

Housing Element

On April 9, 2009 the Planning Department held a stakeholders meeting to discuss the Housing Elements of the comprehensive plan. The meeting discussion focused on the need for affordable workforce housing in the County, not only in terms of owner occupied but also rental housing. The consensus of the group was that the County needs to look at or consider the need for housing for new families, just starting out, and the retirement community living on fixed incomes. This issue will become even more critical in the years to come. Some of the possible solutions to overcoming this barrier are increasing the availability of infrastructure and working to stop unreasonable or unrealistic regulations to the housing industry. For example sprinkler requirements for single family homes will increase the cost of a house anywhere from 6,000 to 20,000 dollars depending on the availability of infrastructure to accommodate the water pressure requirements of a sprinkler system.