



You're Invited to an Important Community Study Session on Redwood City's Future Housing Needs!

Please join the Redwood City Planning Commission and the Housing and Human Concerns Committee in a joint study session/discussion about housing issues in Redwood City. This is a critical issue for today and the future, and community participation will help the City to better define its housing needs as part of the new General Plan.

Date: Tuesday, September 9th, 2008

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: 1017 Middlefield Road, City Hall, City Council Chambers, Redwood City, California

The City is preparing a New General Plan - the "*blueprint for the future*" of our city's growth, change, and development. It consists of seven mandatory topics or "elements" including a Housing Element, with some optional elements. Before preparing the new Housing Element, staff will provide the Planning Commission and Housing and Human Concerns Committee (HHCC) with important background housing information and context in order to create a solid foundation on which the Housing Element can be built.

At this study session the Planning Commission and Housing and Human Concerns Committee will discuss and seek community comment on these and other questions:

- *What are some of the critical housing issues facing the region?*
- *How might the New General Plan address our community's housing concerns?*
- *What affordable housing programs work and don't work in the Bay Area?*

All of this information will be helpful when considering housing policies and actions throughout the preparation of the General Plan's Housing Element. The City will also be scheduling other meetings and workshops to more fully develop that Element.

No decisions or recommendations will be made on the Housing Element at this meeting; rather, the discussion will help to frame future discussions on policies and implementation measures that will need to be made.

The community is invited to join us at the important joint meeting on Tuesday, September 9 at 7:00 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers. For more information, contact Tom Passanisi at 780-7237 or Pat Webb at 780-7293. Or you can check the City's web site at www.redwoodcity.org/generalplan.

Redwood City is committed to partnering with the community to ensure a purposeful public involvement in the Housing Element update process, and to continue to engage the community at every point in the process.

