attached Annual Report in accordance with the state requirements.

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.

Environmental Determination:

This amendment is exempt from environmental review because it is not a “project” for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act.

Conclusion:

City Council acceptance of the Annual Report and direction to staff to file it with OPR and HCD in accordance with California Government Code requirements will ensure the City meets State requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Halvorson, Planning Manager

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY MANAGER:

Christie Alarcon, Community Development Director

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Jim Throop, City Manager

Attachment: 2020 General Plan Annual Report
(available at www.cityoflompoc.com
and at the City Clerk’s Office and the Lompoc Library)