



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 08/23/2023

ITEM NO: 4

ADDENDUM

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**DATE:** August 22, 2023  
**TO:** Planning Commission  
**FROM:** Joel Paulson, Community Development Director  
**SUBJECT:** Forward a Recommendation to the Town Council for a Request to Amend the General Plan to Include a Description of the Housing Element Overlay Zone and Amend the Town Code to Modify the Affordable Housing Overlay Zone Division 5 of Article VIII Overlay Zones and Historic Preservation to be the Housing Element Overlay Zone as Division 5 of Article VIII Overlay Zones and Historic Preservation. An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was prepared and certified for the 2040 General Plan Update on June 30, 2022, which included the proposed General Plan Amendments. No Further Environmental Analysis is Required. Zoning Code Amendment Application Z-23-002 and General Plan Amendment Application GP-23-002. **Project Location: Town Wide.** Applicant: Town of Los Gatos.

REMARKS:

Exhibit 4 contains public comments received between 11:01 a.m., Friday, August 18, 2023, and 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 22, 2023.

EXHIBITS:

Previously received with the August 23, 2023, Staff Report:

1. Draft Findings
2. Draft General Plan Amendment
3. Draft Zoning Code Ordinance Amendments, Division 5. Housing Element Overlay Zone

Received with this Addendum Report:

4. Public Comments received between 11:01 a.m., Friday, August 18, 2023, and 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 22, 2023.

PREPARED BY: Jocelyn Shoopman and Erin Walters  
Associate Planner and Associate Planner

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Reviewed by: Community Development Director, Planning Manager, and Town Attorney

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**From:** Craig Steen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 19, 2023 12:11 PM  
**To:** Housing Element <HEUpdate@losgatosca.gov>  
**Subject:** Renewed information & projections

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Given the exhaustive research and subsequent editorial columns by Thomas Elias in the Los Gatos Weekly, not only have we learned that the state auditor challenged some of the numbers of new units needed stated by the Housing Authority, but there is extensive availability of unused commercial space owing to "work at home" tech businesses....BUT..THE REAL MESSAGE IS THAT THERE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE A REFERENDUM ON THE BALLOT IN '24 WHICH WILL SURELY PASS THUS NEGATING ALL PREVIOUS HOUSING/LAND USE REQUIREMENTS....so before you spend more tax dollars trying to satisfy unpopular density requirements....let's acknowledge the inevitable conclusion of our housing dilemma as it will be determined by respective towns/cities and the requirements of planners voted in by the residents.....Yes, this is not popular with Bonta and various members of our legislature, which apparently refuse to acknowledge ongoing dissatisfaction with their proposals....thank-you

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