



City Council Agenda Item

City Council Meeting Date: March 15, 2022

TO: Dean Albro, City Manager

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SUBJECT: Acceptance of the 2021 General Plan Annual Report

Recommendation:

The Planning Commission recommends the City Council accept the attached 2021 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 9, 2022, 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 2030 General Plan during the 12-month reporting period. It also informs the public of the progress in meeting the community's goals while providing an opportunity to make adjustments necessary to reach local planning goals.

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"*.

The 2030 General Plan serves as the "constitution" for local decision making that addresses a range of immediate, mid-term, 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. Therefore, the City has prepared the attached Annual Report in accordance with said 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 fulfill 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, which are 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:

Dean Albro, City Manager

Attachment: 2021 General Plan Annual Report
(available at www.cityoflomdoc.com , at the City Clerk’s Office, and the Lompoc Library)